
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SITE

Location

75-79 TIMOR STREET WARRNAMBOOL, MOYNE SHIRE

Municipality

MOYNE SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7321-0063

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site

The construction of the brick building that is presently on the site would have had a major impact on the archaeological remains on the timber church. It is possible that post-holes associated with the church could still be present between foundation trenches.

The archaeological significance of the site lies in the potential of the remains to provide information on early ecclesiastical architectural and construction quality in Warrnambool. Archaeological deposits from refuse and cess pits may provide some insight into the health and living conditions of the clergy who first lived on the site.

Archaeological
Significance

It is likely that post-holes associated with the church could still be present between the foundation trenches for the strip footings of the current building. The car park to the rear of the building appears to follow the original slope down to the west and so there is some potential for remains associated with the site being present. The bowling greens have been cut into the natural slope and no remains associated with the church would have survived within the footprint of the greens. Apart from post-holes which would delineate the size and orientation of the church other archaeological remains that can be expected to be present would be post-holes associated with other buildings, such as a presbytery, fences, and refuse and cess pits.

Historical
Significance

The site is historically significant as it was the location of the first Catholic church in Warrnambool.

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History

Site of the first Roman Catholic place of worship in Warrnambool. In the year 1850 a small wooden church was erected facing Kelp Street. A presbytery and a small wooden cottage were built next to it. It is uncertain when the buildings were demolished but it seems that the wooden church was relocated to St Josephs on Raglan Street.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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