

HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET

Geelong Regional Commission

Sheet 339

PLACE NAME: ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE (Formerly St. Augustine's Orphanage)
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF NEWTOWN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: 1885 - Victorian Eclecticism
1857 - Italianate

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Shaw & Dowden 1857-60, 69-70
Reference: Young & Honey 1861
Joseph Watts 1885

Geelong Advertiser, tender notices

BUILDER: Stonaway & Tonkin (1857)
Reference: Alsop, P.F., Survey & Identification Data, National Trust of Australia.

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
Reference:

TENDER NOTICE:

Reference: Geelong Advertiser, 30th January, 1857
original building

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1857
Reference: Foundation Stone laid by Bishop Gould
15 March 1857

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE \$1477 (Orphanage)
Reference: Saint Augustine's Geelong 1857-1957
\$17,000 up till 1903, Ref: Smith, James, The Encyclopedia of Victoria.

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

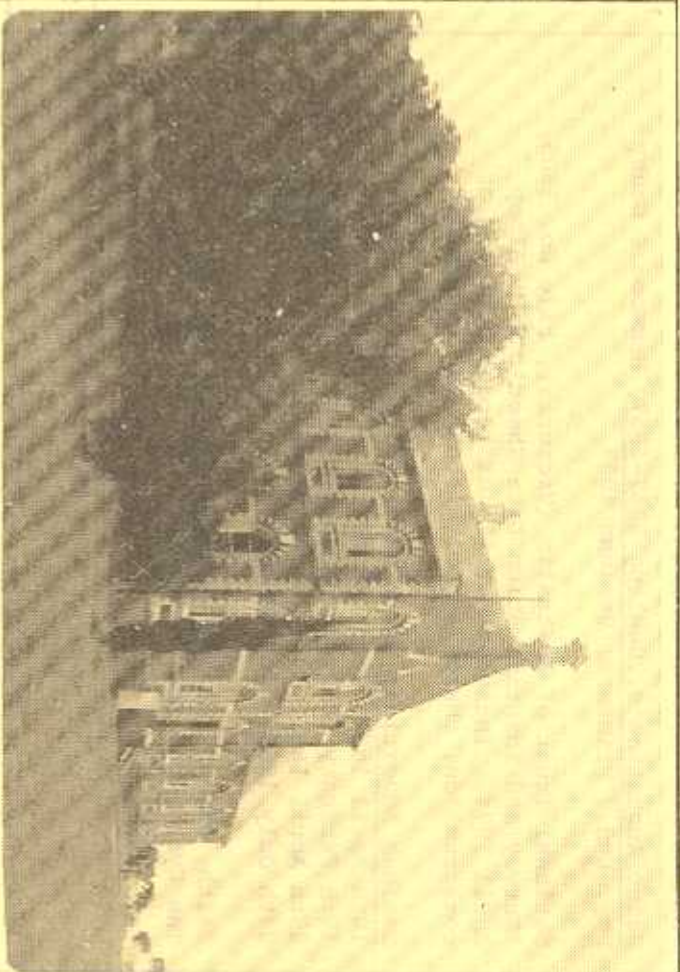
Extensions in 1858, 60, 61, additions to south end -
1870, separate south wing - 1885, 1889 - brick north
wing built

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) Roman Catholic Orphanage

Founded by Rev. James B. Hayes for the Diocese of Melbourne.

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS The

Christian Brothers, a teaching order of the Catholic
Church, took over administration in 1878. In 1890 St.
Joseph's College was formed, sharing the buildings till
the St. Augustine's orphanage was relocated at Highgate
in 1935.



NEGATIVE FILE:

☒ Australian Heritage Commission
Register of National Estate

☐ Historic Buildings Preservation Council
Register No.
File No.

☒ National Trust of Aust. (Vic)
Classified
File No. 3505

☒ Geelong Regional Commission
Register No. 227

IDENTIFICATION DATA
PLACE NAME St. Joseph's College (Formerly St. Augustine's
Orphanage)
ADDRESS 135 Aphrasia Street, Newtown, 3220

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Newtown
TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE College
PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Trustees of Christian Bros. Incorpor.
ADDRESS Albert Road, Strathfield, NSW. TELEPHONE (052) _____

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Saint Augustine's, Geelong 1857-1957, Hemwood & Dancy Pty. Ltd., Printers, Geelong 1957.

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 3505, 'Survey and Identification Data Sheet', P.P. Alsop April 1974. Includes details of tenders, stages of construction, church/school history and references.

Geelong Advertiser, 30th January 1857, 10th February 1857, 16th April 1857, 23rd October, 1857, 14th December 1857, 19th February 1859, 23rd January 1861, 7th February 1861, 25th April 1865, 13th February 1866, 24th July 1869, 24th July 1869, 31st January 1870, 13th August 1885.

Smith, James (Ed) The Cyclopaedia of Victoria, 6 volumes The Cyclopaedia Co., Melbourne, 190. Vol. 2. p.434

CITATION

St. Joseph's College at Newtown is an interesting complex of buildings of diverse style and construction built over a period 1857-1903, originally as a Catholic orphanage and school and since 1935 as St. Joseph's College. The 1857 Italianate building, as extended, is a distinguished early work of architects Shaw & Dowden and marked only by construction of a ponderous double storey balconyed cloister in recent times. St. Augustine's orphanage is an important Geelong institution which continues operations at Highton.

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

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SIGNATURE DATE