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# Former St John's Church of England & Organ - Port Fairy Historic Area



B959 ST Johns Anglican Church



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## Location

23 Regent Street,, PORT FAIRY VIC 3284 - Property No B0959

## Municipality

MOYNE SHIRE

## Level of significance

Regional

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0524

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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One of Victoria's major churches of the 1850s, the first substantial work of the prominent architect Nathaniel Billing, and allegedly the first in Victoria with a full chancel. It was built in 1854-55, was reported in the 'Illustrated London News' and 'The London Builder' and was described locally as "a thorough cathedral", though Billings tower and spire were not executed and the present tower of 1957 accords only approximately with the original

design. Billing's drawings survive for the church itself and for the limestone font, which was carved by Walter McGill. The corbels of the chancel arch and the faces used as label stops to all the exterior openings were carved by McGill in the local tufa and, with the font, make this church the most important repository of early stone sculpture in the state.

Church Classified: 'Regional' 26/05/1988

Organ Statement of Significance: This two-manual organ was built in 1909 by Frederick Taylor of Hawthorn and remains little altered from the original, retaining its daipered facade pipes, casework, action and tonal scheme. The instrument is thought to be the only unaltered example of its builder's early work and one of the last instruments to be built at the period with mechanical key action.

Organ Classified: 'Regional' 06/04/1989

Other Names      St John's Anglican Church,

Hermes Number   69404

Property Number

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