

# Geelong Masonic Centre (former Church)



27102 Regent Street No 25  
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27102 Regent Street No 25 Map

## Location

25-27 Regent Street, BELMONT Vic 3216 - Property No 236443

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

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## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### C - LISTED - LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Geelong Masonic Centre (former Church building only) at 25-27 Regent Street is aesthetically significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the postwar Gothic style which include the dominant gable roof form with projecting minor transept gables to the south and the imposing square tower to the north end. Other intact design qualities include the face brickwork, pointed and rectangular windows and leadlighting, cement rendered sills, pointed ventilation openings, pointed double timber doors, brick voussoirs and the squat spire with the cross above. The Church building also makes a significant contribution to the predominantly single storey residential streetscape

The Geelong Masonic Centre (former Church building only) at 25-27 Regent Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is of importance for its association with the development of the Methodist (and later Uniting) Church in the Belmont region. It is also of LOCAL historical significance because of its association with the Geelong builder, E.J. Lyons, and with the architect, Raymond Wilson.

The Geelong Masonic Centre (former Church building) at 25-27 Regent Street is socially significant at a LOCAL level. It has been and continues to be recognised by the community for reasons of its religious associations and forms a particular and significant component of the heritage of the Belmont region. Overall, the Geelong Masonic Centre (former Church building only) at 25-27 Regent Street is of LOCAL significance.

Opportunities are available for an extension to the existing hall building on the west elevation. To allow for sufficient visual separation with the significant former Church building, it is recommended that no extension project any further than the west wall of the existing western wing at the south end. It is also recommended that no extension project further forward (to the Regent Street frontage) of the existing hall building. The height of any new work is encouraged to be no higher than the existing hall building.

### REFERENCE

1. Shire of South Barwon Rate Book, 1955-56.
2. Lyons & Barnes, The Centenary of the Belmont Regent Street Uniting Church and interview by Rowe & Huddle with Mr Eric Lyons, retired Geelong builder, 3 March, 1999.
3. Personal comment, David Rowe.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - City of Greater Geelong Belmont Heritage Reports, Dr David Rowe, 2007;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,

Other Names	Former Uniting Church,
Hermes Number	27102
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## Physical Description 1

### DESCRIPTION

The site at 25-27 Regent Street has a significant view of the Barwon River aqueduct to east and is visually connected to the Belmont Fire Station and corner shop to the eastern end of Regent Street, and to St Stephen's Anglican Church to the north-west. The former Methodist Church building is set in a predominantly single storey residential streetscape, denoted by brick and timber houses with pitched roofs of different styles and periods. The former Church building has small setbacks to the front and west side, with a small courtyard between the Church and the non-significant Sunday School on the east.

The single storey face brick, rectangular, postwar Gothic styled former church building is characterised by its dominant, tiled gabled roof with minor transept gables along the south end and the imposing square tower with a squat spire at the north end. The eaves are supported by narrow brick buttresses along the sides. The majority of the windows are pointed, and have cement rendered sills and leadlighting. The windows in the transept gables and tower are rectangular and oriented vertically. These are closely spaced in horizontal banks and also have leadlighting. The ventilation openings in the tower are also pointed. The original, main timber double doors on the tower are also pointed.

Early decorative features include the buttresses, projecting brick voussoirs capping the windows and doors which act as drip moulds, leadlighting, colour variation in the brickwork delineating the plinth from the walls, and the cross on the top of the squat spire.

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