

Building:

Former Collingwood Methodist Mission  
Church  
25-27 Sackville Street



Allotment Reference:

81

National Trust Register:

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National Estate Register:

Recommended

Historic Buildings Council Register:

Recommended

Location within Precinct:

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Photograph Date:

February 1987

Grantee:

Hughes and Hoskins

Original Owner:

Present Owner:

Original Use:

Westeyan Mission Church

Present Use:

"Le Shirt"

Construction Date:

1885 - 1886

Architect:

Terry and Oakden

Builder:

Sanden, Turner, Meckiff

525

Description:

Breakfronted bi-chromatic brick former church with brown body bricks and cream dressings and with entrance off Sackville Street. The main north facing window is round arched and flanked by narrow lancet openings, the nave walls being undecorated with lancet windows. At the rear the former mission hall with "scissors" trusses is intact. To the east of the present entrance a later brick parapetted building relates also to the activities of the mission church.

Condition:

Good

Integrity:

Good, corridor replaced, church door replaced, iron palisade fence partly in tact.

History:

A weatherboard church was opened in Sackville Street in 1858 and is shown on the Hodgkinson plan of that year.

The present brick church was opened on the same site in 1886 and by 1887 (RB) it was described as the Wesleyan Church and School.

In 1902 the various branches of Methodism united and in the following year the Collingwood Methodist Mission was established with its headquarters at the Gipps Street Church. It was one of six Methodist Missions created in Melbourne and its inner suburbs and consisted of the Gipps Street, and the North Richmond churches (corner Church and Elizabeth Streets), both now demolished, and the Sackville Street Church. The Mission served Collingwood's needs from its inception until after the 1929 - 30's depression when the population of the municipality dramatically declined and many residential areas were rebuilt for industrial purposes.

Significance:

The former Methodist Mission church at Sackville Street is the last building to remain of the Collingwood Methodist mission. It provides an important indication of the process of change within its environment having been built to serve a residential area but

surviving today in an almost totally transformed industrial setting.

**Recommendations:**

Recommended for inclusion on the HBC register, NER register and for planning scheme protection.

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