

HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET

Geelong Regional Commission

Sheet 232

PLACE NAME: LATROBE PLaque

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF GEELONG

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: 20th Century Monument

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Not applicable.
Reference:

BUILDER:
Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
Reference:

TENDER NOTICE:
Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1975
Reference:

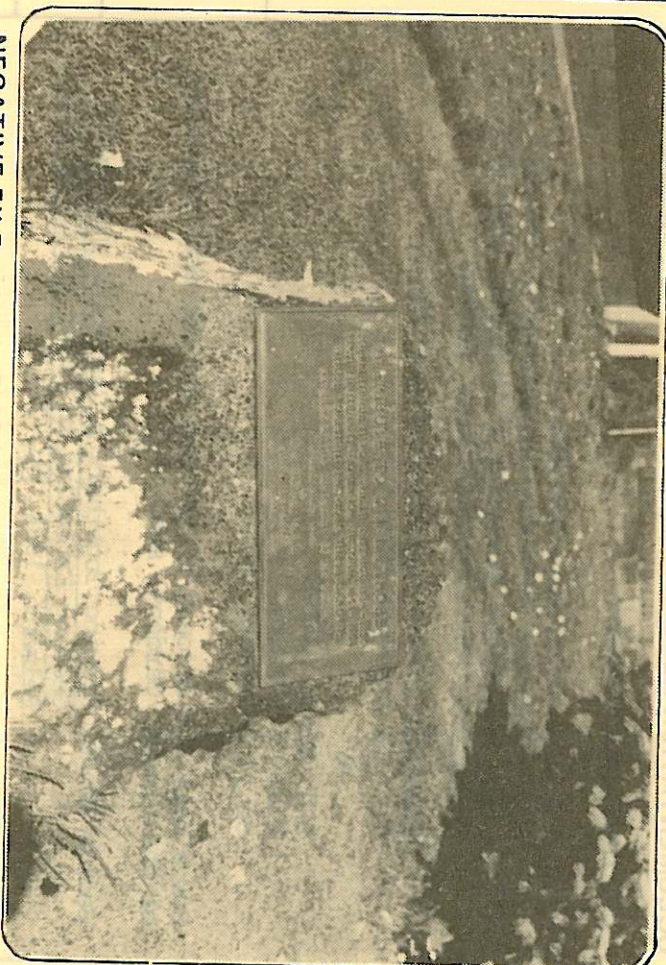
ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

OTHER NOTES This is a commemorative plaque to the foundation of the Geelong Botanic Gardens in 1848.



NEGATIVE FILE:

☐ Australian Heritage Commission
Register of National Estate

☐ Historic Buildings Preservation Council
Register No.

☐ National Trust of Aust. (Vic)
Classified/Recorded
File No.

☒ Geelong Regional Commission
Register No. 189

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME Latrobe Plaque,
ADDRESS Botanical Gardens

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Geelong
TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE
PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE City of Geelong
ADDRESS
TELEPHONE

PLACE NAME LATROBE PLAQUE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF GEELONG

DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

The inscription reads:

'A Tribute to C.J. LaTrobe
Superintendent Port Phillip District 1839-1850
First Lieutenant Governor of Victoria 1851-1854
whose foresight provided these gardens
Unveiled at the Centenary of his Death
(4 December 1875)

By

L.J. Blake, O.B.E.
State Historian
on 14 December, 1975.'

For a detailed account of LaTrobe and the establishment
of the Botanic Gardens, see:

George Jones, Growing Together: A Gardening History of
Geelong Extending to Colac and Camperdown,
Belmont, 1984, pp. 21-35.

Geelong Advertiser, 25 January 1848
4 February 1848, for details on
the foundation of the 'Ornamental and Public Garden
Grounds' at Geelong.

CITATION

The LaTrobe plaque commemorates the establishment of
the Geelong Botanic Gardens in 1848 following the
direction of the Superintendent of the Port Phillip
District, Charles Joseph LaTrobe. The ornamental
gardens were developed by noted botanist and horticultu-
rist, Daniel Bunce, and are of great heritage value in
the Geelong region and the history of horticultural
pursuits in 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

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