

CITY OF GEELONG WEST

URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY: BUILDING IDENTIFICATION FORM.

BUILDING ADDRESS

Weddell Street

Type

Grandstand

Original Use

Grandstand

PRESENT BUILDING TITLE

The Western Grandstand

EXISTING DESIGNATION

HBR

GBR

NER

GRPS

NATIONAL TRUST

Classified

Recorded

Reg.No.

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CONSERVATION AREA

Name

Survey Date

30.6.86

Neg. File

050.015

PERIOD

pre 1860

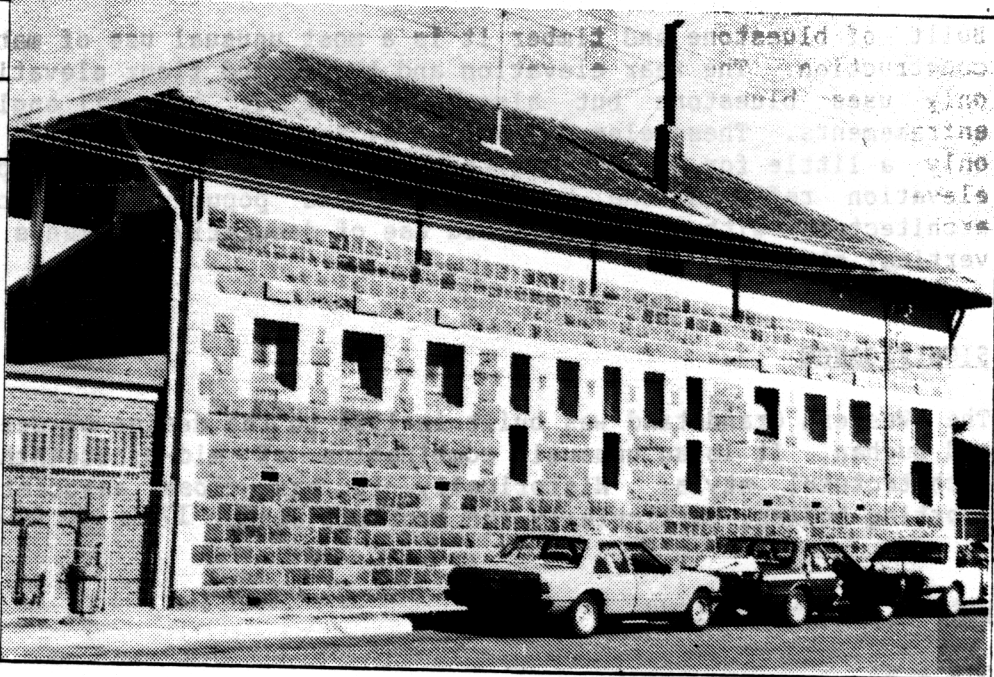
1860 - 1879

1880 - 1899

1900 - 1919

1920 - 1939

post 1940



MATERIALS

walls *bluestone*

roof *asbestos cement*

CONSTRUCTION DATE

c.1925

source

BLB drawings

SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

original materials

early paint colour scheme or original unpainted finish

ornamental wall detailing

original doors, windows, hoods

intact verandah / porch structure

original parapet

original roof form and finish

original chimneys

eaves, roof or gable decoration

intact verandah decoration

early fence

early garden

other prominent contributing elevations (*rear*)

INTEGRITY RATING

excellent

good

fair

poor

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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

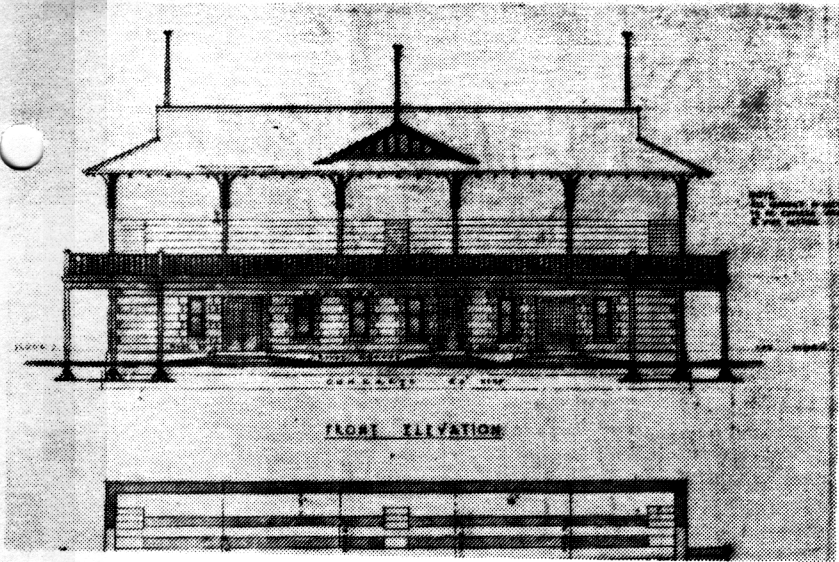
The Western Grandstand was built in 1925 to the design of Geelong architects, Laird and Buchan. It is an unusual combination of mid-nineteenth century and 1920's architectural style. Historically it has close associations with Geelong West sporting bodies, particularly the Football Club. *It is of local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

POLICY/RECOMMENDATIONS

G.R.P.S.

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FRONT ELEVATION