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1 methodist church nicholson street fitzroy front elevation apr1978



methodist church nicholson street fitzroy entrance aug1980



methodist church nicholson street fitzroy side elevation aug1980

Location

484 NICHOLSON STREET AND 10 CHURCH STREET FITZROY NORTH, YARRA CITY

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0148

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO217

VHR Registration

October 9, 1974

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 30, 2024

What is significant?

The Methodist Church, Nicholson Street, was erected in 1874 by Murray and Hill to a design by the architects Terry and Oakden. The exposed brick structure comprises an aisled nave. The buttresses and openings are decorated with contrasting brickwork, pressed cement keystones, mouldings and cappings, and corbelled gables. A shallow bell-cote and entrance are superimposed over the street facade. The main doorway is flanked by colonettes with capitals.

The Methodist Church is of architectural and historical significance to the State of Victoria.

The Methodist Church is of architectural significance as a fine example of Church architecture from the 1870s and an important work of the architects Terry and Oakden. It was designed by the firm in the first year of their partnership and is one of the first buildings to exhibit such typical characteristics of Oakden's work as corbelled gables, bellcote and striped serrated brickwork. Terry and Oakden were responsible for some elements of the Working Mens College (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology) buildings, and Oakden, in a later partnership with Addison and Kemp, was responsible for the ANZ Bank building in North Fitzroy.

The Methodist Church is of historical significance as a visible reminder of the growth of church congregations, reflecting the growth of 19th century Melbourne. The Church replaced a smaller wooden church that was opened on the site only three years earlier, demonstrating the speed with which congregations grew as Melbourne's suburbs were developed.

How is it significant?

Why is it significant?

Permit Exemptions

General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or

object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates	1874,
Architect/Designer	Terry & Oakden,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	479
Property Number	

Extent of Registration

City of Fitzroy. No. 148. Methodist Church, Nicholson Street, Fitzroy.
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No 100 Wednesday, October 9 1974 p.3648]

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.

For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>