

CITY OF GEELONG WEST

URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY: BUILDING IDENTIFICATION FORM.

BUILDING ADDRESS

202 Aberdeen Street

Type

*residence
(flats)*

Original Use

hotel

PRESENT BUILDING TITLE

N.A. formerly Shearer's Arms Hotel

DESIGNATION

HBR

NER

GRC

GEELONG
WEST

NATIONAL TRUST

Classified

Recorded

Reg.No. or Recommended

N.A.

Rec.

619

Rec.

Rec.

N.A.

CONSERVATION AREA
No.

N.A.

Name

N.A.

Survey Date

23.6.86

Neg. File

046 - 024

PERIOD

pre 1860

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1860 - 1879

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1880 - 1899

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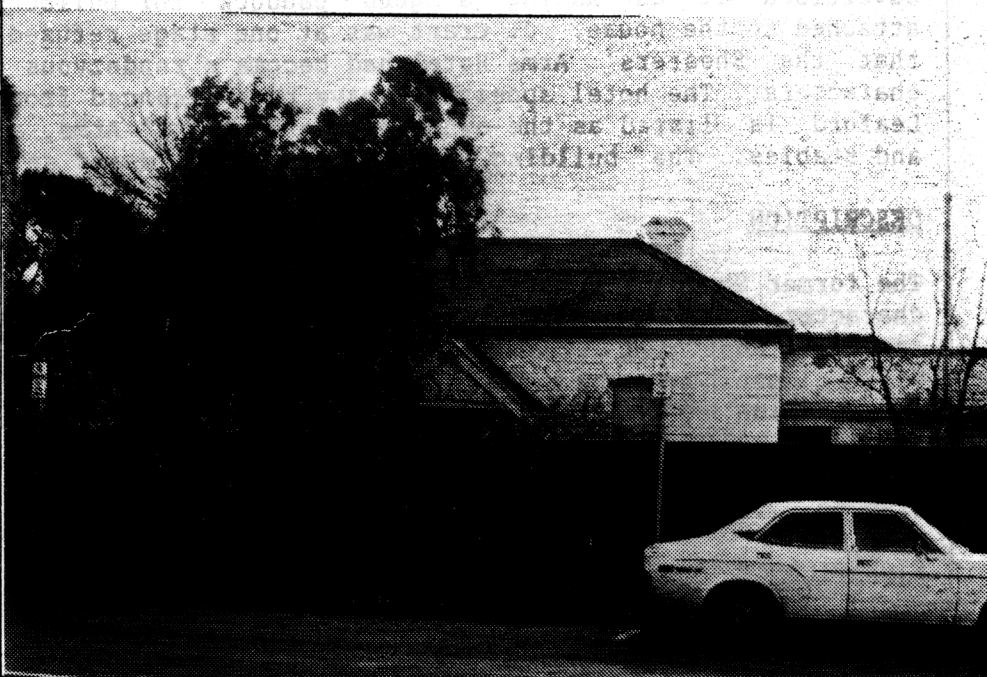
1900 - 1919

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1920 - 1939

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post 1940

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MATERIALS

walls

brick & stucco

roof

corrugated iron

CONSTRUCTION DATE

c. 1849

source

Wynd.

SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

original materials

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early paint colour scheme or original unpainted finish

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ornamental wall detailing

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original doors, windows, hoods

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intact verandah / porch structure

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original parapet

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original roof form and finish

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original chimneys

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eaves, roof or gable decoration

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intact verandah decoration

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early fence

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early garden

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other prominent contributing elevations

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INTEGRITY RATING

excellent

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good

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fair

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poor

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HISTORY

John Day began business as a hotel proprietor near the corner of Aberdeen Street and Shannon Avenue in 1847, succeeded a year later by Joseph Lewis. By 1850 there is recorded a brick, seven roomed public house with stables and a garden. It is possible that the building could date from 1847 although there is no evidence for this. The land between the hotel and Shannon Avenue was used as a sports ground for special days. The licence changed hands several times during the early years and in 1852 William Harrison is listed as the proprietor, followed by Herbert Swindells, in 1854 and in 1855 by James Grant. In 1856, George Leaford was licensee and he advertised it as having a good paddock for bullocks and a commodious stabling attached to the house. J. Grant was at one stage refused a license on the grounds that the Shearers' Arms Hotel had become a rendezvous for thieves and undesirable characters. The hotel appears to have been licenced from 1858 to 1861 when Mrs. Leaford is listed as the owner of the Shearers' Arms, a nine roomed brick building and stables. The building is no longer licensed and serves as flats.

DESCRIPTION

The former Shearers' Arms is a hipped roof, stucco and brick building of domestic character. It is likely that the stucco is a later addition as the chimneys resemble those of a later building. There is quoinwork at the corners and around window openings. The quoined stucco work is similar to a residence at 180 Autumn Street which has been dated to 1864-5. There are relatively few examples of stuccoed buildings in Geelong West. The porch is a later addition. The building has been extended and extensively altered internally. No evidence remains of the stables.

SIGNIFICANCE

The building at 202 Aberdeen Street has strong historical associations, from at least 1847, with the former Shearer's Arms Hotel. The exact date of the existing building is unclear but it appears part of it was built by 1850 and pre dates the gold rushes. Together with the Harp Inn, it stands as one of the two earliest single storey former hotels still remaining in Geelong West. It is of State Significance.

POLICY/RECOMMENDATIONS

Not Est Reg
National Estate Register, Geelong Regional Commission Register, Geelong West Schedule, National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Register

Removal of the porch and some of the post war additions, a more sympathetic fence, colour scheme and window joinery would greatly enhance the character of this building.

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