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# Former St Andrews Presbyterian Church - Port Fairy Historic Area



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## Location

33 Albert Street,, PORT FAIRY VIC 3284 - Property No B0338

## Municipality

MOYNE SHIRE

## Level of significance

State

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0850

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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A naive but charming classical church built in 1854 of coursed squared basalt, with pediment and entablatures to windows and entrance. In 1871 the whole building was cement rendered, the facade being decorated with fluted Ionic pilasters; the capitals of each incorporating a band of Anthemion ornament, apparently modelled on those of the north porch of the Erechtheion at Athens.

The old St Andrew's Presbyterian Church was erected by T Fairbairn in 1854 to replace an earlier Church of 1843. The building is currently disused.

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church is a rectangular building with only the principal facade being adorned. There are four stylised Ionic piers enframing the two windows and central door and there is a gabled pediment above. A recessed panel within the gable indicates the erection of the building in 1854 and the door and window heads are other distinctive details. Architecturally, this former Church is one of the most distinctive buildings in Port Fairy and its design is both unusual and important. Several of the very earliest Churches erected in Victoria were designed in this manner and this one is possibly the only surviving example. The design is reminiscent of buildings designed in England in the first decades of the 1800's and this structure reflects Classical Revival design of this period, a wide range of sources within the style being apparent in the building.

Classified: 'Regional' 02/11/1989

Revised: 03/08/1998

Part of Port Fairy Historic Area Classified: 02/03/1981.

2010 Note: Building sold into private ownership, currently under conservation.

Other Names      Old St Andrews,

Hermes Number    69428

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