

PLACE NAME: FORMER PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUM AND COMMON SCHOOL
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA SHIRE OF CORIO

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Picturesque Gothic Revival

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Andrew McWilliams (Orphanage Reference: Asylum) Joseph L. Shaw (Common School) 21st October, 1854, 17th December, 1864 Geelong Advertiser

BUILDER:
 Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
 Reference:

TENDER NOTICE: Geelong Advertiser, 21st October, 1854
 Reference: 17th December, 1864

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1855 Orphanage Asylum
 Reference: 1865 Common School
 Geelong Advertiser

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

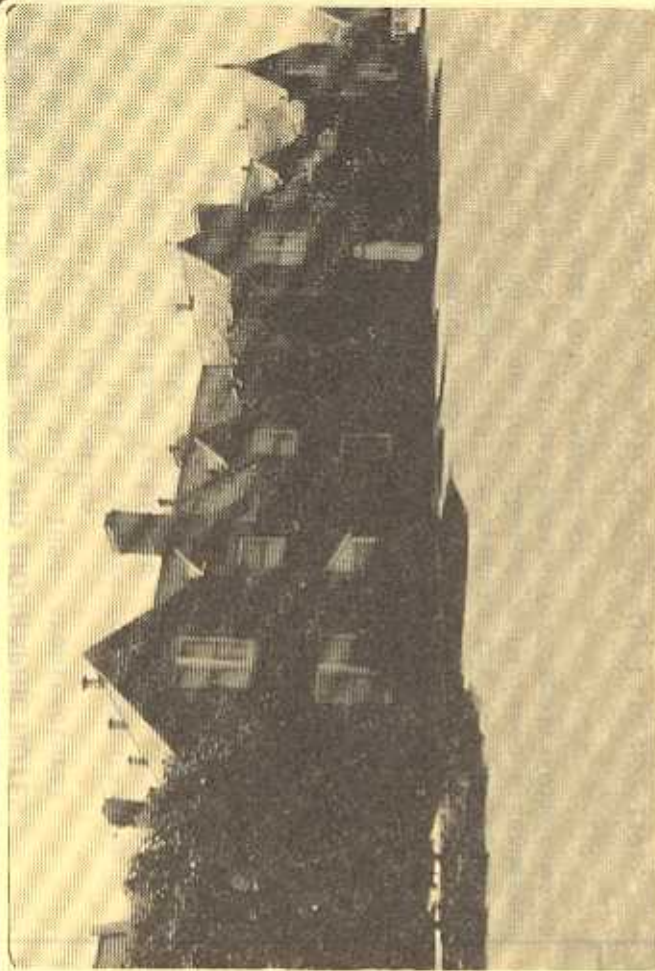
The north wing to the Orphanage Asylum was added in 1857 and the Common School was extended in 1873 by addition of 2 additional playrooms

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)

Geelong Orphan Asylum

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

OTHER NOTES



NEGATIVE FILE:

☒ Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate	☐ Historic Buildings Preservation Council Register No. File No.
☒ National Trust of Aust. (V&C) Classified/Recorded File No. ...1191...1180	☒ Geelong Regional Commission Register No. ...239...

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME Former Protestant Orphan Asylum and Common School
 ADDRESS 150-220 McCurdy Road, Herne Hill, 3218.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Corio
 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE Social Clubrooms, Meeting Rooms, etc.
 PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Australian Portland Cement Company
 ADDRESS P.O. Box 4717, Melbourne. TELEPHONE(03) (052)

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Geelong Advertiser, 1st July, 1854- Architectural competition £50 premium
 21st October, 1854 - Tenders for Orphan Asylum
 Andrew McWilliams architect
 12th March, 1855 - Foundation stone to be laid
 14th March
 20th March, 1855 - Tenders for carpenters work
 18th April, 1855 - Tenders various trades
 8th August, 1856 - Tender for bluestone kitchen
 Andrew McWilliams architect
 15th December, 1857 - Tenders for North Wing
 11th July, 1860 - Tenders dining hall
 17th December, 1865 - Tenders for Common School
 (and March 1865) J.L. Shaw architect.
 27th September, 1873 - Tenders for two playgrounds in
 brick and stone (attributed to Davidson & Henderson)
 1879-1885 - Various tenders for repairs/minor works
 by Joseph Watts, architect.
 National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 1191.
 Notes on 'Herne Hill Buildings'. P.L. Brown June 1975.
 Huddle, Lorraine, ' Architects in Geelong in 1840's and
 1850's' Humanities Research Essay Department of
 Architecture University of Melbourne 1979 Vol. 1
 pp. 79-84.

CITATION

The Protestant Orphanage Asylum was erected in 1855 to the designs of noted Geelong architect Andrew McWilliams. The north wing was added in 1857. The Common School was erected in 1865, J.L. Shaw being the architect. Both buildings, constructed of basalt with freestone dressings, are designed in a chaste picturesque Gothic mode. The former Geelong Orphanage Asylum and adjacent Common School are structures of great social, historical and architectural significance to the Geelong Community and notable works of local architects McWilliams and Shaw respectively.

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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