

HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET

Geelong Regional Commission

Sheet 203

PLACE NAME: REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF GEELONG

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Primitive Gothic Revival

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Attributed to J.V. Bartlett
Reference: Surveyor to Newtown and Chilwell Council
Geelong Advertiser 16 January 1862

BUILDER:
Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
Reference:

TENDER NOTICE: 16 January 1862
Reference: Geelong Advertiser

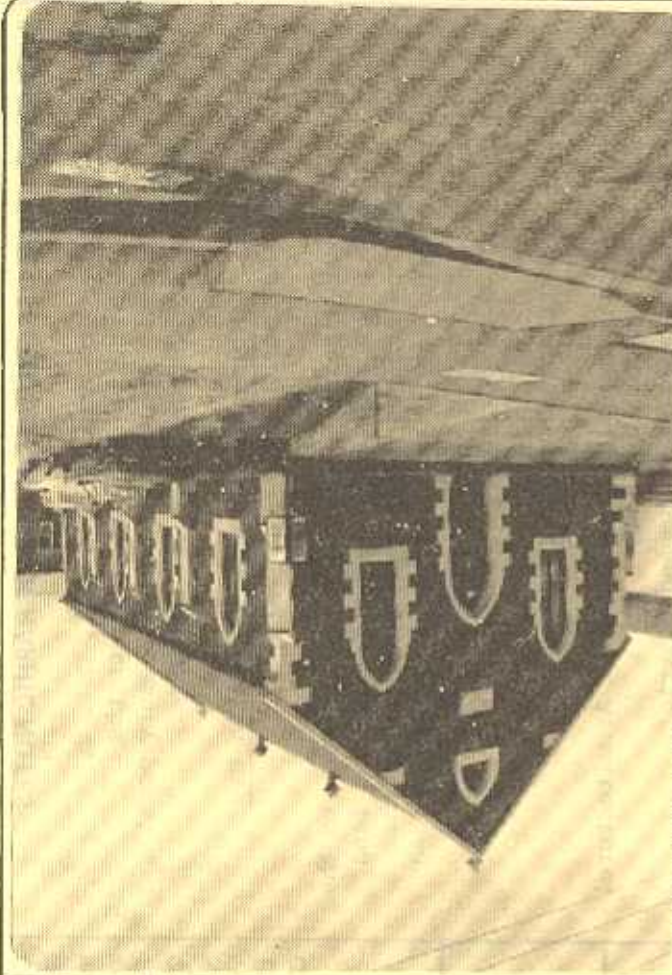
DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1862
Reference: as above

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) Reformed Presbyterian Church
SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

OTHER NOTES The first services were conducted in this church on 10 August 1862.



NEGATIVE FILE:

☐ Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate
☐ National Trust of Aust. (Vic) Classified/Recorded File No.
☐ Historic Buildings Preservation Council Register No. File No.

☐ Geelong Regional Commission Register No. 250

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME Reformed Presbyterian Church
ADDRESS Chr. Petwick Street & Little Malop Street, Geelong
10 Fenwick Street

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Geelong
TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE
PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Trustees of Reformed Pres. Church
ADDRESS
TELEPHONE

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Geelong Advertiser 16 January 1862, p.4, Col. 2,
Rev. A.M. Moore advertises tenders to erect the
Presbyterian Church. Apply J.V. Bartlett, Surveyors'
Office, Newtown and Chilwell Council Chambers.

Brownhill, W.R., A History of Geelong and Corio Bay
Wilke and Co., Melbourne, 1955, pp. 177-178.

J.V. Bartlett was appointed secretary and engineer to the
Shire of Colac on 5 April 1862. He also undertook land
survey commissions and was Government Surveyor in the
Colac District for many years. Bartlett also practised
as an architect and advertised many small commissions
in the period, 1862-1880.

For details of Bartlett's career refer :

Allan Willingham, 'Index of Western District Architecture!
Unpublished list.

Hebb, Isaac, The History of Colac and District
Hawthorn Press, Melbourne, 1970.

CITATION The Reformed Presbyterian Church in Penwick St.,
Geelong, was erected in 1862 as the first permanent place of
worship for this breakaway group. The primitive Gothic
revival style church, built of regular coursed basalt, with
freestone dressings, was probably designed by Newtown and
Chilwell Council surveyor, J.V. Bartlett. The simple
windows and modest buttresses epitomise the primitive style.
The Church has continuous associations with Geelong since
the 1850's and is a notable example of the primitive Gothic
Chapel typology of church architecture in Victoria.

SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE

- ☒ Its creative and/or technical accomplishment.
☐ Its demonstration of a way of life, custom, process or function no longer practised,
in danger of being lost or of exceptional interest.
☒ Its strong association with an important figure or figures, development, or cultural phase.
☒ Its townscape and/or landscape value
☐ Its scarcity value.

SIGNIFICANCE

☐ LOCAL ☒ REGIONAL ☐ STATE ☐ NATIONAL ☐ WORLD

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☒ GOOD ☐ FAIR ☐ DETERIORATED ☐ RUINS

INTEGRITY

☒ HIGH ☐ LOW ☐ ALTERED ☐ DAMAGED

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register

Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National
Estate

National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Register

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