

## FORMER METHODIST CHURCH



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1 former methodist church  
california gully front view



Former Wesleyan Methodist  
Church Elser Street California  
Gully Eaglehawk

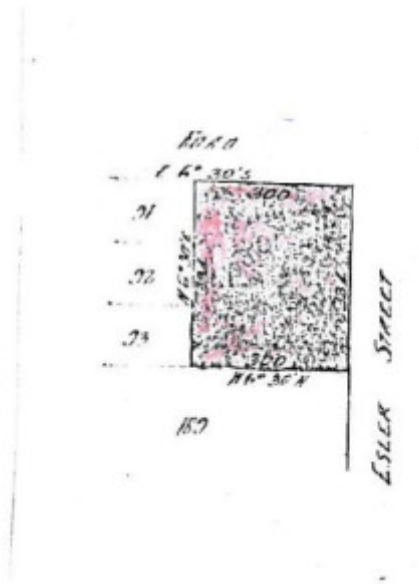


Former Wesleyan Methodist  
Church Elser Street California  
Gully Eaglehawk Right Side



Former Wesleyan Methodist  
Church Elser Street California  
Gully Eaglehawk Side View

EXTENT OF DESIGNATION  
(SUMMARY)



H0692 H0692 plan

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**Location**

12-14 ESLER STREET CALIFORNIA GULLY, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

**Municipality**

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

**Level of significance**

Registered

**Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H0692

**Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO321

**VHR Registration**

August 24, 1988

**Heritage Listing**

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 28, 1999

The former California gully Methodist church is of historical and architectural importance for the following reasons:

1. As a substantial Wesleyan Methodist church built in 1870-75 which reflects the strength of non-conformist religious sentiment in the central goldfields region of Victoria last century.
2. As an important example of church architecture built to the design of the architects McPherson and Laurie. The interior of the church comprises an exceptionally fine and intact decorative scheme consisting principally of a star-spangled ceiling and imitation masonry block walls. cedar pews provide seating for 550 people. The unpainted exterior brickwork is a striking feature with bichrome yellow on red, with a Lombardic step-bracketted gable and Gothic pinnacles.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

**Places of worship:** In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

**Subdivision/consolidation:** Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates	1870,
Architect/Designer	McPherson & Laurie,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	1819

Property Number

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## **Extent of Registration**

### **AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS**

Historic Building No. 692.

Former Methodist Church, Esler Street, California Gully

to the extent of all of the land and the former Methodist Church building included on the Certificate of Title entered in the Register Book Volume 1173 Folio 234539 according to the plan held by the Ministry for Planning and Environment.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* G32 24 August 1988 pp.2561-2562]

*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.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*