
FISH CREEK UNION CHURCH



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Location

21 LORIMER STREET, FISH CREEK, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 23, 2022

What is significant?

The Fish Creek Union Church designed and constructed by Olof Peterson and opened on 10 September 1910, at 21 Lorimer Street, Fish Creek, is significant. It is a Federation Carpenter Gothic Church of typical design with a gabled roof and a gabled porch with a side entry timber door. Contributory features include:

- Multi-pane Lancet (pointed arch) windows in the east nave wall and porch.
- Finial to the porch gable.
- Stain glass windows

This building is known for its prominent location on a hill at the entrance to the town, and for its simple fish design on its roof.

Non-original alterations and additions to the south and the west side are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Fish Creek Union Church is of local historic, aesthetic and social significance to South Gippsland Shire.

Why is it significant?

Historically, it is one of the oldest buildings in Fish Creek and is associated with the development of the town and district in the early twentieth century. It is significant as an example of a Union Church, which demonstrates how Protestant congregations co-operated during the formative years of settlement to establish places of worship. It illustrates the strength of inter-faith support within the community that continues today. (Criterion A)

Aesthetically, situated on a prominent and elevated site it is an historic landmark within Fish Creek. (Criterion E)

Socially, it is significant for its continuous use as a church for 110 years and has played an important role in the development of the Fish Creek community. (Criterion G)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1910, 1910, 1910,
Architect/Designer	Olof Peterson,
Other Names	Extra, -,
Hermes Number	30588
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Fish Creek Union Church is a simple timber Carpenter Gothic Church. It has been re-clad in hardiplank boards. It is situated on a prominent hilltop at the northwestern entrance to Fish Creek.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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