

HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET

Geelong Regional Commission

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PLACE NAME: IIRANA LODGE (Formerly Freemason's Hotel)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF GEELONG

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Colonial Regency

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Unknown.
Reference:

BUILDER: Unknown.
Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
Reference:

TENDER NOTICE:
Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION: pre. 1852
Reference: Geelong Advertiser, Sale by Auction notice, 4th May, 1852.
ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

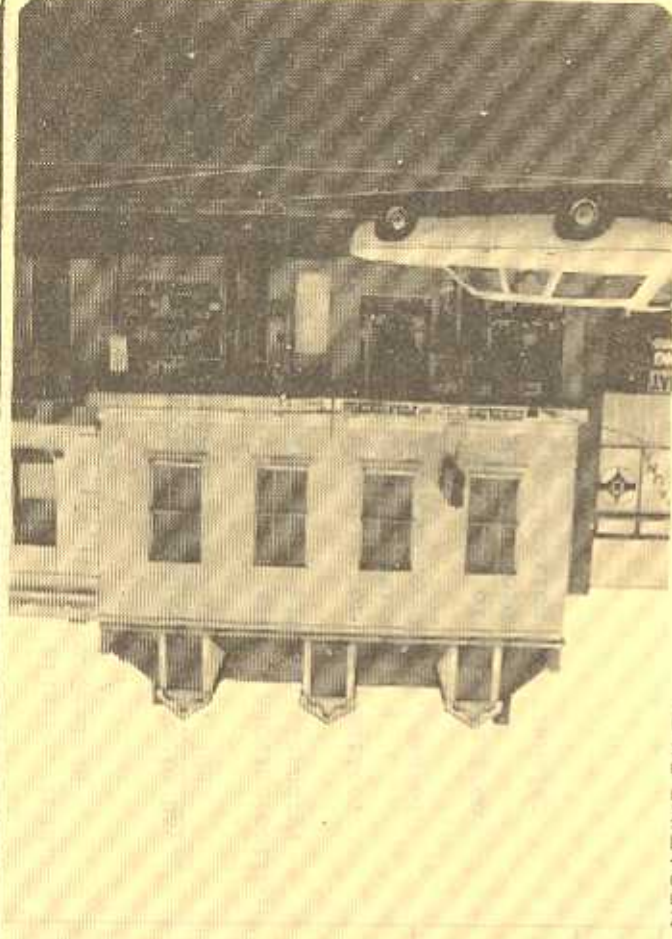
The original ground floor frontage has been altered to shop accommodation and a fire escape stair has been added to the rear.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S): J.A. Russell licensee.

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

- c. 1856 Alex Kennedy
- 1858 Michael Mayland
- 1882-3 Mrs. Thomas (James B. Hamilton licensee)
- 1883 Richard Morgan licensee.

OTHER NOTES: Delicensed 1888 and converted to lodging house.



NEGATIVE FILE:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Buildings Preservation Council Register No. File No.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Trust of Aust. (Vic) Classified/Recorded File No. 1638	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geelong Regional Commission Register No. 246

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME: Iirana Lodge (formerly Freemason's Hotel)
ADDRESS: 163 Malop Street,
Geelong, 3220.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: City of Geelong.
TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE: _____
PRESENT USE: Retail Shops and Boarding Rooms.
PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE: Tony & Penelope Dangris
ADDRESS: 2 Stuart St, Moonee Ponds. TELEPHONE: _____

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 1638,
Details of History of ownership from Geelong
Historical Society, 1970.

Brownhill, W.R., The History of Geelong and Corio Bay,
Wilke and Co., Melbourne, 1955, pp. 375, 388.

Geelong Advertiser, 4th May, 1852, sale by Auction notice
'Freemasons Tavern', 19 rooms, kitchen, laundry,
cellar etc.
20th October, 1865 - probably For Sale notice.
26th April, 1883 - For Sale notice.
2nd May, 1883 - sold for £520 to Mr. M. Gee of
Melbourne.
20th November, 1883 - transfer of license from
James B. Hamilton to Richard Morgan.
27th November, 1883 - application for transfer
of license by Richard Morgan.

CITATION

The former Freemason's Hotel, a two storey brick structure with attics and stucco facade erected in 1854 for J.A. Russell, the first licensee, is now known as the 'Tirana Lodge'. It is an interesting early Geelong hotel, and one of 19 erected in the period 1853-54 at the height of the influx of goldrush immigrants to Corio Bay. The building is typical of colonial Regency architecture of the 1850's and is a conservative example of this style. Contemporary hotels, the 'Bay View' and 'Golden Age', are more important examples of hotel architecture of this period in Geelong and Victoria. The facade of this building is no longer intact.

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

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SIGNATURE DATE