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Location

29 Curletts Road, LARA VIC 3212 - Property No 281655

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1994

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE

What is Significant?

The Holy Trinity Church of England tower and the lintel stone from the original Church building at 29 Curletts Road, Lara, have significance as physical legacies of the former Victorian Gothic Revival styled bluestone building designed by the Geelong architect, Joseph Watts, and constructed in 1877. This original building had been built with the financial support of F.W. Armytage of Wooloomanata Homestead and George Fairbairn of Windermere Homestead (Pirra Homestead). The Holy Trinity Church was substantially destroyed by a bushfire that devastated much of Lara on 9 January 1969. The three level bluestone tower, delineated by double limestone bevels, limestone quoinwork, bevelled buttresses, pointed ground floor opening and pointed-arched upper ventilation openings, together with the nearby lintel stone, are in good condition. The later Church of 1971 has been respectfully designed to allow the original tower to be retained as the dominant centrepiece of the building complex.

How is it Significant?

The Holy Trinity Church of England tower and lintel stone at 29 Curletts Road are historically and socially significant at a LOCAL level.

Why is it Significant?

The Holy Trinity Church of England tower and lintel stone at 29 Curletts Road is historically significant for its associations with the life and development of the Anglican Church in Lara from 1877 (Criteria A & H). The tower, which formed the base of the spire, has been a well-known local spiritual and architectural landmark since that time. Both the tower and lintel stone are tangible markers of 19th century Anglican faith and faith education in Lara and they are symbols of resilience as a consequence of the disastrous bushfire of 1969. They are recognised and valued by sections of the Lara community for these reasons. The historical and social significance of the Holy Trinity Church of England is especially embodied in the fabric of the bluestone tower and lintel stone.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Lara Heritage Review Phase 2, D. Rowe & W. Jacobs, 2013;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered object,
Hermes Number	195331
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

The Holy Trinity Church of England tower at 29 Curletts Road comprises three levels of bluestone construction, delineated by double limestone bevels. The corners are adorned by limestone quoinwork, and the base is flanked by imposing bevelled buttresses. The pointed-arched ground floor opening - once the main doorway - has been infilled with glazing. The upper pointed-arched openings have introduced ventilation louvres (the early louvres perished in the fire). Crowning the tower is a shallow pitched pyramidal roof that appears to be constructed in metal decking. The tower forms the centrepiece of the shallow-pitched bluestone and calsil brick church building constructed in 1971.

The lintel stone of the original Holy Trinity Church is situated in the garden to the south of the tower. A plaque is located above it, while a circular arrangement of bluestones form a border to the stone.

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