

PLACE NAME: GEELONG WEST POST OFFICE

Geelong Regional Commission

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF GEELONG WEST

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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Eclectic Queen Anne Revival

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: G.B.H. Austin, assistant architect, Western Division, Public Works Department.
 Reference: Seaton, Gladys, The Ashby Story, p. 231.

BUILDER:
 Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
 Reference:

TENDER NOTICE:
 Reference:

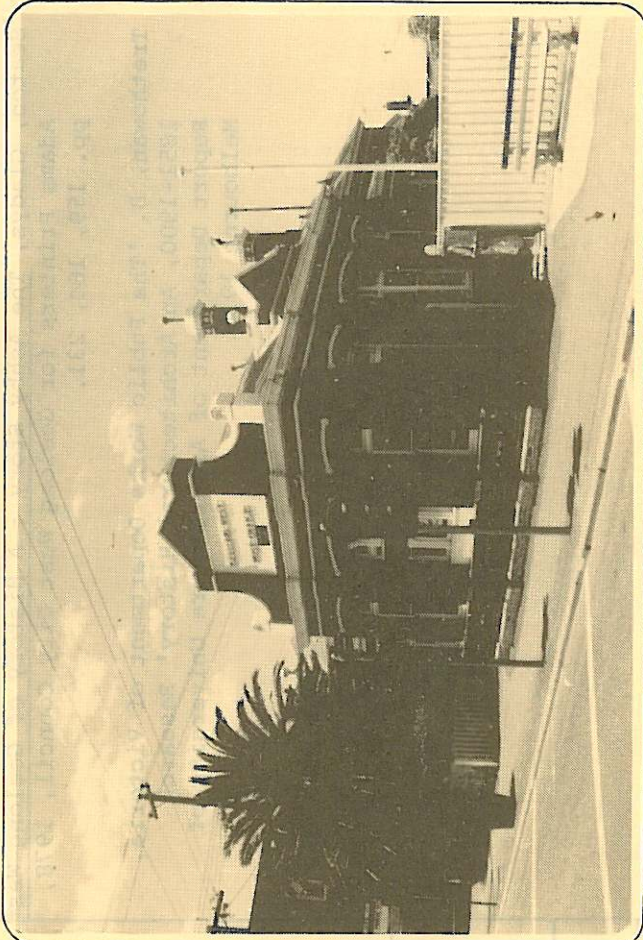
DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1886.
 Reference: Foundation stone laid by Mr. Berry, Victoria's Chief Secretary.
 Seaton, Gladys, The Ashby Story, p. 159.
 ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) Victorian Government.

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. (Vic)
Classified/Recorded
File No.☒Geelong Regional Commission
Register No.146.....

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME Geelong West Post Office,
 ADDRESS 242 Pakington Street,
 A Geelong West, 3218.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Geelong West.
 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE _____

PRESENT USE Post Office.

PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Australia Post, c/- 1st floor p.o.

ADDRESS Cnr Gheringhap & Ryrie Sts; TELEPHONE (03) _____
 Geelong 3220. (052)

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Seaton, Gladys, The Ashby Story : A History of Geelong West
Adams Printers for Geelong West City Council, 1978,
pp. 159, 160, 231.

Trethowan, B. 'The Public Works Department of Victoria,
1851-1900, An Architectural History' Research
Report Department of Architecture University of
Melbourne 1975.

CITATION

The Geelong West Post Office in Pakington Street was
designed in 1885 by western region architect of the Public
Works Department, G.B.H. Austin, as an eclectically derived
style which is characteristic of his work. The foundation
stone was laid by Graeme Berry, Chief Secretary and the
Building was completed in 1886. The post office exemplifies
the innovative and eclectic nature of Public Works
Department architecture of the 1880's in Victoria and has
many counterparts throughout Victoria.

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.
Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National
Estate.
National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Register.

DOCUMENTATION -

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SIGNATURE.....

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