

PLACE NAME: 'EDGECLUMBE' (NOW NEWTOWN CLUB)
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF NEWTOWN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Victorian Italianate

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Backhouse and Reynolds,
 Reference: architects, Geelong

Brown, P.L., Historic Buildings of Victoria, p. 174

BUILDER:
 Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
 Reference:

TENDER NOTICE: Geelong Advertiser, 6th August, 1859
 Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1859/60
 Reference:

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

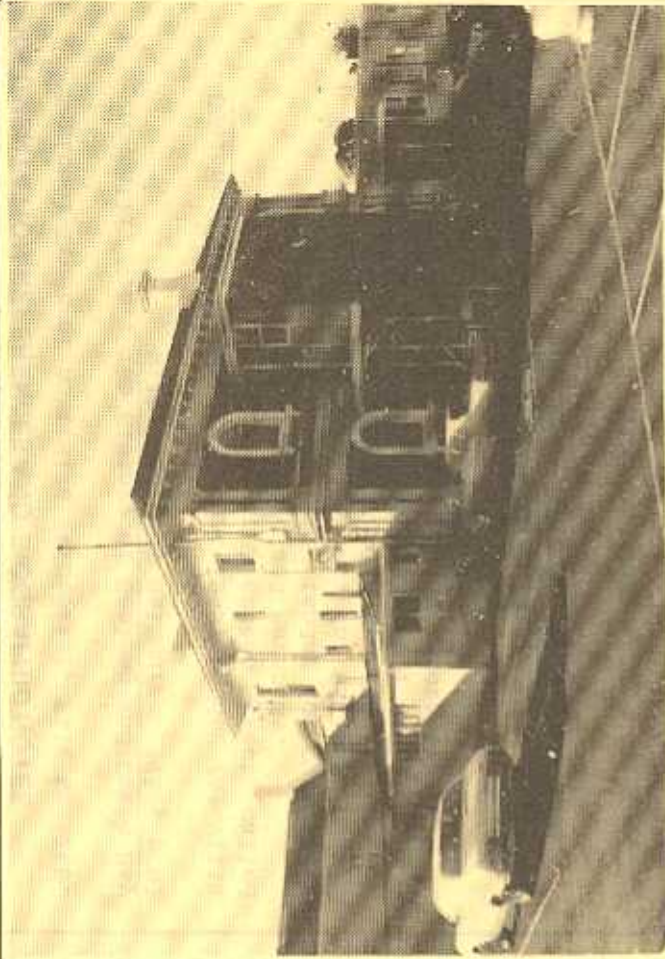
1861, Edward Prowse called tenders for outbuildings.
 The interior has been re-arranged with the external
 facades extended and obscured by additions when
 converted to the Workers Club in 1957.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) Silas Harding, merchant

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

Charles Henry Smith, from 1878 till 1908, was the owner
 of the Clyde Fellmongery on the Barwon

OTHER NOTES



NEGATIVE FILE:

☒ Australian Heritage Commission
 Register of National Estate

☐ Historic Buildings Preservation Council
 Register No.
 File No.

☒ National Trust of Aust. (Vic)
 Classified
 File No. 268

☒ Geelong Regional Commission
 Register No.

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME 'Edgeclumbe' (now Geelong Workers Club)
 ADDRESS 12 Skene Street,
 Newtown, 3220.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Newtown
 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE Workers Club
 PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Newtown Club
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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 268.

Brownhill, W.R., The History of Geelong and Corio Bay
Wilke and Co., Melbourne, 1955, p.83

Geelong Advertiser, 6th August 1859, tender for Villa
Residence in Aberdeen Street, called
by Backhouse and Reynolds.

17th May 1861, tender for outbuildings
in Skene Street, for Silas Harding,
called by Edward Prowse.

4th May 1854, Farewell dinner to
Mr. Silas Harding before taking a
trip to England.

Saunders, David, Historic Buildings of Victoria,
(Ed.) Jacaranda Press, Melbourne, 1966,
p. 174.

CITATION

'Edgecumbe' a two storey stucco rendered brick mansion
erected c 1859/60 was converted into premises for The
Geelong Workers' Club in 1957. The mansion house,
although considerably altered, is an interesting example
of the work of Backhouse and Reynolds, the dominant
architectural practice in Geelong and district in the mid
nineteenth century. The building is most notable for the
unusual arcuated, double storey facade, the classical
ornamentation, and the interesting associations, firstly
with the influential Geelong merchant Silas Harding and
later with fellmonger Charles Smith.

SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE

- ☒ Its creative and/or technical accomplishment.
☐ Its demonstration of a way of life, custom, process or function no longer practised,
in danger of being lost or of exceptional interest.
☒ Its strong association with an important figure or figures, development, or cultural phase.
☐ Its townscape and/or landscape value.
☐ Its scarcity value.

SIGNIFICANCE

☐ LOCAL ☒ REGIONAL ☐ STATE ☐ NATIONAL ☐ WORLD

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☒ GOOD ☐ FAIR ☐ DETERIORATED ☐ RUINS

INTEGRITY

☐ HIGH ☒ LOW ☒ ALTERED ☐ DAMAGED

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register.

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SIGNATURE DATE