

Building:	Former Children's Church	Significance:	B
Address:	31 Harmsworth Street, Collingwood	Melway Map Ref:	2D H8
Building Type:	Church	Construction Date:	1876
Architect:	Unknown	Builder:	Unknown



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Existing Heritage Listings:		Recommended Heritage Listings:	
Victorian Heritage Register	[]	Victorian Heritage Register	[]
Register of the National Estate	[]	Register of the National Estate	[x]
National Trust	[]	Heritage Overlay Controls	[x]

History

The foundation stone for this building was laid on 24 March 1876. Religious instruction was provided to children of all denominations and there was no regular pastor. By 1880 it was known as the Hornbrooke Sunday School.

The building is now occupied by the Dight Street Community Centre.

Andrew Ward. *Collingwood Conservation Study*. 1995.

Description

The former Collingwood Children's Church is a small Gothic Revival church. The walls are of tuck-pointed brick, which has been painted, with a bluestone plinth. The gabled roof, clad in slate, is penetrated by three small ventilation gablets along each slope. Gable and buttress copings and window sills are rendered. Window and door openings are narrow pointed arches. The east elevation has a central pointed arch entrance flanked by staged buttressed spires topped with fleur-de-lys.

There is a single storey addition to the north-west corner of the building.

Significance

The former Collingwood Children's Church is of local historical and architectural significance. Historically, it recalls the shared responsibilities of the various churches in caring for Collingwood's children during the mid-Victorian period. Its current use as a community centre for a public housing estate continues this social function. Architecturally, it is a typical example of a small Gothic Revival church, which is a minor local landmark amidst the large public housing development.

Original Source

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