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# MOONEE VALLEY UNITING CHURCH & HALL



23A Gladstone Street.JPG



Essendon Conservation Study 1985

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## Location

23 & 23A GLADSTONE STREET, MOONEE PONDS, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO56

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The former Wesleyan Church and Hall at 23 & 23A Gladstone Street, Moonee Ponds are significant. The following buildings and features contribute to the significance of the place:

- The original form, detailings, materials, and setting of the church, including its interior, and hall.
- The relatively high integrity of the exterior and interior of the church, and the exterior of the hall.

- The visual relationship between the church and hall.
- The view of the church from Puckle Street down Pratt Street.

### **How is it significant?**

The former Wesleyan Church & Hall is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

### **Why is it significant?**

Historically and socially, the church is important as an early public building within Moonee Ponds. The church and its hall are expressive of the growth of Moonee Ponds in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and as a place that has been a focus of community life for over 100 years. (Criteria A & G)

Architecturally, the church is a highly successful combination of traditional church architectural forms that may be experienced both internally and externally, and is notable for its impressive spire. Aesthetically the church, which is set axially to a view corridor, and the former hall adjacent form a landmark complex, which contributes to the historic character of the surrounding residential heritage precinct. (Criteria D & E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Essendon Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1985;
Construction dates	1890,
Architect/Designer	Duguid, AE,
Other Names	former Wesleyan Church,
Hermes Number	23964
Property Number	

## **Physical Description 1**

A red brick and stucco church in the Gothic revival manner which is distinguished by its exceptionally tall, slated spire and the row of gabled side chapels at the west and east elevations. Composed successfully as an integration of gabled, differently sized forms which are also repeated, in details such as roof vents and parapet stepping. Unusual engaged columns, at the nave gable, support bartizan towers which are also placed over angle buttresses to the tower. Internally, lacquered lining boards, by their linear patterns, highlight the interlocking side-chapels and nave forms and provide a richness of colour. A pipe organ is set in the apse.

Externally, generally original except for the removal of the front fence (presumed picket), the addition of concrete paving, and the intrusive placement of a large illuminated cross-over the bell-tower vent. Trim colours have changed. The former Church Hall is at one side. It is a brick gabled fronted hall.

Set axially to Pratt Street, also designed to be viewed in three dimensions, via oblique views from the west. Elements of the surrounding residential area are contemporary with the church. (Refer Ascot Vale Estate, Conservation Areas).

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