

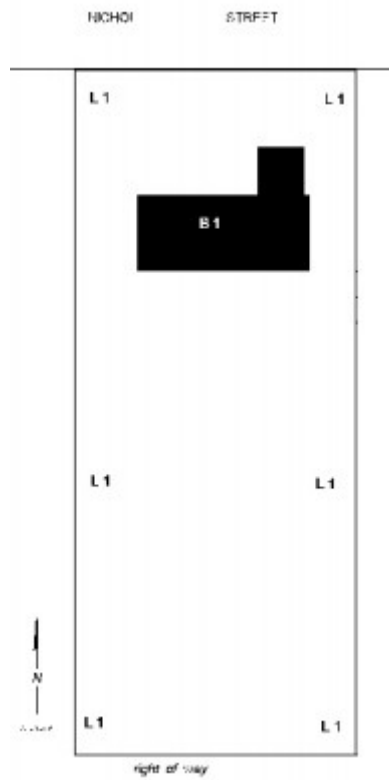
# BENDOC UNION CHURCH



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Bendoc Plan

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### **Location**

16 NICHOL STREET BENDOC, EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

### **Municipality**

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

### **Level of significance**

Registered

### **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H1775

### **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO292

### **VHR Registration**

February 18, 1999

### **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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### **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - May 31, 1999

What is significant?

The Bendoc Union Church was opened in October 1903 on a site donated by Norman Cameron, a district farmer and one of the original Trustees. Bendoc is a remote settlement originally developed in the 1850s as a gold settlement and later as a farming and timber town. Union, or multi-denominational, churches are relatively rare in Victoria. Bendoc Union Church is a simple timber building, constructed of local hardwood including sawn hardwood weatherboards. A projecting vestry faces the street. The original shingle roof has been replaced with corrugated iron, and only part of one of the finials (originally crosses) remains. The barge board detail and elaborate entry doors with hand-forged hinges are of interest. Internally, the church is substantially intact. The walls are of whitewashed sheet metal nailed to the studs. The ceiling is of ripple iron and features vent grilles which have been hand punched in a simple decorative pattern. The church still operates as a Union Church with the building held in trust for the local farming and town community. Today it is used by Anglicans, Presbyterians and Catholics.

How is it significant?

The Bendoc Union Church is of historical, social and architectural importance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Bendoc Union Church is historically and socially important as a rare and perhaps unique surviving example of a Union church still used for its original purpose and still owned by a community trust. It is an important manifestation of a remote rural locality's response to community needs and continues to serve in this capacity.

The Bendoc Union Church is of architectural importance as a vernacular church building reflecting available materials and local craftsmanship. Only the western doors and the decorated bargeboards have any pretensions and the hand-punched ceiling vent grilles are of architectural interest. The use of sawn hardwood weatherboards is unusual in the wider Victorian context but typical in the East Gippsland region with its timber resources. The high degree of intactness of the building adds to its significance.

## 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](#).

### Specific Exemptions:

General Conditions:

1. All alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the

registered place or object.

2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible.

3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it.

4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.

5. Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

#### Exterior

- \* Repairs and maintenance which replace like with like.
- \* Installation, repair, removal or replacement of fences and gates.
- \* Laying or removal of concrete or bitumen paving.
- \* Reblocking and replacement of rotted stumps and bearers

#### Interior

- \* Painting of previously painted walls and ceilings provided that preparation or painting does not remove evidence of the original paint or other decorative scheme.
- \* Removal of paint from originally unpainted or oiled joinery, doors, architraves, skirtings and decorative strapping.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of curtain track, rods, blinds and other window dressings.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of hooks, nails and other devices for the hanging of mirrors, paintings and other wall mounted artworks.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of ducted, hydronic or concealed radiant type heating provided that the installation does not damage existing skirtings and architraves and provided that the location of the heating unit is concealed from view.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of electrical wiring provided that all new wiring is fully concealed.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of smoke detectors.

Construction dates            1903,

Heritage Act Categories    Registered place,

Hermes Number                5488

Property Number

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## History

Associated People: Norman Cameron donated the land

## Extent of Registration

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act, I give notice under section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended in that the Heritage Register Number 1775 is now described in the category as a Heritage Place:

Bendoc Union Church, Nichol Street, Bendoc, East Gippsland Shire.

EXTENT:

1. All the building known as the Bendoc Union Church marked B1 on Diagram 608402 held by the Executive Director:
2. All of the land marked L1 on diagram 608402 held by the Executive Director being all of the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 2113 Folio 593.

Dated: 4 February 1999.

RAY TONKIN

Executive Director

[*Victoria Government Gazette* G 7 18 February 1999 p.455]

*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/>*