

PLACE NAME: CORONAL  
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF NEWTOWN

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)**

STYLE OR PERIOD: Victorian Italianate  
 ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Benjamin Backhouse  
 Reference: Geelong Advertiser, 17 August 1854  
 Brown, P.L., Geelong the Essential Streams, Victoria  
 P. 75

**BUILDER:**  
 Reference:

**PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES**  
 Reference:

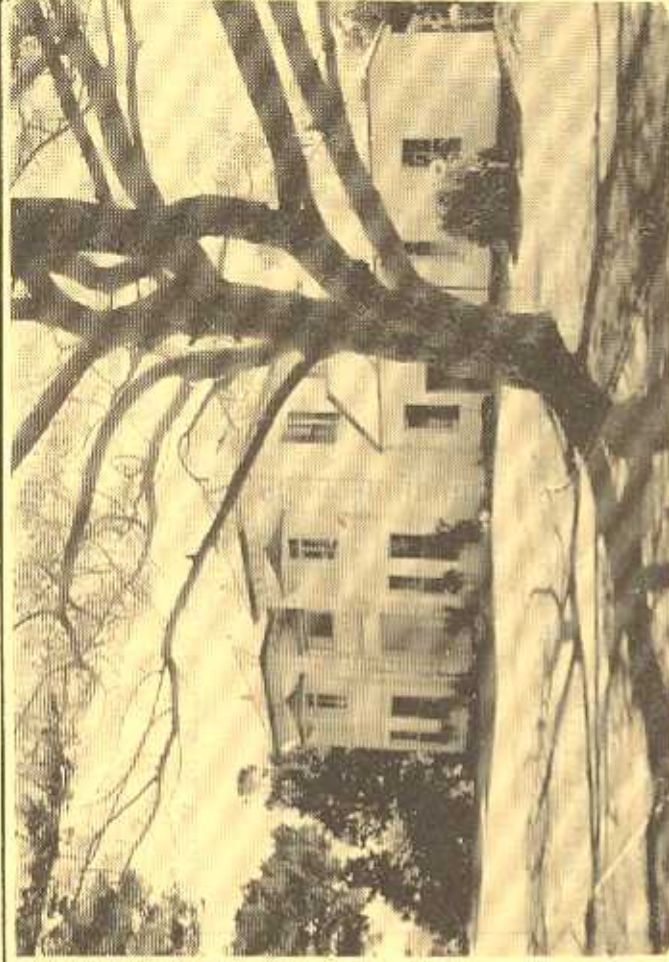
**TENDER NOTICE:** August 1854, Backhouse advertises  
 Reference: tenders for a brick and stone house of 8 rooms  
 no proprietor indicated - Geelong Advertiser, 17, 19 August  
 1854.  
**DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION** 1854-55  
 Reference: Geelong Advertiser, 17 August 1854, 12 April  
 1855.

**ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE**

**SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS**  
 The building is essentially intact externally. The  
 interior has not been inspected.

**ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)** Benjamin Backhouse,  
 who lived in Coronal until 1860 when he returned to  
**SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS** England.  
 During the 1870's, Henry S. Lewis  
 Lascelles family c 1912.

**OTHER NOTES** Backhouse was a partner in the firm of  
 Backhouse and Reynolds, architects, and practised in  
 Geelong and Ballarat from 1853-1860.



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. ....1,26.....

**IDENTIFICATION DATA**

PLACE NAME Coronal  
 ADDRESS | Coronal Avenue  
 Newtown 3220

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Newtown  
 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE Residence  
 PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Australian Portland Cement Co.  
 ADDRESS Fyansford. 3221. TELEPHONE



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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

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Sutherland and Lyall, The Architectural Profession in Melbourne 1835-1860, History Research Essay, Department of Architecture, University of Melbourne, 1965, reference to Backhouse and Reynolds, architects.  
Brown, P.L., Geelong the Essential Streams, in Victoria Historic Places of Australia, Saunders, D. (Ed.), Cassell, Australia Limited, Melbourne, 1978, for Australian Council of National Trusts, p. 75  
Brownhill, W.R., The History of Geelong and Corio Bay Wilke and Co., Melbourne, 1955, pp. 83,126,161,182,186, 498,628,629, references to Backhouse and Reynolds.  
Geelong Advertiser, 4 October 1859, for let or sale notice, residence of B. Backhouse, Herne Hill  
Geelong Historical Society, Investigator, Vol. 5, 1970, p.276 Vol. 13, 1978, p. 69, references to Coronah.  
Wynd, Ian, So Fine a Country: A History of Corio Shire, Draft Copy to be published in late 1980, p. 223.

CITATION

Coronal, a Victorian Italianate style two storey stuccoed masonry structure, was erected in 1854-55 as the residence of architect, Benjamin Backhouse, partner in the leading architectural firm in Geelong, Backhouse and Reynolds. This substantial mansion house of the 1850's, with axial plan, projecting ground floor bay windows, surmounted by canopied balconettes, rusticated bracketted eaves, slate roof and distinctive wrought iron balustrades, is one of Backhouse's finest designs in Victoria and a powerful indication of the success of this architect in Western Victoria in the 1850's. Coronah is prominently located on Herne Hill with views across the Barwon River Valley

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  
Historic Buildings Council Register  
Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate

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