
Primitive Methodist Church (Former)



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Location

59-61 John Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO160

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The former Primitive Methodist Church, originally constructed in 1886 with alterations and additions c.1905, at 59-61 John Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The former Primitive Methodist Church at 59-61 John Street, Williamstown is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as the only Primitive Methodist church within the city and illustrates the important role of the Methodist faith in the early development of Williamstown. (AHC criteria A4 and D2)

Aesthetically, it is significant as the most intact example of the small number of simple weatherboard Victorian Carpenter Gothic churches to survive in Williamstown. (AHC criteria B2 and E1)

Heritage Study/Consultant Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006;

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Property Number

Physical Description 1

The former Primitive Methodist Church of Williamstown is a weatherboard and block-fronted Carpenter Gothic church with a steeply pitched gabled corrugated galvanised steel roof. It has a corner siting (Rennie Street) and is L-shaped in plan. Other significant or original elements include:

- Block-fronted facade to John Street
- Corner tower with a corrugated galvanised steel clad spire (probably a later addition)
- Pointed arched windows with green glass and lead lighting
- Quarry faced bluestone plinth

The church was possibly constructed in stages and there was once a manse on the site immediately to the west. There is a mature Canary Island palm to one side that probably dates from the interwar period.

Integrity

External Integrity and condition

Integrity - Low. Condition - Fair.

Physical Description 2

Context

The former Primitive Methodist Church is surrounded by predominantly Victorian era housing. There is an early single storey Victorian shop on the opposite corner.

Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs, Developing Cultural Institutions and Ways of Life

Physical Description 3

Associations

Primitive Methodist Church

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