

HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET

Geelong Regional Commission

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PLACE NAME: NEWTOWN STATE SCHOOL
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF NEWTOWN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Victorian Gothic

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Public Works Department
Reference:

BUILDER: Mr. Samuel Vandall

Reference: Geelong Advertiser, 1st November, 1876

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES

Reference:

TENDER NOTICE:

Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION: 1877

Reference:

Geelong Advertiser, 16th Dec. 1876, 29th Sept. 1877
ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE: Tender figure \$2990

Geelong Advertiser, 1st November, 1876

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

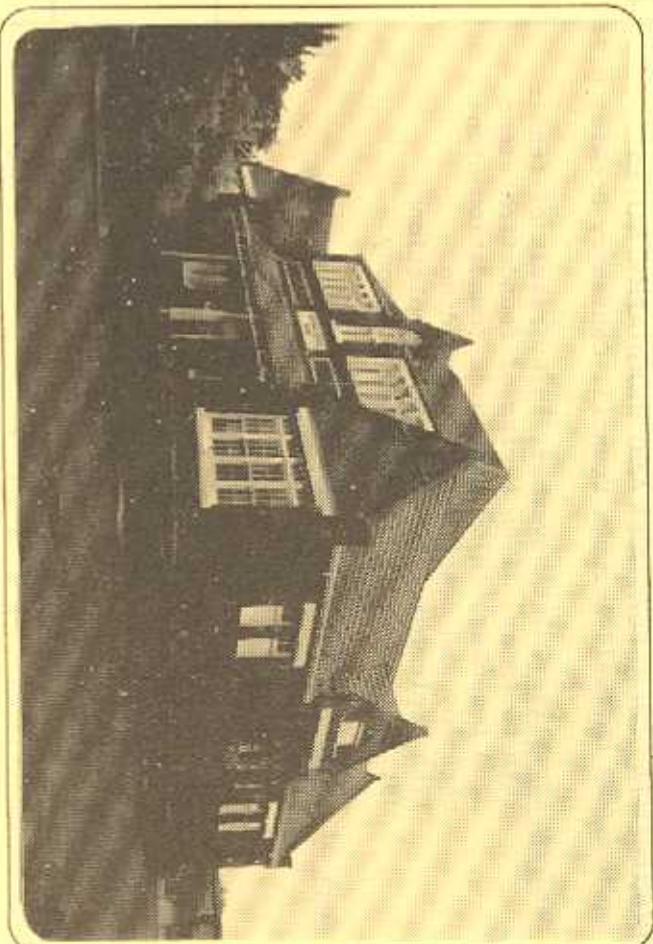
The slate roof has been replaced with cement tiles

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

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

The foundation stone was laid by Cr. A.B. White, Mayor of Newtown and Chilwell, on 21st December, 1876.

OTHER NOTES: The school was opened by Mr. C. Smith, Minister of Education on 29th September, 1877. Previous denominational school No. 455.



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.205.....
File No.

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME: Newtown State School,
ADDRESS: Aberdeen Street, (157-161)
Newtown, 3220.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: City of Newtown
TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE: State School
PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE: Education Department of Victoria.
ADDRESS: Treasury Place,
Melbourne, 3002. TELEPHONE: (03) (052)

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Newtown and Chilwell Borough Council, Centenary Booklet p.24

Geelong Advertiser, 1st November, 1876, result of tender

16th December, 1876; laying of foundation stone

22nd December, 1876; laying of foundation stone

ceremony and description of building.

17th September, 1876, nearing completion

29th September, 1876, opening ceremony.

News of the Week, Geelong, 25th July, 1907, p. 14
illustration.

CITATION

The Newtown State School, erected in 1877, is a typical Victorian Gothic design school house of the 1870's. The Public Works Department architects, under the supervision of H. Bastow, designed many buildings of this style in Victoria in the period 1865-1890 and the Newtown State School is a conservative example of the period. The building now somewhat reduced, has notable associations with the development of educational institutions in the Geelong area, replacing an earlier denominational school on a nearby site.

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

DOCUMENTATION -

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SIGNATURE.....

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