

PLACE NAME: BAY VIEW HOTEL (former Western Hotel)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF GEELONG

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Renaissance Revival

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: John Young, architect,
Reference: Geelong.

Geelong Advertiser, 11th October, 1853

BUILDER:

Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES

Reference:

TENDER NOTICE: Geelong Advertiser, 11th October, 1853
Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1853/54

Reference:

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

Original balustraded parapet replaced by a more ornamental baluster. The interior has been modified.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) Henry Rourke

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

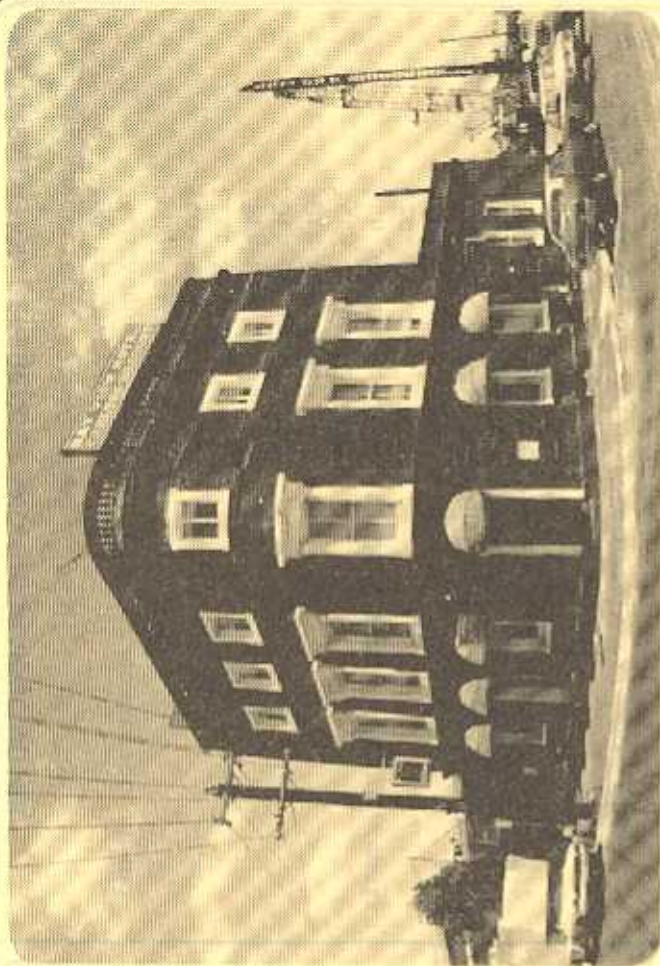
Mr. Charles Skarratt apparently leased the hotel from 1858 to 1861

c 1867 occupied as a private school for young ladies controlled by Mrs. Thomas Thompson.

OTHER NOTES

c 1880 Western House, boarding establishment

c 1880's reverted back an Hotel with name changed to Bay View Hotel.



NEGATIVE FILE:

Australian Heritage Commission
Register of National EstateHistoric Buildings Preservation Council
Register No.
File No.National Trust of Aust. (Vic)
Classified/Recorded-
File No. 938Geelong Regional Commission
Register No. 110

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME Bay View Hotel (formerly Western Hotel)

ADDRESS 2 Mercer Street,
Geelong, 3220.

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TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE Hotel

PRESENT OWNER

ADDRESS 18 Grandview Grove,
DRUMCONDRA.

R.D. & A.D. Knight

TELEPHONE
(052)

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Geelong Advertiser, 11th October, 1853
2nd February, 1854,
24th August, 1854, tenders for construction and completion.
4th September, 1854
21st November, 1854
15th May, 1856
30th December, 1858
30th May, 1859
14th October, 1862
5th November, 1885, tenders for additions, repairs etc.

Huddle, Lorraine. 'Architects in Geelong in the 1840's and 1850's' Humanities Research Report, Department of Architecture, University of Melbourne, 1979. Vol. 1. pp. 17-34, Vol. 2., p. 29.

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 938

Seaton, Gladys. The Ashby Story, a History of Geelong West. Adams Printers Pty. Ltd., for Geelong West City Council, 1978. pp. 53, 54

Geelong Advertiser, 2nd January, 1880. 'Western House', For Sale or to Let. Boarding Establishment with cottage situated corner LaTrobe Terrace and Mercer Street.

CITATION

The Bay View Hotel, formerly the Western Hotel, a three storey stone building with a Barrabool sandstone facade, was erected in 1853 for publican Henry Rourke. The Bay View Hotel was one of 19 hotels erected in Geelong in 1853-54 to accommodate the influx of gold seeking immigrants to this burgeoning town. This substantial hotel is an important example of stylised Renaissance Revival architecture in Victoria and an interesting work of John Young, the most accomplished and original of Geelong's early architects. The unusual enframed window details and curved corner arrangement is characteristic of the architect's work.

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

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