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# St John's Lutheran Church

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## Location

165 Yarra Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 219321

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0656

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO226

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The former St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is constructed of slop moulded brick erected in 1841/42 by contractors Sommerville and Marr. It is of paramount historical importance, being the first Presbyterian Church in Geelong, the oldest surviving brick or stone structure in the region, and the earliest documented work of Alexander Skene, the first architect/surveyor to practice in the town. Skene later became the Surveyor-General in Victoria, 1869-86, as well as being a noted colonial architect both in Melbourne and in Geelong. The two storey stucco rendered classical style building fronting the original church was erected in c1912.

### RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Historic Buildings Council Register

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Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	21215
Property Number	

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