

HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET

PLACE NAME: VOLUM BREWERY MALTHOUSE (Formerly Cumming's Brewery)
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF GEELONG

Geelong Regional Commission

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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Colonial Georgian

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Charles Laing, architect.
 Reference: Geelong Advertiser, 21st March, 1851

BUILDER: John Cumming
 Reference:

Geelong Advertiser, 19th February, 1976
 PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
 Reference:

TENDER NOTICE: Geelong Advertiser, 21st March, 1851
 Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION: 1851
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ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

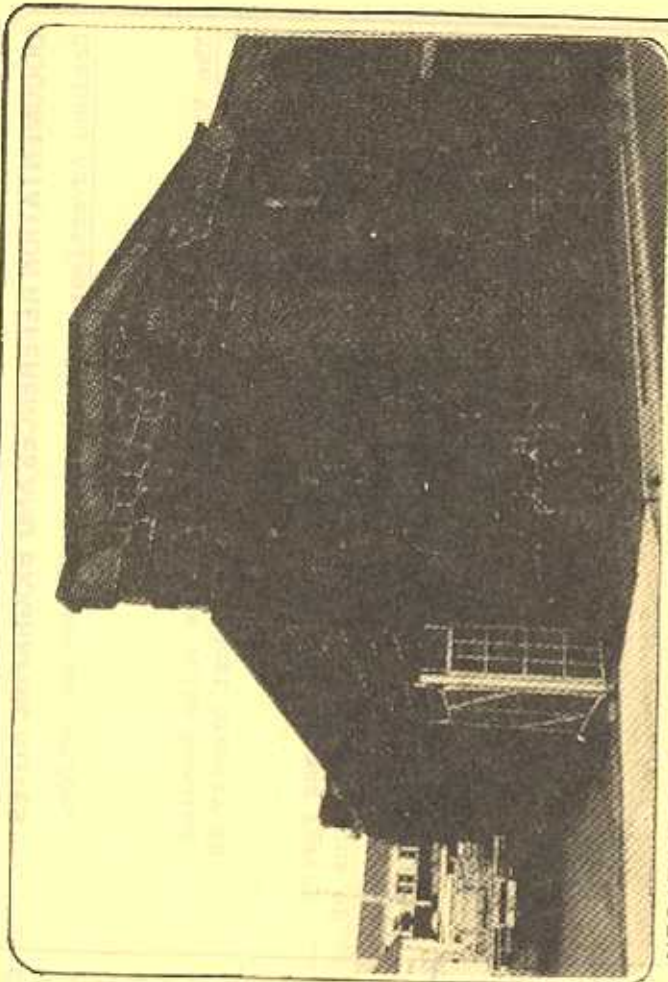
The roof of the malthouse has been lowered and floors removed leaving only two and a half walls of the original shell. Windows have been built in and new doorways formed. All the malting equipment has been removed.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S): John Cumming

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

1857 - Purchased by James Volum and Company
 1953 - Absorbed by Ballarat Brewing Company
 1958 - Carlton and United Breweries acquired the Ballarat Brewery

OTHER NOTES: Geelong's first brewery claimed to be the oldest brewing establishment in Australia still operating on the same site.



NEGATIVE FILE:

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Australian Heritage Commission
 Register of National Estate

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Historic Buildings Preservation Council
 Register No.
 File No.

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

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Geelong Regional Commission
 Register No. 448

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME: Volum Brewery Malthouse,
 ADDRESS to: Corio Street,
 Geelong, 3220.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: City of Geelong
 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE: Storehouse

PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE: Carlton and United Breweries Ltd.,
 ADDRESS: 16 Bouverie Street,
 CARLTON, VIC. 3053.

TELEPHONE (03) 3471544
 (052)

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Geelong Advertiser, 21st March, 1851, tender notice.

The Victorian Centenary Book, 1935, 'The Volum Brewing Company Limited, Geelong - The Oldest Brewery in the State'.

Hone J. Ann, 'Cumming, John (1830-1883) and Thomas Forest (1842-1918)', first and fourth sons of John Cumming who founded the brewery. Australian Dictionary of Biography, 6 Volumes, Pike, Douglas (Ed), Melbourne University Press, Volume 3, 1969, pp. 504 - 506.

CITATION The former malthouse of John Cumming's Brewery (later Volum Brewery) was erected by Cumming in 1851. The brewery, which had been earlier established in Geelong in 1845, is reputedly the oldest brewery in Australia still operating on the same site. Charles Laing, architect, called tenders for the original malthouse in March 1851, having designed this structure of squared coursed basalt in the Colonial Georgian style. John Cumming later sold to James Volum and his family, who were associated with the brewery until 1953. The former malthouse is one of the oldest industrial buildings in Geelong and still closely associated with its original function, although reduced in height and stripped of internal fittings.

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

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