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# Altona Baptist Church



Altona Baptist Church,  
Hobsons Bay Heritage Study  
2006

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## Location

14 Sargood Street ALTONA, Hobsons Bay City

## Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO268

## Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Altona Baptist Church, comprising the church and the former Progress Hall constructed between 1917-22, at 14 Sargood Street, Altona.

How is it Significant?

The Altona Baptist Church is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically and socially, it is the oldest public building in Altona and is significant for its strong associations with the formative development of the Altona community as one of the first community meeting places and school in the area and as the Baptist Church for Altona over a long period. (AHC criteria A4 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant for its distinctive architectural form, albeit altered, with its broach spire. (AHC criteria E1)

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## Physical Description 1

This gabled timber church and former hall is unusual in form, has been altered but is recognisably early for the area. It has a broach spire, with narrow window, timber strapping which simulates half timbering, leadlight pointed windows in groups. The overall form is gabled with a skillion porch added to the front, wrapped around the spire base. A skillion has been added to the south side of the nave, joining with a gabled cross-bay, and the weatherboard cladding replaced with fibre cement sheet.

Corrugated metal sheeting has been used on the roof.

## Integrity

External Condition

Fair (disturbed, reasonably preserved)

External Integrity

Partially intact/intrusions

## Physical Description 2

Context

Sites on the fringe of the commercial area, backing onto a carpark.

## Historical Australian Themes

Making suburbs

## Physical Description 3

*Associations*

Altona Progress Association, Baptist Church

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