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BUILDING ADDRESS

THE WESTERN GRANDSTAND

HISTORY

The Western Grandstand was also known as the the Old Bluestone Grandstand, was constructed in 1925. It was designed by the architects Laird and Buchan. The builder was G. Choate and the painter and glazer was Mr. Murphy. In 1963 improvements were made to the grandstand, fencing and players rooms at the oval.

DESCRIPTION

Built of bluestone and timber it is a most unusual use of materials for the date of construction. The rear elevation and the ground floor elevation at the front not only uses bluestone but also quoinwork at the wall angles and door and window enframements. These elements were very popular in Geelong in the 1850's and used only a little for the rest of the nineteenth century. The upper floor of the front elevation reflects the contemporary and popular domestic Bungalow style of architecture with the restrained use of decorative elements and a token gable with vertical strapwork.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Western Grandstand was built in 1925 to the design of Geelong architects, Laird and Buchan. It is an unusual combination of mid-nineteenth century and 1920's architectural style. Historically it has close associations with Geelong West sporting bodies, particularly the Football Club. It is of local significance.

POLICY/RECOMMENDATIONS

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