

PLACE NAME GEELONG CUSTOMS HOUSE
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF GEELONG

DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Geelong Advertiser, 12th December, 1854, tender notice
 21st December, 1854, quantities available for tenderers from C.H. Storey
 7th May, 1855, tenders for carting store called by W.C. Cornish & Co.
 7th January, 1856, tender for carpenters and joiners work.
 23rd February, 1856, tender for painting and glazing, plumbing and slating.
 26th March, 1856, tender for laying pitchers.
 4th July, 1856, tender for sundry fittings.

Stekelburg, I.J., 'H.M. Customs House, Geelong'. History Research Essay, Department of Architecture University of Melbourne.

Public Records Office, Laverton, Victoria. P.W.D. Letter Book, Clerk of Works, Geelong 1856 - 1857, Colonial Secretary, Colonial Engineer 1854 - 56,

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 936.
 'Research into Geelong Customs House' January, February 1975.

Willingham, Allan. 'Report on the Customs House, Geelong', for the Commonwealth Department of Housing and Construction incorporating history of the building, 1975, as prepared by R.P. Windsor, 1972.

CITATION

The Geelong Customs House was built by W.G. Cornish, in 1856 as a three storey ashlar sandstone and rubble basalt structure. It is the finest mid nineteenth century public building in western Victoria. This distinctive georgian composition clearly reflects the influence of earlier N.S.W. colonial public building traditions as espoused by architect James Balmain. The structure is on a site which has served as the Customs Reserve since 1838 and the present Customs House served the port of Geelong at the height of its activity in the 19th Century. The building is an exemplar of freestone masonry construction in Victoria.

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.

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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