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# Baptist Church (present) including interior

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## Location

7 Aberdeen Street, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 200007

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0427

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1622

HO103

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The former Aberdeen Street Baptist church erected in 1853 has associations with the earliest foundations of the Baptist Church in Victoria, being erected only sixteen years after establishment of the Church in Melbourne. The Aberdeen Street Church is the oldest surviving Baptist Church in Victoria outside the metropolitan area and one which is notable for the architectural composition and quality of the masonry craftsmanship. The Design derives from 1840's Italianate pattern books and is an important work of architect John Young.

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Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	15260
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