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# TIMBER CHRIST CHURCH SITE

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## Location

66 HENNA STREET WARRNAMBOOL, WARRNAMBOOL CITY

## Municipality

WARRNAMBOOL CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7321-0090

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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**Interpretation of Site** The first Anglican Church constructed on the site was demolished to make way for the current church built in the late 19th century.

The archaeological significance of the site lies in the potential of the remains to provide information on early ecclesiastical architectural and construction quality in the 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** The northern portion of the site at the time of inspection was being excavated to a depth of over 1.2 m with concrete footings having been recently laid. The eastern side of the extant church also had some machine work being carried out at the time of inspection. The expanse of lawn and garden between the Church and Henna St and the sealed surfaces to the south towards the rectory could have preserved the remains of the earlier church, such as post holes and other footings. Remains of the earlier church could also be present within the footprint of the existing Rectory, between the foundation trenches. Earlier garden beds and borders and paths, as well as refuse and cess pits associated with the manse, or earlier version of, are also likely to be present

Historical Significance	The original timber Christ Church was built to replace the first Anglican church in Warrnambool, a small brick building on Liebig Street .
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## History

The first Anglican church was built on the site in 1853 after the congregation moved from a smaller premises in Liebig Street. It was a timber building sited in the area where the present parsonage or rectory is now located. The foundation stone for the nave of the present Christ Church was laid on 2 December 1855. The massive stone church of today was expanded and modified over the remainder of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. A more complete history of Christ Church can be found in the VHR listing H0387.

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