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# PAKENHAM UPPER CHURCH-HALL



Pakenham Upper Church Hall

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## Location

OLD GEMBROOK ROAD, PAKENHAM UPPER, CARDINIA SHIRE

## Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO93

## Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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Pakenham Upper church is significant to the Cardinia Shire as a major and early public building with high integrity to its construction date. It is a reflection of the lives of locally important people (Copeland, Ramage, Clink, Matters) and rare as an early timber church which has survived in a forested area often overrun with fires. Its use as a hall/church for many denominations and local school is also indicative of the role of the first public buildings in the Shire. The church contributes to a local public building precinct and has local landmark qualities.

*Regional Significance*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996;
Construction dates	1879,
Other Names	Old Gembrook Road, Pakenham Upper,
Hermes Number	30092
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## Physical Description 1

This simple austere timber gabled church, with rear skillion, has early interior decoration such as the banner painted behind the altar which was typical of many early 20th and 19th century Wesleyan-Methodist churches. The front entry is a simple four-panelled door, with no porch, and the windows along the side are multi-paned and double-hung. The front fence is wire fabric loosely attached to timber posts. There are some spade-head pickets at the gateway.

## Physical Conditions

The church is in externally near original condition except for alterations at the rear and the replacement of the original boundary fence (presumed picket).

## Historical Australian Themes

Historical Themes

8.3 Farming townships, e.g. Pakenham Upper, Bunyip

9.3 Churches and cemeteries

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