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Location

159 Victoria Parade, COLLINGWOOD VIC 3066 - Property No 100565

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO139

Heritage Listing

Yarra City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 2008

The following wording is from the Allom and Lovell Building Citation, 1998 for the property. Please note that this is a "Building Citation", not a "Statement of Significance". For further information refer to the Building Citation held by the City of Yarra.

History:

The Collingwood Particular Baptists first met at a church in Wellington Street, moving to the Victoria Parade chapel at its opening in 1870. It continued in use in 1910 as the Ebenezer Particular Baptist church with Peter Johnston as pastor. By 1912 it was known as the Baptist Church.

The Particular, or Strict Baptist, held a different view from the General Baptists on the Atonement, believing that it applied only to a select few. The name Ebenezer is derived from the Hebrew word meaning 'stone of help' and was the name of the monument which Samuel raised to God after the victory of the Israelites over the Philistines. It was a popular name amongst the Particular Baptists who first settled in Melbourne from England in 1850.

The church is now used as offices.

Description:

The Former Ebenezer Particular Baptist Church, 159 Victoria Parade, Collingwood, is a simple, symmetrical polychromatic brick building with a gabled slate roof. The walls are of brown face brick, with cream brick dressings to window openings and eaves, and red and cream diaper work to string courses and stepped buttresses. The south elevation has a projecting, lower, enclosed entrance porch with a central arched doorway flanked by semi-circular arched windows with a string course at impost level. It has a cream brick parapet with brick cornice and central triangular pediment. Above this section, the main gable-end of the building has tripartite semicircular arched windows above a cream and red brick string course. The eaves are bracketed. The corners of the building have stepped buttresses with cream and red brick diaper work. The side elevations have brick buttresses separating large arched windows.

The interior has been substantially altered to accommodate offices.

Significance:

The former Ebenezer Particular Baptist Church, 159 Victoria Parade, Collingwood, is of local architectural significance. The building is a very good example of polychromatic brickwork applied to a church building, and a rare, possibly unique, example of the style in a church built by the Particular Baptists. The building is an important heritage element in the Victoria Parade streetscape. Its association with a minority 19th century Christian Church sect is of local historical interest.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra - City of Collingwood Conservation Study, Andrew Ward & Associates, 1989; Yarra - City of Collingwood Conservation Study, Andrew Ward & Associates, 1995; Yarra - City of Yarra Heritage Review, Allom Lovell & Associates, 1998; Yarra - City of Yarra Review of Heritage Overlay Areas, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2007;
Construction dates	1870,
Hermes Number	102799
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Integrity

not assessed

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/>