

PLACE NAME: FORMER NEWTOWN FIRE STATION  
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF NEWTOWN

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)**

**STYLE OR PERIOD:** Lombardic Romanesque - Victorian polychromatic  
**ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN:** R.S. Tuffs (Surveyor for Newtown and Chilwell), C.S. Walker, The Earlier Days of Newtown and Chilwell, 1958, published for Newtown and Chilwell centenary.  
**BUILDER:** Charles Mills  
**Reference:** C.S. Walker *Ibid*, p. 35

**PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES**  
**Reference:**

**TENDER NOTICE:**  
**Reference:**

**DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION** 1884  
**Reference:** C.S. Walker, *Ibid*, p. 35.

**ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE** £ 305

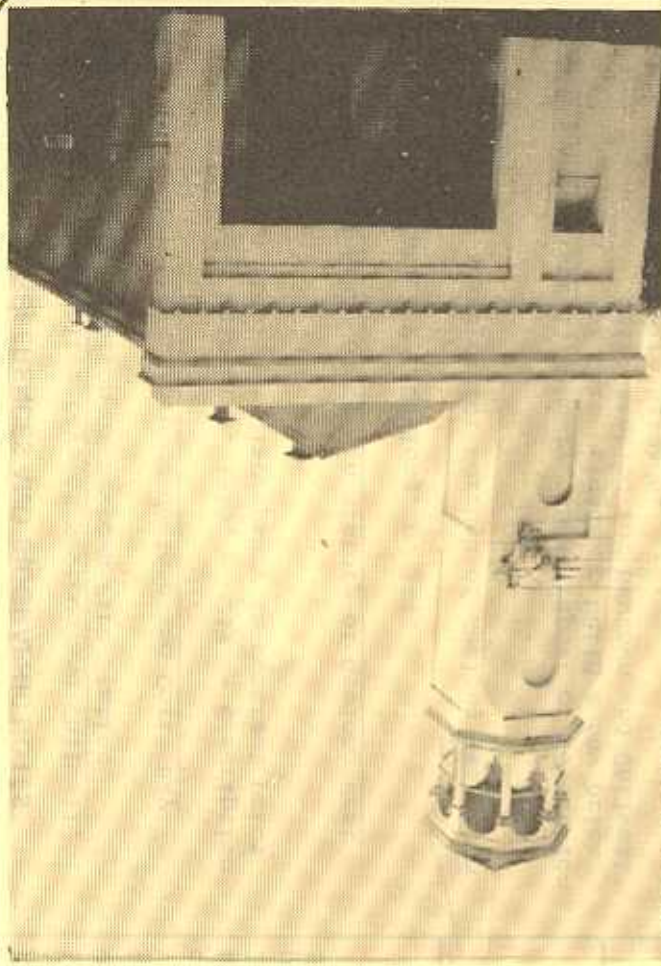
**SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS**

The structure has been painted externally and the entrance doors removed in conversion of the facade to a bus shelter.

**ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)**

Newtown and Chilwell Fire Brigade  
**SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS**  
 Newtown Football Club (training rooms); City of Newtown Municipal Hall

**OTHER NOTES** First Fire Station a "wooden building was used until 1934". The original building was erected at the top of the Pakington St. Hill (the site of the present building) & a tower and bell hung in 1859.



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 Newtown Fire Station  
**ADDRESS** 271 Pakington Street, Newtown  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Newtown  
**TITLE INFORMATION**  
**MAP REFERENCE**  
**PRESENT USE** Child Health Centre  
**PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE** Barwon Region Child Health centre  
**ADDRESS** 271 Pakington St, **TELEPHONE** .....  
 Newtown



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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

C.S. Walker, The Earlier Days of Newtown and Chilwell, 1958, p. 35. Description of Newtown Fire Station

W.R. Brownhill, The History of Geelong and Corio Bay

Wilke & Co. Ltd., Melbourne, 1955, p. 249 - description of Newtown Fire Station - discrepancy in contract price \$325.

G. Seaton, The Ashby Story : A History of Geelong West 1978 Adams Printers P/L Geelong, p. 144.

R.S. Tuffs was surveyor for Borough of Geelong West from 1896-1908.

Geelong Advertiser 15 January, 1884, report of resolution of fire brigade to build a new brick fire station for Newtown and Chilwell Fire Brigade.

15 January, 1884, tenders for removal of wooden buildings

19 January, 1884, tenders for erection of a new building for Newtown and Chilwell Fire Brigade - R.S. Tuffs, Architect

CITATION

The Newtown and Chilwell Fire Brigade was established in 1859 and operated from weatherboard premises in Pakington St. until 1884 when the structure was removed and a new brick fire station and tower were erected. Local municipal surveyor and architect, R.S. Tuffs, designed the original polychromatic brick building in a Lombardic Romanesque style and Charles Mills was the builder. The tower is a noted local landmark and unfortunately the strong brickwork patterns have been painted out. The buildings have interesting associations with the fire brigade history in Geelong.

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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