

HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET

PLACE NAME: TRUSTEES CHAMBERS (Former Colonial Bank)
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF GEELONG

Geelong Regional Commission
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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Renaissance Revival

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Shaw and Dowden, architects,
 Reference: Geelong.
 Geelong Advertiser, 13th September, 1856

BUILDER:
 Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
 Reference:

TENDER NOTICE: Geelong Advertiser, 13th December, 1856
 Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION: 1857
 Reference:

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

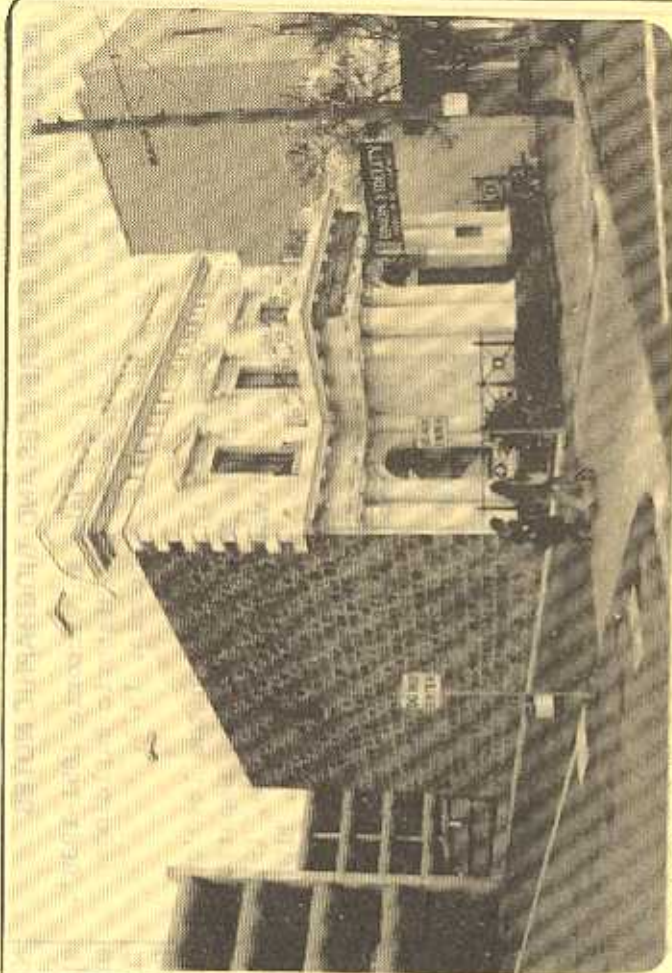
SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

Tenders were called for additions in 1873 by J.L. Shaw architect and in 1886 by Joseph Watts architect.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)
 Colonial Bank of Australasia

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

OTHER NOTES



NEGATIVE FILE:

☒ Australian Heritage Commission
 Register of National Estate
☒ National Trust of Aust. (Vic)
 Classified/Recorded
 File No. 254
☒ Historic Buildings Preservation Council
 Register No. 100
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☒ Geelong Regional Commission
 Register No. 100

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME Trustees Chambers (Former Colonial Bank)
 ADDRESS 8 Malop Street,
 Geelong, 3220.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Geelong
 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE Commercial Offices
 PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Con H. Falpas
 ADDRESS P.O.Box 183, OCEAN GROVE
 TELEPHONE

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Trethowan, B., 'A Study of Banks in Victoria 1851-1939'.
A Report and Index to the Historic Buildings
Preservation Council, Victoria, 1976.

Huddle, Lorraine, 'Architects in Geelong in the 1840's and
1850's', Humanities Research Report, Department
of Architecture, University of Melbourne, 1979,
3 Vols., Vol. 1 - pp. 39-48, Vol. 3 - p. 118.

Geelong Advertiser, 13th September 1856 - tender notice
13th December 1856 - tenders for new
design
5th May 1857 - tenders for fittings
27th September 1873 - tenders for
additions
15th July 1886 - tenders for additions

CITATION

The Union Fidelity Trustees Chambers, a two storey bluestone structure with stucco rendered facade was erected in 1857 for the Colonial Bank of Australasia. The former Colonial Bank is a most distinguished Renaissance Revival design and one of the principal works of the architectural partnership of Shaw and Dowden. This finely detailed building is an example of early stucco craftsmanship. The classical tuscan portico, with double engaged columns, unusual string course entablature and palladian bar ironwork, is a most distinctive and central element in the design. The bank, which was erected in a banking precinct at the west end of Malop Street, reflects the prosperity of Geelong in the mid 19th Century.

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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