

PLACE NAME: FORMER WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF SOUTH BARWON

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Australian Colonial Georgian

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: R.S. Tuffs, honorary architect
 Reference: National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File 2678

BUILDER: Wm. McLean and J. Robertson (and Masons Work)
 Reference: National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File 2678

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES: Carpenter, Mr. Scholes
 Reference: Plumbing and Painting - Mr. Holland, Plastering - Mr. Collins, Seating - Mr. Bellers.
 National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File 2678

TENDER NOTICE: Geelong Advertiser, 25th January, 1869
 Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1869

Reference: Foundation stone laid 25th March, 1869 by the Mayor of Geelong, T.N. Couves, J.P.

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

£ 350 final cost

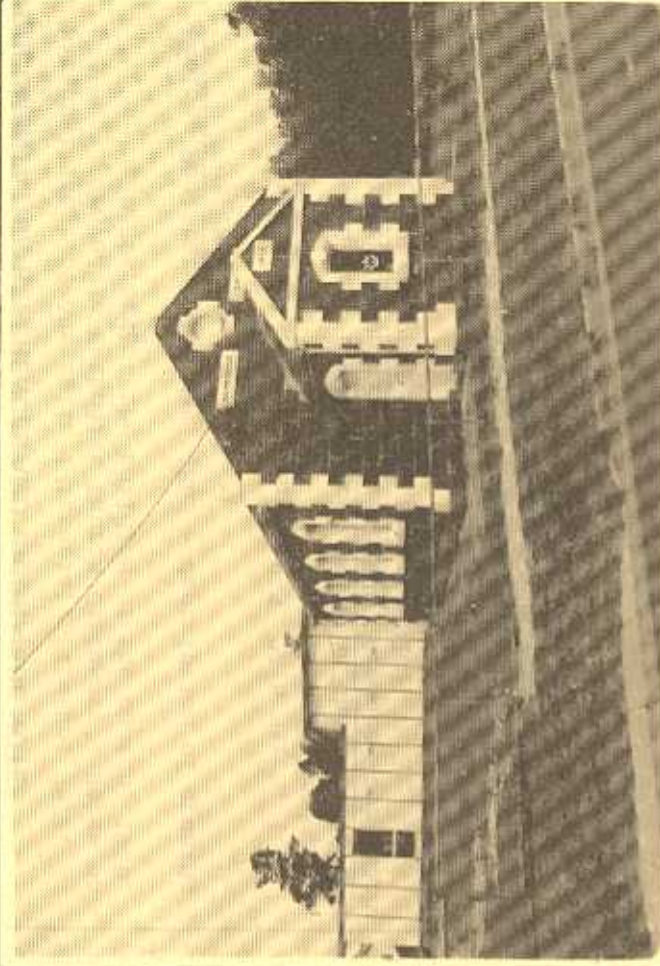
SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

Internal re-lining and re-furnishing only. Weatherboard additions were added to the rear at an unknown date.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)

Germanatown Wesleyan Methodist Congregation
 SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

OTHER NOTES: The bluestone used was obtained from Mt. Duneed and the freestone from Ealdsworth's new quarry on the Colac Rd. Church opened 30th May, 1869.



NEGATIVE FILE:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National Trust of Aust. (Vic) Recorded File No. 2678	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Geelong Regional Commission Register No. 260

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME: Former Wesleyan Methodist Church,
 ADDRESS: Torquay Road.,
 272-276 Grovedale (Formerly Germanatown) 3216.
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: City of South Barwon
 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE: Grovedale Uniting Church
 PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE: Uniting Church of Australia.
 ADDRESS: 130 Lt. Collins St., Melbourne. TELEPHONE: (03) 6542488

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 2678.
'Grovedale Methodist Church Centenary'. Notes on the History of the building of the church, 1969.
Geelong Register, 31st May, 1869 - description of opening of church.
Geelong Advertiser, 25th January, 1869, 26th March, 1869
Winter, J. and Fry, L. Germantown Wesleyan Church 1853 to Grovedale Uniting Church 1978, Produced for 125th Anniversary of Sunday School 1978.
Thomas, R.H., 'Victorian Wesleyan, Methodist Churches Index 1836-1902', History Research Essay, Department of Architecture, University of Melbourne. 1970, pp 58, 167.

CITATION

The Wesleyan Methodist Church at Grovedale (Germantown) was erected in 1869 to a Colonial Georgian style design by architect/surveyor R.S. Tufts. This simple rectangular plan church of squared coursed basalt with freestone quoins and architraves is derived from architectural pattern book sources. The church, built in a distinctive secular style appropriate to the Wesleyan Methodist creed, has served the Grovedale farming community for over 100 years.

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.

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