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# Stawell Brass Band Hall (former United Methodists Free Church), 52 Wakeham Street, STAWELL



SL 400 - Stawell Municipal  
Brass Band Hall

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## Location

52 Wakeham Street STAWELL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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The Band Hall (former United Methodist Chapel), 52 Wakeham Street, Stawell, has significance as a moderately intact example of a rudimentary Victorian Romanesque Gothic style. Built in 1871, the building is a legacy of the development of the United Methodist Church, which amalgamated to form the Methodist Church of Australasia in 1902. From that time, the building served as a Masonic Temple until 1926, before becoming a Band Hall in 1929 for the Stawell Brass Band. Although there have been some alterations and additions to the building, the original and early form and design is still extant, and the building appears to be in fair condition when viewed from the street.

The Band Hall (former United Methodist Chapel) at 52 Wakeham Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. Although altered, it still demonstrates original and early design qualities of a rudimentary Victorian Romanesque Gothic style. These qualities include the steeply pitched and parapeted gable roof form, together with the projecting gable at the side and the small gable porch at one end. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the round arched window openings, projecting brick buttresses, brick wall construction (but not the overpainting), corrugated profile to the metal sheet roof cladding, brick chimney with multi-corbelled top and the small blind oculus window in the gable end.

The Band Hall (former United Methodist Chapel) at 52 Wakeham Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the development of the United Methodist Church, who was responsible for the construction of this chapel building in 1871. The building also has associations with the local Masonic fraternity, who occupied the building as a Masonic Temple after the amalgamation of the Methodist denominations (forming the Methodist Church of Australasia in 1902) from 1902 until 1926. There are also associations with the Stawell Brass Band, who have used the building as a practice hall since 1929.

The Band Hall (former United Methodist Chapel) at 52 Wakeham Street is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised by the Stawell community as an important meeting place, having been a centre for religious and cultural development since 1871.

Overall, the Band Hall (former United Methodist Chapel) at 52 Wakeham Street is of **LOCAL** significance.

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## Physical Description 1

The Band Hall (former United Methodist Chapel) at the corner of Wakeham and Sloane Streets, Stawell, is set on a substantial allotment, with open grassed surrounds.

The painted brick, rudimentary Victorian Romanesque Gothic styled building is characterised by an original steeply pitched and parapeted gable roof form, together with a projecting gable at the side that may have been introduced at an early period. There is also a porch gable at one end with recent brick wall construction, together with later skillion additions at the other end. These roof forms are clad in corrugated Colorbond (church gable) and painted galvanised corrugated iron (porch gable).

Other early features of the design include the round arched window openings and projecting brick buttresses, together with the brick chimney with the multi-corbelled top. The small round blind oculus in the gable end is also early.

Other alterations include the aluminium framed and glazed doors to the porch gable, together with the doors of similar construction in the projecting side gable.

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