
South Geelong Wesleyan Church Complex (former)

Location

449 Moorabool Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 216535

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1072

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically, a gathering place over a long period and one of the few remaining civic buildings to serve the South Geelong community.

Architecturally, a simple and incomplete design, but it possesses a distinctive corner tower and forms part of an ecclesiastical building group which mainly follows Medieval sources, except for the temperance hall.

REFERENCES

RS 4552 29.5.49 letter

Loc.cit. 20.1.1851

Gov Gaz 8.10.61

Huddle V1, p 64 cites GA 15.12.53 tenders for building part of chapel.

RH Thomas and Index of Victorian Wesleyan Methodist Churches 1836-1902, 1970' Property Schedule of the Yarra Street Wesleyan Circuit Geelong, 1873/6.

Investigator 3, 1969 open 27/6/1869.

RS4552: 18/12/1890 complex with church, school, parsonage and outbuilding.

GHRC notes

GA 17/7/84

JH Botrell "Early History of South Geelong" Geelong Advertiser 21 October, 1933.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Volumes 2-5, Graeme Butler, 1991;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
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Physical Description 1

Description

Constructed of basalt masonry, the church follows the typical Early English Gothic Revival path, although it is distinguished among this large group by its comertower porch entry. Details are executed in cement, at comers and around openings, and the roof is clad with slate. Cement work around the main pointed window appears morerecentthanothers andthe spireletis also presumably new. The church was once the focus for a major ecclesiastical building group comprised of the residence demolished, Sunday School Balliang Street and temperance hall altered.

External Integrity

New sympathetic spire to comer tower, probably new lights in the main western window and the fence has been removed (presumed timber picket).

Streetscape

Still recognizable as part of the former Wesleyan complex,albeitseparatedbyintrusive new uses.

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