



Barker's (Eureka ?) Stone Store, rear of 92-94 Ryrie Street

History

George William Barker owned and occupied a 'brick double shop, with six rooms, cellar and kitchen,' (probably as his Eureka Stores), in 1855-6.¹ A 'Hay Store' was added to this description in the next year,² and, in the next, another brick shop with four rooms and store, leased to William Ducker.³ Barker vacated his 'stone store, cellar and stables' in favour of Edward Norwood in c1859-60, but retained ownership until the 1860s when his neighbour, J.B. Hunt, appears to have acted as his Trustee.⁴

William J. Barber carried on the family's ownership into the 1870s,⁵ when Thomas Nicholls & Co. occupied what was described as a 'stone (verandahed) Hay Store, office and cellar.'⁶ George W. Barker returned as owner in the mid-1870s, followed by Barker's estate and, finally, the

tailoring Pizer family, in the early 1900s.⁷ Throughout most of this period, grocer George Hooper & Co. leased number 94 Ryrie Street.⁸

An aerial view published in the *News of the Week* early this century, shows Barker's three shops: 90 Ryrie Street as a two-storey and occupied by the newsagent, Pearson; number 92, single-storey and occupied by Hooper; and the next pair, (94-96...) occupied by produce merchants, Harvey Dann.⁹

A later photograph shows Harvey Dann redeveloped to its present form (1915) and today's two segment-arched shops (92-94), flanked by 90 Ryrie Street, which is still two-storey but with a new facade.¹⁰

Description

A large gabled roof, coursed basalt rubble store, this building appears to extend across the rear of both 92-94 Ryrie Street and is atypically set-back from the R.O.W. Harvey Dann's newer brick stores adjoin on the east,

- 1 GD1854, Eureka Stores
- 2 VB1856-7, 20; VB1855-6, 19
- 3 B1857-8, 22-3
- 4 VB1865-6, 363-4
- 5 VB1869-70, 355-6
- 6 *ibid.*
- 7 VB1880, 381-3; RB1900, 234-5; RB1910, 239-40; RB1920, 240-2
- 8 *ibid.*
- 9 GHRC 2295
- 10 GHRC Ryrie Street collection from *Geelong For Business and Pleasure*

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complementing this store by their similar scale and gabled profile. Its only opening (doors) is segment-arched and set off-centre. A timber fixing plate extends from the door to the east at a lower height.

External Integrity

Corrugated-iron clad sheds and a fence *appear* to be additions, the crimped steel sheeting being definitely so. The gable fascia is likely to have been more decorative (see Baylie Place stores).

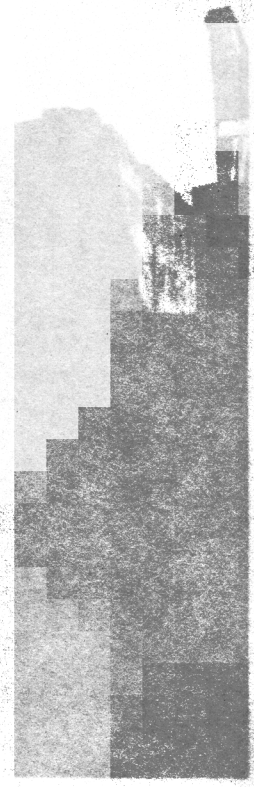
Streetscape

Close to the contemporary 55A Gheringhap Street (also part of an Hunt's early grocery) and adjoining the Edwardian era former Harvey Dann stores, this building is typically fronting a loading lane, (see Baylie Place). Its Edwardian era Ryrie Street elevation complements the notable commercial streetscape.

Significance

Architecturally, a simple early stone store which is comparable with more sophisticated Melbourne and Geelong examples, but it is built of basalt and recognizably of an early date. As a building type and wall materials combination, it is one of three stores in the city still visibly of basalt construction.

Historically, with 55A Gheringhap Street, it is from Ryrie Street's commercial beginnings and is complementary in its use to the former Hunt grocery shop and residence (a nearby bulk storage facility).



Barber's (Barker's) Store
front of 92-94 Ryrie Street

History

George William Barker, who owned the double shop, with six rooms, was described as his Barker's Store. It was added to this description in 1870, when another brick shop was added to William Barker's, in two parts and stables in two parts, but retained ownership of J.B. Hunt, appears in 1870.

William A. Barker carried on the business in 1870, when Thomas Barker was described as a stone and cellar. George W. Barker followed by 1870.

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