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# Noble Stree Methodist Church (former), now Noble Street Uniting Church

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## Location

35 Noble Street, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 203286

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1158

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO198

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Newtown Methodist Church opened on 22 May, 1859, as one of the earliest and most substantial of the structures erected by the Wesleyan Methodist in the first two decades of settlement in Victoria. The austere, simple hall church survives intact to illustrated the secular nature of Wesleyan Methodist Church architecture of the 1850's. The open roof structure of the interior is reputedly of interest.

This Norman Romanesque Style Church, of unknown design origin, was constructed by Pile and Brimblecombe using Marnockvale basalt to replace an earlier primitive brick building of 1849.

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register.

Historic Buildings Council Register.

## REFERENCES

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Bottrell, JH - "After Eighty Years" - Geelong Advertiser, 12 October, 1929. Detailed history and illustration.

Wesleyan Chronicle - 1 June, 1859, p.140.

Pescott, E. E. - Noble Street Methodist Church, the Centenary Story, 1949.

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No 937.

Geelong Advertiser - 24 August, 1854, tender notice for carpenters and joiners work, plans and specifications, at Mr Hanson's, Saffron Street, Chilwell.

15th October, 1883 - Chilwell Wesleyan Church celebrates 34th anniversary. 8 March, 1958, p. 16.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - City of Newtown Urban Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1991;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	15921
Property Number	

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