

PLACE NAME: GEEELONG CITY HALL
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF GEEELONG

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Classical Greek Revival.

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Joseph Reed, Architect,
 Reference: Melbourne.
Geelong Advertiser, 13th December, 1854.

BUILDER: Stage 1, Allen and Cakebread.
 Reference:

Smith, James (Ed), The Cyclopaedia of Victoria, Vol. 2
 P. 432.

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
 Reference:

TENDER NOTICE: Geelong Advertiser, 13th December, 1854.
 Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1855 Southern Facade Only
 Reference:

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE Stage 1 £17,500.

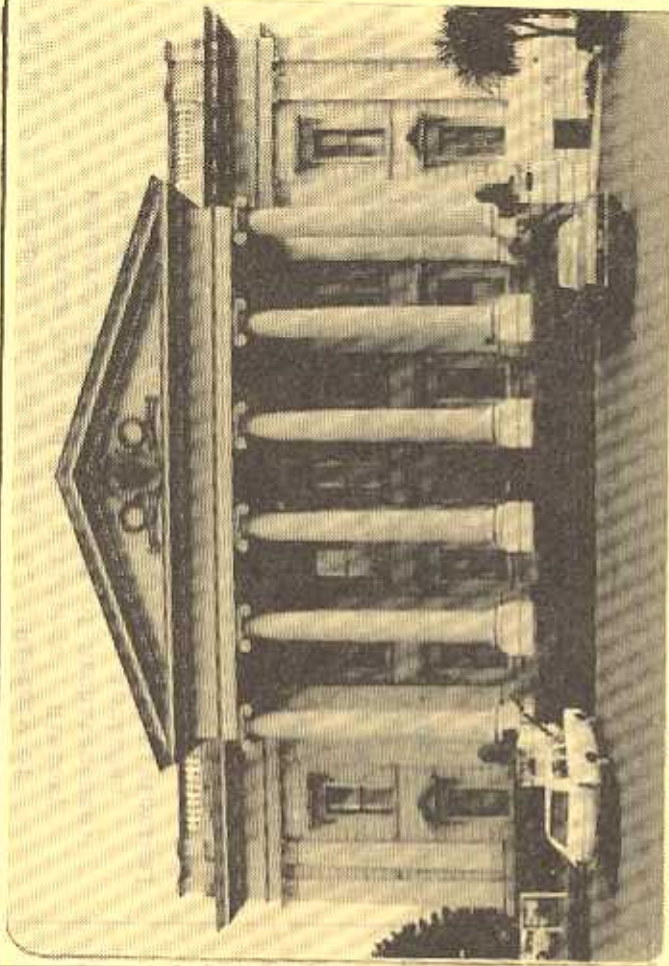
SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

1917, remainder of City Hall constructed to original design.
 1968, restored with extensive internal alterations to the layout.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) Town of Geelong.

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

OTHER NOTES 3rd January 1854, application made for grant of land in Johnstone Park. Grant passed later in 1854.



NEGATIVE FILE:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic Buildings Preservation Council Register No.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Trust of Aust. (Vic) Classified Record File No. 3011	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geelong Regional Commission Register No. 122

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME Geelong City Hall,
 ADDRESS 30 Cnr. Charinghap St. & Little Malop Street,
 Geelong, 3220.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Geelong.
 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE City Offices.
 PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE City of Geelong.
 ADDRESS Charinghap St.,
 Geelong. TELEPHONE (052)

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Mills, P., Giesbers, R. and Sharp, B., 'History of Johnstone Park and Its Buildings', History Research Essay, Department of Architecture, University of Melbourne, 1965 - includes plans of Town Hall (copy in Geelong Historical Records Centre).

Weekly Observer, Geelong, 21st July, 1855.

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 3011.

Geelong Advertiser, 15th December, 1853, plans produced.

13th December, 1854, tenders called.

8th February, 1855, tender called for portion of town hall.

16th March, 1855, Fresh tenders called.

Smith, James (Ed), The Cyclopedia of Victoria, 3 Volumes, The Cyclopedia Co., Melbourne, 1904, Vol. 2. P. 432, description of building.

1903 Vol. 1 p. 386, biography of Joseph Reed.

Sutherland, Alexander, Victoria and Its Metropolis: Past and Present, 2 Volumes, McCarron, Bird and Co., Melbourne, 1888, Vol. II, p. 530 Biography of Joseph Reed.

Saunders, David, 'Joseph Reed' in Australian Dictionary of Biography Vol.6. pp 13-14.

CITATION

Only the south wing of the Geelong Town Hall was erected in 1855 by Allen and Cakebread as a bluestone building with a freestone facade. Geelong Town Hall as completed in 1917 in accordance with the original designs of 1854 by Joseph Reed, is without question one of the finest Classic Greek Revival town halls in Australia and a most important early work of this famous and accomplished Victorian architect. The Town Hall is also one of the oldest in Victoria, having served continuously as the centre of local government in Geelong since 1856.

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

DOCUMENTATION -

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