



## **The National Hotel 195 Moorabool Street**

### **History**

The year 1856 provides the first mention of a hotel on this site. Information obtained from a conversation on 9 March 1995 with the Geelong historian Ian Wynd, suggests before 1914, the hotel found at this address, traded under the name of the National Hotel. Carlton United Breweries rebuilt the hotel in 1944. Beatrice Cullen was the first listed hotel keeper of this re-built establishment. In recent years the property has had a number of owners.

### **Description**

Built in 1944, the National Hotel is a three storey brick building that is reasonably intact and demonstrates some of the horizontality of the later war period. On both facades the upper levels are symmetrical and the ground asymmetrical, with a large parapet. The facade has moulded string courses and thin lines indented in the render that emphasise the horizontal glazing bars in the windows at both first and second floor level. These openings are the main feature on the facade and are typical double hung sash windows with projecting sills. The corner entrance is still in use, however the main entrance is positioned below a simple canopy on the Moorabool Street facade. This facade features a wider central bay with triple light casement windows above the canopy. At ground level the tile base has been painted over.

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**Significance**

195 Moorabool Street has architectural and historic significance at a local level. It is a representative and reasonably intact example of Inter War architecture in the Geelong area. The building retains its characteristic form and siting, as well as a number of horizontal features typical of the later war period. The National Hotel has historical associations with Carlton United Brewery who rebuilt the property in 1944. It has been the site of a hotel for approximately 140 years.