
Uniting Church

Location

107 The Parade, OCEAN GROVE VIC 3226 - Property No 264221

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1605

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The former Wesleyan Methodist Church, Ocean Grove was built of weatherboard construction in 1888. Designed by architect A J Derrick, it has a high standard of integrity.

It is of aesthetic, historic and social significance to the Ocean Grove community.

The former Wesleyan Methodist Church, now a Uniting Church, was designed by Geelong architect A J Derrick who left his architectural practice in 1893 to be founding secretary of the Central Methodist Mission at Wesley Church, Melbourne. The church is a significant place in the development of Ocean Grove as a summer retreat for Methodists. The proportions and decoration, especially the unusual decorative timber bargeboards are attractive and distinctive compared with the plain style of most Carpenter Gothic churches on the Peninsula.

It is of **LOCAL** cultural significance.

REFERENCES:

1. Wynd, 1. 1988 *Balla-wein a history of the Shire of Bellarine*, p. 107

2. Prowse H+C, *A Century of Christian Witness 1888-1988* p. 18

3. *ibid.* , p20

4. *ibid.* , p.21-3

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Bellarine Heritage Study, Huddle, Howe, Lewis and Francis, 1996;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	21589
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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION:

The excellent example of Victorian Carpenter Gothic is sited on a large corner block with several mature trees, a freestanding timber bellcote to the north, a newer flat roof extension on the north west corner, and a current extension is being built on the west end. The building is a timber frame, weatherboard clad structure with a steep pitch gable roof running east-west, clad in corrugated iron.

The east elevation has a prominent gable with unusual decorative timber bargeboards with a clover leaf or symbolic cross cutout and a large timber finial and pendant at the apex. There are two symmetrical pointed arch motifs multiple pane windows with articulated timber architraves. The projecting gable portico has the same style window in the centre, and matching decorative timber bargeboards, finial and pendant as the large gable elevation behind. The south and north elevations each have a pointed arch motif timber door on the projecting gable, small decorative timber bargeboards and four pointed arch motif multiple pane windows. The west elevation has a leadlight wheel window as gable decoration.

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