

HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET

Geelong Regional Commission

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PLACE NAME: FORMER RESIDENCE DR. PATRICK CROKER
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF GEELONG

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Federation (Queen Anne Picturesque)

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Tombs and Durran
 Reference: Aitken, Richard "Edwardian Geelong: An Architectural Introduction" p. 27.

BUILDER: Not known.
 Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
 Reference:

TENDER NOTICE:
 Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION: 1897
 Reference: Aitken, Richard, p. 27.

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S): Dr. Patrick A. Croker.

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

OTHER NOTES: Dr. Croker was born at Quebec, Canada, educated at Melbourne University and Glasgow University.



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.

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME: Former Residence Dr. Patrick A. Croker
 ADDRESS: Corner Yarra Street and Rylie Street, Geelong 3220
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: City of Geelong
 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE: Residence and Surgery.
 PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE: Dr. Robert L. Fulton
 ADDRESS: 83 Yarra Street, Geelong. TELEPHONE: 374000

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Smith, James (ed.), *Cyclopedia of Victoria*, Niven & Co., Melbourne, Vol. 2, 1904, biographical details. "Messrs. Tombs and Durran, Architects", p. 453; "Dr. Patrick Alfred Croker", p. 442, including photographic portraits.

Aitken, Richard "Edwardian Geelong : An Architectural Introduction", Deakin University Geelong, 1979, pp. 24, 25, 27, for details of career of William Allen Tombs and James Durran.

CITATION The two storey brick residence at the corner of Yarra Street and Byrie Street, Geelong, was erected in 1897 for eminent local medical practitioner, Dr. Patrick Croker. The architects of this unusual Queen Anne style villa were Tombs and Durran, a young architectural firm who assumed control of the old established firm of Joseph Watts in 1890. The villa is constructed in a style which reflects contemporary American design trends of the late 19th century combined with emerging references to an Australian style. The residence has a commanding presence situated at the termination of a notable Yarra Street streetscape.

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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