# T&G Building

## Identification

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<td>Construction Type</td>
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<td>Current Status</td>
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## Location

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<td>Victoria</td>
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<td>City Name</td>
<td>Geelong</td>
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Map

Description

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<th>Architectural style</th>
<th>neo-classicism</th>
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<th>shop(s)</th>
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<td>Main Usage</td>
<td>commercial office</td>
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Spatial dimensions

| Height (estimated) | 47.95 ft | Floors (overground) | 4 |

Years and costs

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<th>Year (construction start)</th>
<th>1933</th>
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<td>Year (construction end)</td>
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Features & Amenities

- One of the city's famous buildings

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Facts

- The building's clock features the local landmark of the 'Father and Son' clock which features a pair of figures emerging from the building every hour.
- The clock and the clock lighting are automatically controlled to split second accuracy, and interlocked so that the clock can operate day and night, month after month, without human intervention.
- Technically, the installation consists of a master clock which controls the four-dial tower clock, other clocks throughout the building, the hour striking, and the movement of the figures.
- The figures are of a farmer and his son in typical period farm work clothing, and are a symbol of activity in a rural community.
- Each device is electronically driven and the whole installation is mechanically and electrically interlocked.
- A room at the roof level in the tower contains the master clock, a stand-by battery, and the figures and automatic gear which operates them.
- The figures symbolise the father handing over responsibility to his son, and urging him to continue with the good work, a message to the people of Geelong of confidence in the development and prosperity of their rural city.
- By the mid 1990s the building had fallen into disrepair, and the clock no longer worked. However a public campaign led to the restoration of the building and the clock's repair.
- The figures, together with the bell and base, weigh five tons.
- While the son is mainly ornamental, the figure of the older man is fitted with all the moving parts for the striking of the bell.

Involved companies

Architect..........................................................................................................................

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