

**PLACE NAME:** PROTESTANT MEETING ROOMS  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** CITY OF GEELONG

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)**

**STYLE OR PERIOD:** Victorian Eclecticism  
**ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN:** Joseph Watts, Architect  
**Reference:** Ball, pp 111-112, Geelong Advertiser, 6 May 1889  
**BUILDER:** John Harding,  
**Reference:** Geelong Advertiser, 6 May 1889

**PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES**  
**Reference:**

**TENDER NOTICE:** 1888  
**Reference:**

**DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION:** 1888-1889  
**Reference:**

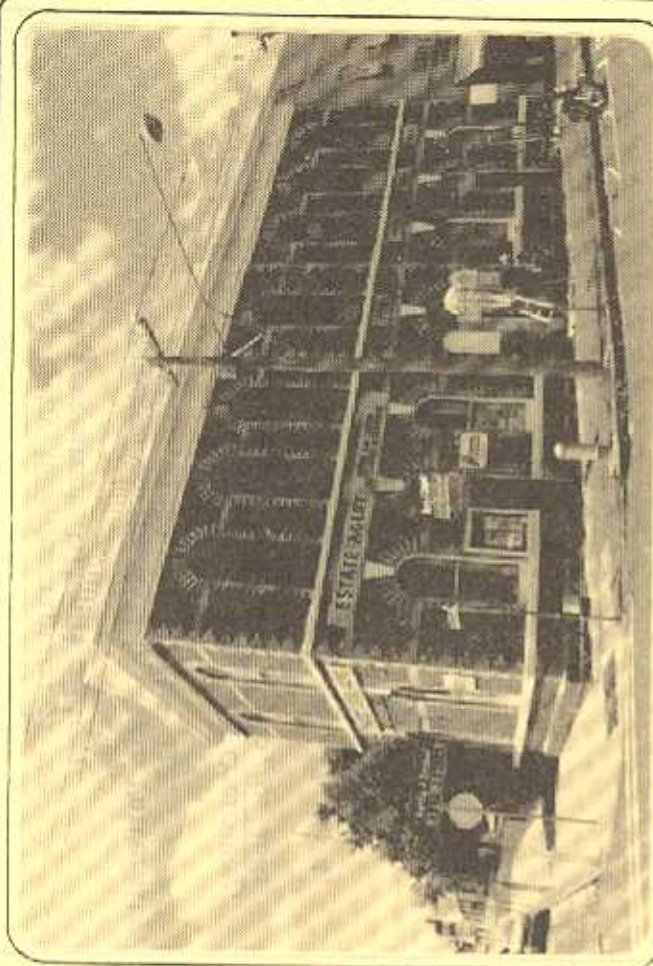
**ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE:** £1,500.00.0.  
 Foundation stone laid on 7 September 1888  
 Building opened 17 April 1889

**SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS**  
 Parts of the interior have been upgraded as office accommodation, with the upper floor meeting rooms and hall essentially intact

**ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)**  
 Protestant Lodges of Geelong Trustees

**SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS**

**OTHER NOTES** The history of the various lodges which use the Protestant Hall have not been documented but are available in the records at the hall.



**NEGATIVE FILE:**

Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate  
 National Trust of Aust. (Vic) Classified/Recorded File No. ....  
 Historic Buildings Preservation Council Register No. .... File No. ....  
 Geelong Regional Commission Register No. 214

**IDENTIFICATION DATA**

**PLACE NAME:** Protestant Meeting Rooms  
**ADDRESS:** 61 Yarra Street, GEELONG. 3220.  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** City of Geelong  
**TITLE INFORMATION**  
**MAP REFERENCE**  
**PRESENT USE**  
**PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE:** Protestant Hall Trustees  
**ADDRESS:** 61 Yarra Street, Geelong, 3220. **TELEPHONE**



PLACE NAME Protestant Meeting Rooms or Protestant Hall  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Geelong

DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Geelong Advertiser 6 May 1889 description of the Protestant Hall and offices.  
Graham J. Ball., 'Shadows on the Wall', Deakin University, Geelong, 1983., pp. 111 - 112.  
W. R. Brownhill The History of Geelong and Corio Bay, Wilke & Co, Melbourne, 1955, p. 168.  
Geelong Historical Society Investigator, Vol 17, No 4, December 1982, p.106.

CITATION

The Protestant Hall and Meetings Rooms were erected on the site of the Wesleyan Chapel in Geelong (established 1842) in 1889-1889 for the Protestant lodges of Geelong. Joseph Watts, Architect, designed the two storey dichromatic brick building in a conservative eclectic Victorian style with the ground floor devoted to a suite of offices and the upper floor for lodge meeting rooms. The building has interesting association with a number of long established Protestant lodges in Geelong and is a prominent element in the Yarra Street precinct of the City.

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.

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SIGNATURE .....

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