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# St Paul's Anglican Church

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## Location

10 Dudley Parade, ST LEONARDS VIC 3223 - Property No 271652

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1559

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St Paul's Church St Leonards is an unusual vertical weatherboard building in the Victorian Carpenter Gothic style dating from c1850's. The church was moved from its original location and has had several additions but is in good condition. It may be a model of one of the Victorian Carpenter Gothic designs provided by the Ecclesiological Society in England. This Society encouraged the development of timber church architecture in the South Pacific Region.

St Paul's is of social, scientific and historic value to the Bellarine Peninsula and the local St Leonards community.

St Paul's was described by the Bellarine Herald (14/11/96) as one of the oldest churches on the Peninsula. Originally called Christ Church located at the corner of Church Road and the Portarlington-Geelong Road, East Bellarine it was thought to have been brought out to Geelong ballast in the early days of settlement. After serving the farming and fishing families of the Bellarine area it was moved by wagon in 1915 to St Leonards and dedicated as St Paul's Church of England (Bellarine Herald 24/12/15). It has also been used by other denominations for services and is presently used by the Anglican and Uniting Churches. One of the 'moving'

buildings of the Peninsula, St Paul's has been an important place for the worship and social life of two communities for almost 150 years. It is scientific value as it has good potential for research into the construction techniques and materials which may be prefabricated and designed according to the principles of the Ecclesiological Society.

It is of Local significance.

## REFERENCES

Clark, Jean - Beginnings St Paul's Anglican Church St Leonards n.d. p9.

Ibid, p.p. 10-12

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Bellarine Heritage Study, Huddle, Howe, Lewis and Francis, 1996;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	21682
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## Physical Description 1

### DESCRIPTION

The large site with several mature trees has a small Victorian Carpenter Gothic Church, bounded by a wire cyclone fence with brick gateposts on the south boundary. The timber frame building has a gabled roof, clad in slate, with distinctive vertical cladding on the main section and weatherboards on the porch. The west gable end has horizontal scalloped weatherboards board decoration, typical of that used in the 1920's and indicated alterations were made to the original church possibly at the time the belfry was constructed (1921). There are wooden crosses at the apex of the gable ends.

The west elevation has a small gabled entrance porch with a 4 pane double-hung window and a timber open frame belfry.

The east elevation has a separately roofed gable section with two paned windows and slate clad roof. The Dudley Street south elevation has distinctive windows consisting of 3 sets of double-hung paned glass with triangular fixed panes at the top. There is a c1960's addition on the Murradoc Road side.

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