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# Pakington Street Methodist Church (former) now St Phillips Uniting Church

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## Location

178 Pakington Street, GEELONG WEST VIC 3218 - Property No 311851

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1634

HO199

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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GRC - HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET NO. 283

The primitive Methodist Church in Geelong West was established in 1855 in a small chapel in Weller Street. In 1868 the congregation had erected a new Early English Gothic Style church in Pakington Street, of unknown design origin and constructed of rock faced basalt with freestone dressings. Davidson and Henderson, architects, designed the Sunday School additions to the rear in 1876. the Pakington Street Methodist Church is a typical Early English Gothic style Parish Church with important associations with the development of the Methodist faith in Geelong.

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register

## REFERENCES

Diamond Jubilee Souvenir, C Wilkinson, Printer for Pakington Street Methodist Sunday School, Geelong, 1913.

'Centenary of the Pakington Street Methodist Church', 1853-1953 booklet.

Geelong Advertiser - 1st September, 1876 tender for additions, (Willingham Index)

10th November 1868 - corner stone of Primitive Methodist Church in place (Willingham Index).

## **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE - City of Geelong West - Urban Conservation Study - Building Identification Form**

St Philips Uniting Church is an important link with the Methodist origins of the Uniting Church and it is particularly important to the development of Pakington Street as the community center in Geelong West. Its Early English Gothic design was unusual in Methodist churches in Geelong. The read additions were designed by Davidson and Henderson, architects.

It is of regional significance.

## POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

National State Register

Careful removal of the paint from the freestone dressings would greatly enhance the character of this building.

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L. Huddle - 'Architects in Geelong in the 1840's and 1850's, Humanities Research Report, Dept of Architecture, University of Melbourne.

Buchan, Laird and Buchan, Drawings & specifications, GHRC, Meth. 4.

Photograph No 599A & B, GHRC, United Free Methodist Church, Preston Street, 1909. Taken after move of congregation to Pakington Street.

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Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
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## Physical Description 1

## DESCRIPTION

Built in 1868 of rock faced bluestone with freestone quoining and dressings and a slate roof. It is a modest church in the Early English Gothic Style. This style was more common for Anglican churches in Geelong in the early 1840's and 1850's. The architect for this church is not known but it may have been Robert Balding, He was the architect of the Ashby School, Pakington Street, 1867. This building was also a modest quarry faced and qoiuned building as is the church. He was a devout Methodist and was the architect for a number of church buildings.

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