

HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET

PLACE NAME: PLAQUE, GEELONG POST OFFICE
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF GEELONG

Geelong Regional Commission
 Sheet 243

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Historic Plaque-1912 event

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN:
 Reference:

BUILDER:
 Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
 Reference:

TENDER NOTICE:
 Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1962
 Reference: Inscription

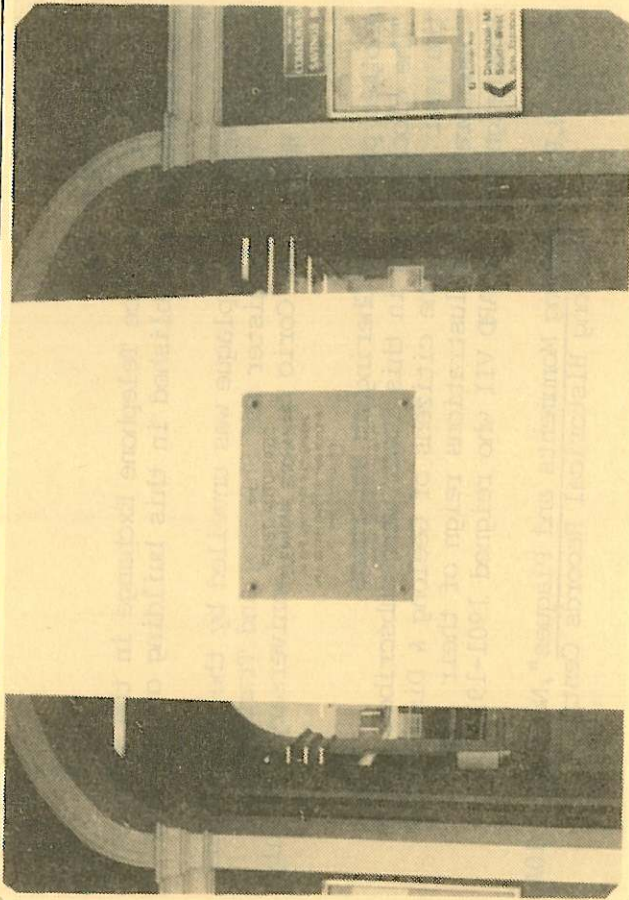
ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)

First automatic telephone exchange in Southern Hemisphere
 SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS -1912.

OTHER NOTES



NEGATIVE FILE:

Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate

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

Historic Buildings Preservation Council Register No. File No.

Geelong Regional Commission Register No. 212

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME
 ADDRESS
 Plaque, Geelong Post Office
 Ryrie Street,
 Geelong

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Geelong
 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE

PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Australia Post
 ADDRESS/- 1st Floor, Geelong P.O., TELEPHONE
 Cr. Gheringhap & Ryrie Sts., Geelong. 3220.

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Inscription reads:

"The first Automatic Telephone Exchange in the Southern Hemisphere was established in this building on 6th July 1912.

This commemoration plaque was unveiled by the Hon. Hubert Opperman OBE MP Minister for Shipping and Transport, Federal Member for Corio on the 50th Anniversary 6th July 1962.

Another plaque in Gheringhap St, reads
 "The clock chimes in this Tower were subscribed for in the year 1910 by the citizens of Geelong & District to Commemorate the illustrations reign of their late Sovereign KING EDWARD VII who reigned 1901-1910".

Lang, W.R., "Geelong Monuments and Plaques", No's 11 & 10A, Geelong Historical Records Centre.

See also
 R.W. Brownhill The History of Geelong and Corio Bay, Wilke and Co, Melbourne 1955, p.583.

CITATION

This historic plaque marks the establishment of the first automatic telephone exchange in the Southern Hemisphere in Geelong 6 July 1912.

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

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SIGNATURE **DATE**