
Baptist Church and Sunday School

Location

14 Fenwick Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 213213

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO920

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically it is one of Geelong's early religious buildings and has remained generally unchanged, externally. Architecturally, an austere stone design which reflects an , architectural restraint common to the non-conformist Protestant denominations of the 19th. century, also part of an ecclesiastical group which extends south from Little Malop Street, almost to Ryrie. The hall contributes visually to the complex and possesses some unusual detailing porch.

References

Wynd - Churches of Geelong

GEH. p. 12

HPDS 297

Wilkins - Baptists in Victoria, P38 & p49

GHRC - Dipute Existence

Fenwick Street Baptist Church, Geelong - 50 Years of service, 1857-1907 (Geelong 1907) p2.

Geelong Advertiser 24/11/68

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D 1939; note D1930 gives occupant as Baptist Church

GHRC Collection

Heritage Study/Consultant Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1993;

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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

Description An Early English Gothic Revival church constructed from coursed basalt, with Barabool Hills sandstone dressings to copings, openings and buttresses. The gabled roof is slated in alternating fish scale and bonded patterns and small gabled vents set below the ridge echo the buttress copings below. At the rear, is a quaint brick gabled hall in the Gothic manner, attached to a castellated porch. Although linked to the church, this is done discreetly, allowing both buildings to appear freestanding. An early view of the church shows what appears to be a tall picket fence set between stout capped posts. In that era there were also street trees in front of the property. Otherwise the church is as it is today, minus the side addition.

External Integrity

The fence has been removed, the yard basalt edged and gravelled, signs added and an intrusive addition placed on the south, with an associated new door formed from the former side window of the church.

Streetscape

Part of an ecclesiastical group including the Reformed Presbyterian Church 1862 and residence to the north and the St. Georges Church complex on the west.

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