

GREATER GEELONG OUTER AREAS HERITAGE STUDY: STAGE 2

Existing Use/Type Religious	Key Dates Original 1873	Site Address Street/Site Name Hitchcock Avenue
Survey Date 20/07/1998	Cons Man Plan High Priority	No. 71
Major Changes 1891, 1942,47		Town/Suburb Barwon Heads
		Postcode 3227
Recorded By David Rowe	Precinct Name	Current Site Name Barwon Heads Uniting Church



Heritage Status

Register of the National Estate
Database No. File No.

Victorian Heritage Register

Planning Scheme:
C.G.G. HO1685

Heritage Inventory (Archaeological)

National Trust Register:

Other:

Recommended Heritage Listings

- Victorian Heritage Register
- Victorian Heritage Inventory
- Register of the National Estate
- HO City of Greater Geelong

Heritage Study Degrees of Significance

A H C Assessment Criteria	Significance Level
Aesthetic value <input type="text" value="D.2"/>	Local
Historic value <input type="text" value="A.4"/>	Regional
Scientific value <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Social value <input type="text" value="G.1"/>	Local
Overall Significance Level	Local

Condition of the fabric

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Ruinous
- Unexposed

Integrity of the site

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Partially excavated
- Fully excavated

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TECHNICAL SHEET

Precinct Name

Site Plan/Location Sketch (not to scale)

Site Address

No. Street/Site Name

Town/Suburb Postcode

Site Name

Australian Map Grid Co-ordinates

E 280500km N 5760025km

Map

Scale

Ownership

Cadastral Location

County

Parish

Allotment

Block

Types of Sites

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| <input type="checkbox"/> monument | <input type="checkbox"/> recreational | <input type="checkbox"/> residential | <input type="checkbox"/> aviation | <input type="checkbox"/> gate | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> relic/ruin | <input type="checkbox"/> tree(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious | <input type="checkbox"/> educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime | <input type="checkbox"/> fence | <input type="checkbox"/> garden | <input type="checkbox"/> machinery | <input type="checkbox"/> miscellaneous |

Historical Themes

Heritage Study Theme	AHC Theme No.	Heritage Study Theme	AHC Theme No.
Early settlement	<input type="text"/>	Industry	<input type="text"/>
Maritime	<input type="text"/>	Community Life	<input type="text" value="clChurches"/>
Tourism	<input type="text"/>	Urbanization	<input type="text"/>
Transport	<input type="text"/>	Landscapes	<input type="text"/>
Townships	<input type="text"/>	Miscellaneous	<input type="text"/>

Significant Architectural Features

- Original Materials
 - Original Chimneys
 - Wall Decoration
 - Verandah Structure
 - Verandah Decoration
 - Original Parapet
 - Other Prominent Elevations
 - Appropriate Fence
 - Early Garden
- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Roof | Form <input type="text"/> |
| Openings | Doors & Windows <input type="text"/> |
| Decoration | Gable, Lead Light <input type="text"/> |
| Finish | Painted <input type="text"/> |
| Stylistic Character | Victorian Carpenter Gothic <input type="text"/> |

Present Threats

- Human; mining
- Human; visitor erosion
- Human; vandalism
- Human; development
- Human; conservation/maintenance
- Human; stock
- Natural Forces; erosion
- Natural Forces; vegetation
- Not threatened

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	71	Hitchcock Avenue	Barwon Heads	3227								
			Site Name	Barwon Heads Uniting Church								
Description												
<p>The site at 71 Hitchcock Avenue has visual connections to some tall pine trees and an avenue of gum trees at the north end, together with single storey residential, religious and commercial buildings of mixed styles and periods. This Church building has large front and side setbacks, due to the substantial size of the land. These setbacks are shown on the 1994 Barwon Water Amended Plan of Drainage.⁴</p> <p>The single storey, symmetrical, horizontal weatherboard Victorian Carpenter Gothic building is characterised by a central gable roof form, with a minor porch gable projecting towards the street frontage and transept gables projecting at the sides. These roof forms appear to be clad in galvanised corrugated iron. Timber framed and pointed leadlight windows adorn the elevations. An early pointed timber entrance door is situated on the north projecting transept, while a recent door is located on the front porch.</p> <p>Early decorative features of the design include the timber flying gable fretwork and finial.</p>												
History												
<p>The site at 71 Hitchcock Avenue was owned by a Mr Johnstone from 1887, which he had purchased as part of the Flinders Estate subdivision.¹ This land was further subdivided by the Barwon Heads Estate Company Limited in 1891 and lots 4-5 were reserved for the Methodist Church.² It was also in 1891 that the present Church building was relocated on a jinker drawn by horses.³ It had originally been erected as a Methodist Church at Connewarre in 1873.³</p> <p>The Church property apparently accommodated a bell, which was originally from the "Sussex" vessel that was wrecked off the coast in 1872 however the bell "disappeared" some time after then end of WWII. Some older church members believed that this followed some press publicity on the bell.³</p>												
<p>Heritage Precinct: Significant Urban Character Features visually connected to this place <i>(this section is only applicable to places in precincts)</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Precinct Name <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/></p>												
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SIGNIFICANCE SHEET

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	Site Name			
	Barwon Heads Uniting Church			

Comparative Listings

Statement of Cultural Significance

The Barwon Heads Uniting Church building at 71 Hitchcock Avenue is **aesthetically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the Victorian Carpenter Gothic style. These qualities include the central gable roof form, with a minor porch gable projecting towards the street frontage and transept gables projecting at the sides. Other intact qualities include the horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, timber framed and pointed-arch leadlight windows, pointed-arch timber entrance door, timber flying gable fretwork and finial. The Church building also makes a significant contribution to the single storey, pitched roof streetscape.

The Barwon Heads Uniting Church building at 71 Hitchcock Avenue is **historically** significant at a **REGIONAL** level. It is associated with the development of the Methodist Church at Connewarre in 1873 and in Barwon Heads in 1891. The Church building is also **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level for its associations with the Flinders Estate subdivision of 1887 and the Barwon Heads Estate Company Limited subdivision of 1891. The bell within the Uniting Church property is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level for its associations with the ship wreck, the "Sussex".

The Barwon Heads Uniting Church building at 71 Hitchcock Street is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised and valued by the local community for religious reasons.

Overall, the Barwon Heads Uniting Church building at 71 Hitchcock Avenue is of **LOCAL** significance.

It is highly recommended that a Conservation Management Plan be carried out on the property.

References

1. 'Plan of the Flinders Estate, Barwon Heads', 1887, Geelong Historical Records Centre.
2. Barwon Heads Estate Company Limited subdivision plan, 30 March, 1891, Geelong Historical Records Centre.
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4. Drainage Plans and Inspectors' Reports, 1978, 1994, Barwon Heads Sewerage Authority and Barwon Water, Barwon Water Profis system.
5. *Geelong Advertiser*, 6 January, 1923 & 10 February, 1934.
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