



**McDonald & Co.'s Warehouse**  
**200 Moorabool Street, and rear of in Baylie**  
**Place South**

**History**

William Burnley and David Lyons received the Crown Grant containing 200-202 Moorabool Street in the late 1840s, paying £200. A year later they sold to John Hartney who sold the 200 Moorabool Street site to Patrick Halloran who sold it back to him in 1853 for a much increased £1350. Over the four years between sales, the price had risen £1287 partly due to gold-led inflation. Patrick McDonald bought the lot in 1855 for £600, mortgaging the property twice, owing to business difficulties, until David Ward Petrie became the owner in 1859 paying an impressive £2000. He followed with a series of mortgages and eventual resale to John William Turner Thomas in 1862.<sup>1</sup> Petrie's provisions store is listed at or near this site in 1858 directories.<sup>2</sup>

The first rate listing was in 1855-6 for a stone store on a site measuring 30 x 112 feet and continued as such during Petrie's tenure. Four rooms and a loft were added to that in the Thomas era when tenants included William Wade

and Michael Burke. In the 1880s it was a stone produce warehouse, office, loft and four rooms.

The ubiquitous Alex Miller owned it from the 1890s, its description being brick and stone auction rooms and stores, and its tenant Charles A Bedgood, auctioneer.<sup>3</sup> Ernest Cotton, grocer, was the next long-term tenant, followed by Cations & Rash (also grocers) and cabinet makers Macrow & Sons P/L. Costa Brothers, fruiterers, both owned and occupied the buildings through the 1930s into the 1950s.<sup>4</sup>

**Description**

A gabled-roof, coursed basalt rubble warehouse which has been designed in a similar manner to the store behind 186 Moorabool Street but without the fine detailing and high external integrity. Openings at the upper-level and one ground-level opening appear generally unaltered but changes have occurred to the other two.

**Extern: l Integrity**

Two openings altered or new; timber and plumbing detailing lost or changed in part.

1 RGO SN11763  
2 D1858  
3 RB 1892,21; VB 1896-7,22; VB 1899,20  
4 RB 1904,20; RB 1914,23; RB 1923,22; RB 1951,26; D1910-51

## City of Geelong Urban Conservation Study Significant Sites

## Streetscape

Relates closely to the nearby store behind 186 Moorabool Street, in form, materials and rear-lane siting, and, more distantly, to Strong's factory. However, extensive unrelated development lies between. It contributes to the commercial precinct 5.04.

### Significance

**(Internal inspection required)**

Externally, it is a perceptibly old warehouse form with traditional rear-lane siting which complements that of Daniel's store, but it is altered in detail. It is among the few visible basalt 19th century structures in Geelong.