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Location

215-225 Wellington Street, COLLINGWOOD VIC 3066 - Property No 121520

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO144

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 foundation stone for St Georges Presbyterian Church was laid on 23 December 1861, and the church opened on 6 June, 1862. The church was a major centre of Presbyterian mission work in the inner suburbs.

In 1907 an extension was provided immediately to the east and in 1924 alterations were made to accommodate a kindergarten. On 26 June 1937, the John Barnaby Hall and kindergarten adjoining the church in Otter Street were opened, the front portion being demolished in 1967.

The building is now known as St Martin's Community Centre.

Description:

The former St Georges Presbyterian Church, at 215 Wellington Street, Collingwood, is a mid- Victorian Gothic Revival bluestone church. The plan consists of a nave and the base of a spire which was never completed. Walls are of bluestone, with pointed arch diamond-pane leadlight windows with hopper openings along the length of the nave, in bays defined by staged buttresses. Decoration is limited to cream brick dressings and rendered offsets to the buttresses. The entrance is via a lower, enclosed porch at the north end of the east elevation.

Internally, the south portion of the nave was built in as office space c.1937 as part of the adjoining kindergarten development. The remaining portion of the nave has level pressed metal ceiling linings and ventilators and rendered walls with ashlar markings. The only decorated window is in honour of Rev. D McKenzie, the minister of the church from 4 April 1878 to 15 November, 1904.

Significance:

The former St Georges Presbyterian Church, at 215 Wellington Street, Collingwood, is of local historical and architectural significance. Historically, the church was a centre of Presbyterian mission work in the inner suburbs. Architecturally, the building is a simple early bluestone structure which is an important heritage element in the Wellington and Otter Street streetscapes.

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	1861,
Hermes Number	102803
Property Number	

Physical Description 2

Lovell: 413 extended 1907, hall 1937,

Physical Description 1

A mid Victorian Gothic bluestone church consisting of nave and base of a spire, never completed. The lancet arched windows are located generally along the length of the nave in bays defined by buttresses. Decoration is limited to cream brick dressings and stuccoed offsets to the buttresses. The roof is slated, whilst the John Barnaby Memorial Kindergarten adjoins to the west. Inside, the south portion of the nave was built in with office space c1937 (?) as part of the kindergarten. The remaining portion of the nave has level "Wunderlich" ceiling linings and ventilators, stuccoed walls with ashlar markings and simple leadlight windows in lancet openings. The only decorated window is in the Rev. D. McKenzie's honour and carries an inscription which reads : "To commemorate the Ministry of the Rev'd D. McKenzie who presided over this church and congregation from 4th April, 1878 till 15th November, 1904. The pews are in situ. (Ward, 1995)

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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.

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