

**PLACE NAME:** GEELONG CLUB PREMISES  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** CITY OF GEELONG

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)**

**STYLE OR PERIOD:** Transitional Queen Anne.

**ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN:** C.D. Figgis, Architect.  
**Reference:** Melbourne.

Strachan, G.L., 'The Geelong Club',

**BUILDER:** J.C. Taylor and Sons.

**Reference:** Strachan, G.L., 'The Geelong Club'.

**PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES**

**Reference:**

**TENDER NOTICE:**

**Reference:**

**DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION** 1888/89.

**Reference:** Drawings dated May 1888,  
 Contract let October 1888, Completed late 1889  
**ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE** £3250.

Strachan, G.L., 'The Geelong Club',

**SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS**

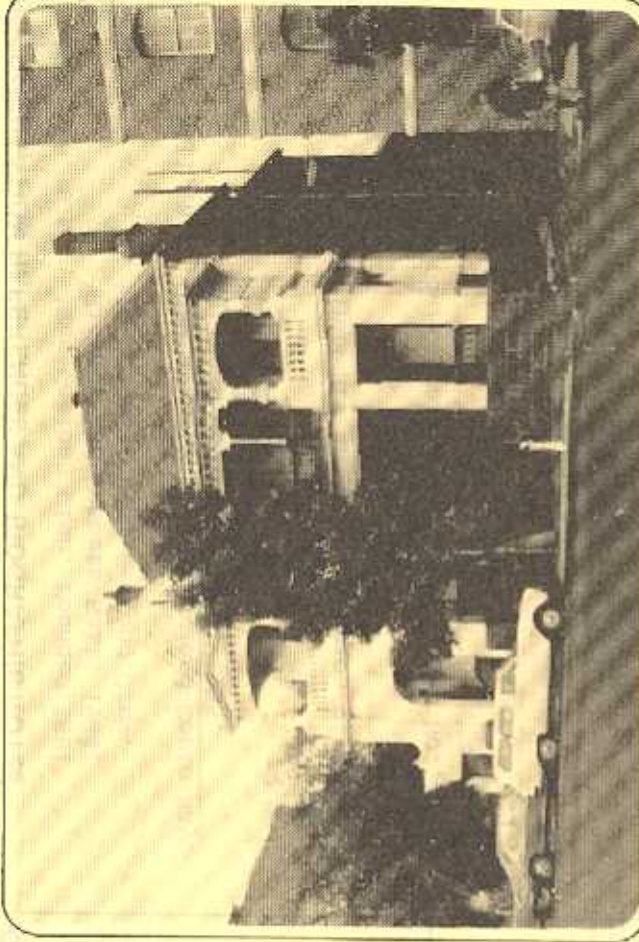
1914 - lavatory block and bar lounge constructed, cost  
 £1557 - premises severed, cost £194.  
 1923 - luncheon room and kitchen constructed, cost  
 £1200.  
 1934 - Squash court constructed - cost £675.

**ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)**

Members of the Geelong Club.

**SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS**

**OTHER NOTES** The first Geelong Club was established in  
 the late 1850's but dissolved in the late 1860's.  
 The present club was founded in August 1891.



**NEGATIVE FILE:**

Australian Heritage Commission  
 Register of National Estate

Historic Buildings Preservation Council  
 Register No. ....  
 File No. ....

National Trust of Aust. (Vic)  
 Classified/Registered  
 File No. .... 3771

Geelong Regional Commission  
 Register No. .... 140

**IDENTIFICATION DATA**

**PLACE NAME** Geelong Club Premises.  
**ADDRESS** 74 Brougham Street,  
 Geelong, 3220.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Geelong.

**TITLE INFORMATION**

**MAP REFERENCE**

**PRESENT USE** Gentlemen's Club.

**PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE** Geelong Club Trustees

**ADDRESS** 74 Brougham Street,  
 Geelong, 3220.

**TELEPHONE** (052)

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Strachan, G.L., 'The Geelong Club, Founded 1881 History and Members Roll, 1964. In possession of Geelong Club.

Brownhill, W.R., The History of Geelong and Corio Bay, Wilke & Co., Melbourne, 1955, pp. 263, 264, 372.

The original drawings are in the possession of the Geelong Club.

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 3771.

CITATION

The Geelong Club was established in the late 1850's, disbanded in the 1860's and reformed in 1881 as a gentlemen's club serving the business and professional community in Geelong as well as including many leading pastoralists and members of the woolbroking fraternity. The present imposing clubrooms were erected in 1889 by J.C. Taylor and Sons to transitional Queen Anne style designs by Melbourne Architect, C.D. Figgis. The two storey brick premises with elaborate and ponderous balcony verandah and entrance loggia and striking broken pediment, and lavish interior is an important manifestation of an elite Geelong association of gentlemen and a notable work of the innovative C.D. Figgis.

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.  
 Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate.  
 Historic Buildings Council Register

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