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# Newport Baptist Church Complex



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## Location

24-26 Mason Street NEWPORT, Hobsons Bay City

## Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO180

## Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Newport Baptist Church complex comprising the Church, constructed in 1913 and the Hall, constructed in 1957, at 24-26 Mason Street, Newport.

How is it Significant?

The Newport Baptist Church complex is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as a major public building that illustrates the second wave of population growth and community development in Newport during the Edwardian era. (AHC criterion A4)

Socially, it is significant for the important role it has played in the development of Newport as a meeting place that is highly valued by the local community. (AHC criterion G1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a key civic complex that contributes to the historic character of the Mason Street civic and commercial precinct. (AHC criterion E1)

Heritage Study/Consultant Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006;

Construction dates 1913,

Hermes Number 15112

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

The Newport Baptist Church complex comprises two gabled red brick buildings. The church, constructed in 1913, is in a Modern Gothic style and has a foundation stone with the name of 'Rev AH Potter' inscribed with the date of 13 December 1913. The postwar hall is an austere building with an central entrance flanked by tall narrow windows, and there is plaque set by WM Pollard with the construction date of 2 March 1957. 'Baptist Hall' is set in metal letters above the entrance.

Both buildings are altered in detail and are linked by a recent glazed gabled entry porch. There is a hipped roof weatherboarded annexe at the rear and a sign stating 'Williamstown Food Relief Centre'.

## Integrity

External Condition

good (partially disturbed, well preserved)

External Integrity

substantially intact/some intrusions

## Physical Description 2

Context

Contributory part of Newport Civic & Commercial Precinct, set at edge of commercial section.

## Historical Australian Themes

Forming associations, Making places for worship

### **Physical Description 3**

#### *Associations*

Baptist Church

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