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# Thomson Memorial Church & Organ - Terang Historic Area



B2310 Thomson Memorial Church Terang

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## Location

High Street,, TERANG VIC 3264 - Property No B2310

## Municipality

CORANGAMITE SHIRE

## Level of significance

Regional

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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Church Statement of Significance: One of the largest and finest country parish churches in Victoria, built in 1890 to the design of Reed, Henderson and Smart in a style with French overtones in such aspects as the semicircular pseudo-apse (actually the vestry), the pinnacles clustered about the base of the spire, and the spiral curved stair tower with steeped-up window openings. It is one of the few churches in Victoria in which the spire was completed in the initial building campaign, and the interior is enhanced by a wagon-headed roof.

Church Classified: 25/06/1969

Organ Statement of Significance: A two-manual organ of 14 stops built in 1879 by William Anderson for Holy

Trinity Church, Kew, and installed in its present location in 1902 following its rebuilding by George Fincham & Son. The instrument remains unaltered from its 1902 state and retains its tonal scheme, pipework and action from that date. It is the only known example of Anderson's work in the Western District.

Organ Classified: 20/11/1991

Part of Historic Area. Statement of Significance: Terang is significant in several respects: the extent and richness of its early twentieth century commercial architecture in comparison to other country towns; its picturesque setting and exotic tree plantings; and the buildings, avenues and monuments which are a legacy of its strong community ideal.

Terang's townscape comprises an unusual, attractive and harmonious juxtaposition of two important and conflicting ideals in Australian history: the patron age of the self-styled landed gentry, and the communal aspirations of the villagers and yeomanry who also flourished in this unusually fertile locality. The precincts which are most central to this character are the High Street town centre, the major avenues, Bradshaws Hill and the dry Lake Terang, and the Railway Station precinct.

Classified: 02/03/1988

Other Names Thomson Memorial Presbyterian Church,

Hermes Number 67786

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