

# HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET

PLACE NAME: GEELONG RAILWAY STATION  
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF GEELONG

Geelong Regional Commission

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## ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Victorian Eclecticism

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Victorian Railways  
 Reference: Building Department

BUILDER: Newton & Borland (1879)  
 Reference: Newton & Borland (1892)

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES  
 Reference: Goods Shed :  
 Taylor & Duigid (1877) goods shed

TENDER NOTICE:  
 Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1879, 1892  
 Reference:

## ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

Contract No. 975 (1879)  
 Contract No. 1527 (1892)  
 Goods shed (1877) Contract No. 934

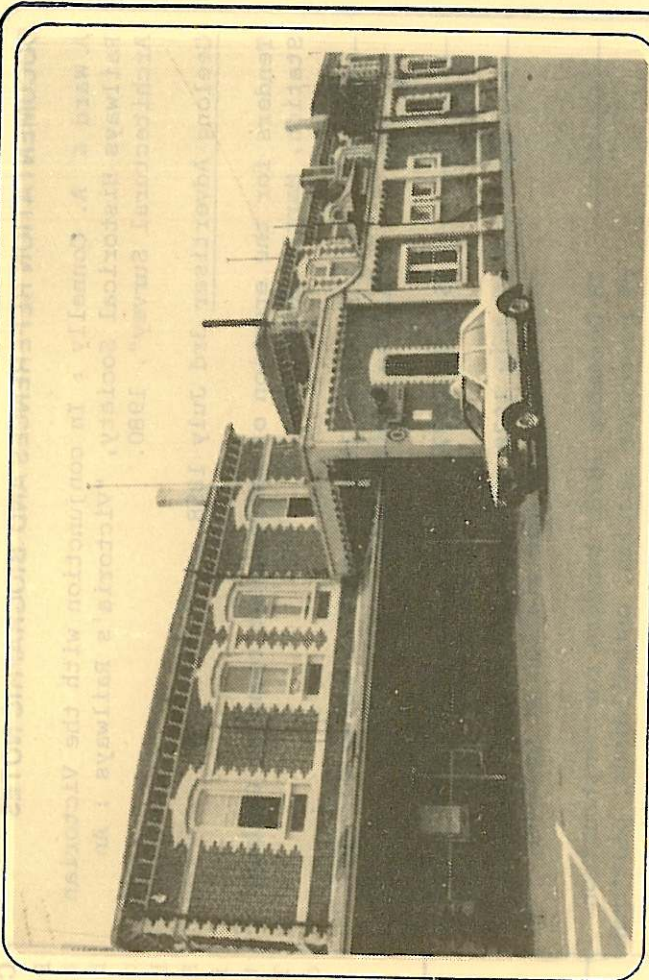
## SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

Alterations and additions including Train Hall (1892)  
 Goods Shed erected (1877)

## ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)

## SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

OTHER NOTES The original station (now demolished) was constructed for the Geelong-Melbourne Railway Company



## 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. 23

## IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME Geelong Railway Station  
 ADDRESS Geelong

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Geelong  
 TITLE INFORMATION

## MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE  
 PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE V/Line Property Division  
 ADDRESS 589 Collins St., Melbourne. 3000. TELEPHONE

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**DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES**

A. Ward & A. Connelly : In conjunction with the Victorian Railways Historical Society, "Victoria's Railways : An Architectural Survey", 1980.

Geelong Advertiser 3rd July 1858

Tenders for the erection of refreshment rooms at Geelong Station, Martin Sholl, sec.

2 December 1875, report on moves for new railway station

15 July 1877, tenders for goods shed

17 July 1878, alternative tenders for construction of new station at Geelong

18 December 1878, tenders for construction of passenger station, outbuildings, platforms

21 February 1849, description of building

11 May 1883, report on completion of station buildings.

The present Geelong Station was built to a standard Victorian Railways Building Department plan, identified in A. Ward survey as the "St. Arnaud Style". The plan was also used on this line for the Colac Station. The Train Hall (1892) is of importance as one of the two train halls constructed in Victoria. The other hall remains intact at Ballarat Station. Several train halls have been constructed in Australia and Victoria is unique for its retention of the constructed train halls.

**CITATION** The Geelong Railway Station is one of a standard plan type constructed throughout Victoria to Railways Dept. architects' designs. The main polychromatic brick station building and platform was erected in 1879 to replace the original station constructed in 1854. An iron frame train hall was erected in 1892 on similar lines to that at Ballarat. The railway station, with impressive train hall, is indicative of the architecture of the "steam age" and the train hall is one of only two surviving in Victoria. The structure is notable for the cast iron and wrought iron decoration and polychromatic brick details.

**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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 Historic Buildings Council Register  
 National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Register  
 Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate

**DOCUMENTATION**

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**DATE** .....