

PLACE NAME: H.M. TRAINING PRISON

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF GEELONG

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Italianate (Entrance Gates and Governors House)

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Henry Ginn, colonial Clerk of Works.

BUILDER(S) : McCann and Grant, Morgan and Milne, Holdsworth, Thomas, C. Thoma, Boynton and Conway plus Prison Labour.

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File 3199.

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES

Reference:

TENDER NOTICE:

Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1849-1864 in stages

Reference:

Geelong Advertiser, Index of Tenders

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE £31,595/0/0

Cunningham, J.B., 'Victorian Gaols 1857-1864' p.5

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

Additional boundary walls and tower (1877, Geelong Advertiser). Additions have been made to the original complex. However, the original gaol is identifiably intact.

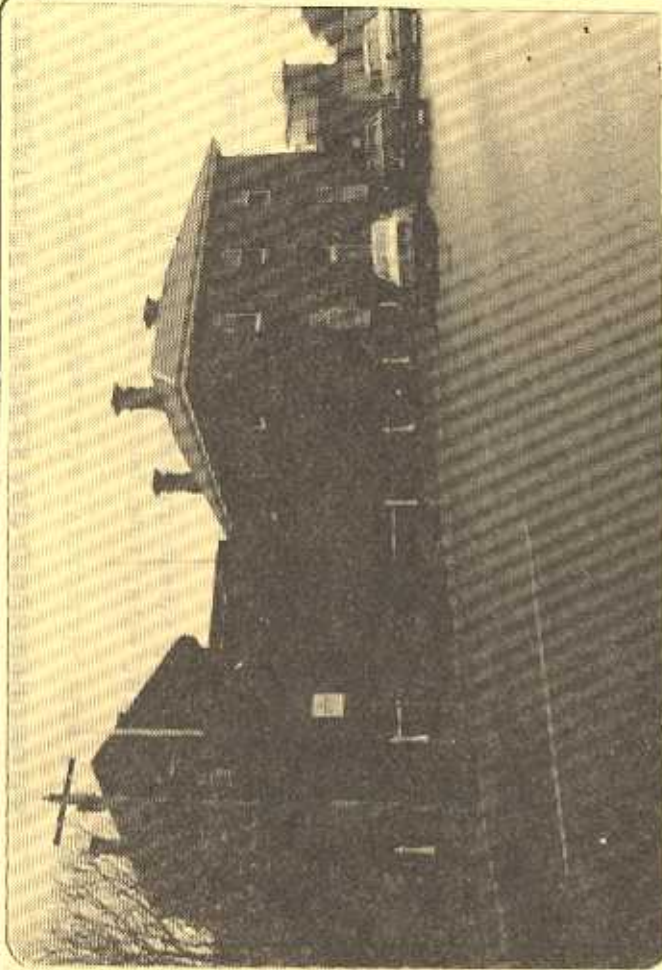
ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)

Port Phillip District Government

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

OTHER NOTES

The Geelong Gaol is the oldest, continuously inhabited penal building in Victoria. Industrial school children were housed in the gaol from 1865 for several years.



NEGATIVE FILE:

☒Australian Heritage Commission
Register of National Estate☐Historic Buildings Preservation Council
Register No.
File No.☒National Trust of Aust. (Vic)
Classified/~~Registered~~
File No. 3199☒Geelong Regional Commission
Register No. 143

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME H.M. Training Prison,
ADDRESS 202 Myers Street,
Geelong, 3220.LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Geelong
TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE Training Prison

PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Victorian Government
ADDRESS TELEPHONE

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 3199.

Wilkins, M.C., 'The Geelong Gaol 1849-1974'
Unpublished research essay, 1974.

Geelong Advertiser, 13th May 1848, 5th July 1849, 27th
September 1849, 24th November 1849, 29th
December 1849, 5th June 1850, 24th August 1850,
24th June 1852, 1st July 1852, 20th February
1854, 25th July 1854, 5th February 1856, 5th
November 1859, 24th December 1859, 13th
December 1860, 20th May 1861, 8th June 1861,
30th July 1869, 27th June 1873, 20th September
1873, 8th October 1873, 22nd January 1876, 8th
June 1877, 10th July 1877 - various tender
notices and references to the Geelong Gaol.

Cunningham, J.B., 'Victorian Gaols 1857-1864'. History
of Architecture Research Essay, Department of
Architecture, Melbourne University.

Smith, James, (Ed), The Cyclopaedia of Victoria, 3 Volumes,
The Cyclopaedia Co., Melbourne, 1904.
Volume 2, p. 432.

CITATION

The Geelong Gaol, a brick and bluestone construction, erected between 1849 and 1864 is the oldest, continuously inhabited penal building in Victoria and an outstanding work of Colonial Clerk of Works, Henry Ginn. The complex is most notable for the precise and traditional plan layout finely detailed and crafted masonry cell blocks and Italianate style entrance gates and governor's house. The buildings are representative of the style of institutional architecture of the Victorian colony prior to, and after, separation in 1851.
The penal complex was erected by a variety of contractors assisted by prison labour.

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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