

# CITY OF GEELONG WEST

## URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY: BUILDING IDENTIFICATION FORM

BUILDING ADDRESS *Town Hall, Pakington Street* Type *town hall* Original Use *town hall*

PRESENT BUILDING TITLE *153 Geelong West Town Hall*

EXISTING DESIGNATION

HBR

GBR

NER

GRPS

NATIONAL TRUST

Classified

Recorded

Reg.No.

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123

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CONSERVATION AREA No.

Name

*Pakington Street Commercial*

Survey Date

*7.3.86.*

Neg. File

*003-004*

PERIOD

pre 1860

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1860 - 1879

☐

1880 - 1899

☐

1900 - 1919

☐

1920 - 1939

☒

post 1940

☐


MATERIALS

walls

*stucco*

roof

?

CONSTRUCTION DATE

*1923-4.*

source

*foundation stone*

SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

original materials

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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

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eaves, roof or gable decoration

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intact verandah decoration

☐

early fence

☐

early garden

☐

other prominent contributing elevations

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INTEGRITY RATING

excellent

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good

☐

fair

☐

poor

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TOWN HALL, PAKINGTON STREET.

## HISTORY

In 1876 the newly formed Council of the Borough of Geelong West occupied the former National School on the same site in Pakington Street. In 1884 alterations were made and a clock tower were added. The present structure replaced the old one in 1923/4. The architect was I.G.Anderson who established a branch of his predominantly Melbourne practice in Geelong. The contractor was J.Dew & Co. and the tender was accepted 15 June, 1923. The contract price was 12,734. It served as a Council Chamber and offices until the new offices were located across Albert Street. The council chamber is still in this building. The forecourt was opened in the centenary year of council in 1975 but the soldiers' memorial dates from 1927.

## DESCRIPTION

The two storey building with clock tower was designed in the conservative English Renaissance Revival Style typical of much public building of the 1920s. I.G.Anderson is known for his more innovative work with flats, but the conservative styling was probably due to the desire by Council for a respectable public image. The building is of stuccoed brick and the clock tower is a landmark of Geelong West.

## SIGNIFICANCE

The Town Hall has a symbolic and landmark quality and significant historical associations with the site which has been occupied for civic purposes since 1876.  
*It is of regional significance*

## POLICY/RECOMMENDATIONS

National Estate Register, 1978

## REFERENCES

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