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# Barwon Heads Uniting Church

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## Location

71 Hitchcock Avenue, BARWON HEADS VIC 3227 - Property No 229808

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1685

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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The Barwon Heads Uniting Church building at 71 Hitchcock Avenue is aesthetically significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the Victorian Carpenter Gothic style. These qualities include the central gable roof form, with a minor porch gable projecting towards the street frontage and transept gables projecting at the sides. Other intact qualities include the horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, timber framed and pointed-arch leadlight windows, pointed-arch timber entrance door, timber flying gable fretwork and finial. The Church building also makes a significant contribution to the single storey, pitched roof streetscape. The Barwon Heads Uniting Church building at 71 Hitchcock Avenue is historically significant at a REGIONAL level. It is associated with the development of the Methodist Church at Connewarre in 1873 and in Barwon Heads in 1891. The Church building is also historically significant at a LOCAL level for its associations with the Flinders Estate subdivision of 1887 and the Barwon Heads Estate Company Limited subdivision of 1891. The bell within the Uniting Church property is historically significant at a LOCAL level for its associations with the ship wreck, the Sussex. The Barwon Heads Uniting Church building at 71 Hitchcock Street is socially significant at a LOCAL level. It is recognised and valued by the local community for religious reasons. Overall, the Barwon Heads Uniting Church building at 71 Hitchcock Avenue is of LOCAL significance. It is highly recommended that a Conservation Management Plan be carried out on the property. Statement of Cultural Significance

## References

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Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Greater Geelong Outer Areas Heritage Study Volumes 1, 2 & 4, Authentic Heritage Services Pty Ltd, 2000;
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## Physical Description 1

The site at 71 Hitchcock Avenue has visual connections to some tall pine trees and an avenue of gum trees at the north end, together with single storey residential, religious and commercial buildings of mixed styles and periods. This Church building has large front and side setbacks, due to the substantial size of the land. These setbacks are shown on the 1994 Barwon Water Amended Plan of Drainage. The single storey, symmetrical, horizontal weatherboard Victorian Carpenter Gothic building is characterised by a central gable roof form, with a minor porch gable projecting towards the street frontage and transept gables projecting at the sides. These roof forms appear to be clad in galvanised corrugated iron. Timber framed and pointed leadlight windows adorn the elevations. An early pointed timber entrance door is situated on the north projecting transept, while a recent door is located on the front porch. Early decorative features of the design include the timber flying gable fretwork and finial. Description

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