
Free Presbyterian Church (former)

Location

2 Myers Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 216610

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO139

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 6, 2018

B Listed - Regional Significance

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE The Free Presbyterian Church, also known as the Gaelic Church and the Highland Presbyterian Church was erected 1858-9 to the designs of Geelong architect Christopher Porter. The stucco rendered masonry structure designed as an eclectic and transitional fusion of Colonial Georgian with Gothic and Classically derived ornamentation has important associations with the establishment of the Free Presbyterian Church congregation in Geelong and with the large serving incumbent (1881-1932) the Rev. John Sinclair. The Church is one of few surviving works of architect Christopher Porter and a notable example of a preaching church in Victoria.

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register.

Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate.

REFERENCES

Geelong Advertiser - 3rd November, 1858, tender notice.

25th November, 1858, reference to being under construction.

19th February, 1859, tender for fittings.

24th March, 1859, tender for fencing.

23rd May, 1859, list of Costs.

Seaton, Gladys, - The Ashby Story - A History of Geelong West, Adams Printers Pty Ltd. For Geelong West City Council, 1978. p. 75.

Australian Messenger - 24th February, 1857.

Rev. John Sinclair - A Memorial Volume, Melbourne, 1932, Chapters 9 & 10.

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No 1146.

Removed From City Fringe Heritage Area (HO1639)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study Volume 2, Allan Willingham, 1986; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Volumes 2-5, Graeme Butler, 1991; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study Volume 1, Graeme Butler, 1993; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Volume 4(a), Helen Lardner, 1995; Geelong City Fringe Heritage Area Review, RBA Architects + Conservation Consultants, 2018;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	20064
Property Number	

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