

PLACE NAME: FORMER METHODIST CHURCH
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: SHIRE OF BELLARINE.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Early English Gothic Revival.

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Andrew McWilliams, Architect.
Reference:

Geelong Advertiser, 28 July 1865.

BUILDER:
Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
Reference:

TENDER NOTICE:
Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION: 1865-66.
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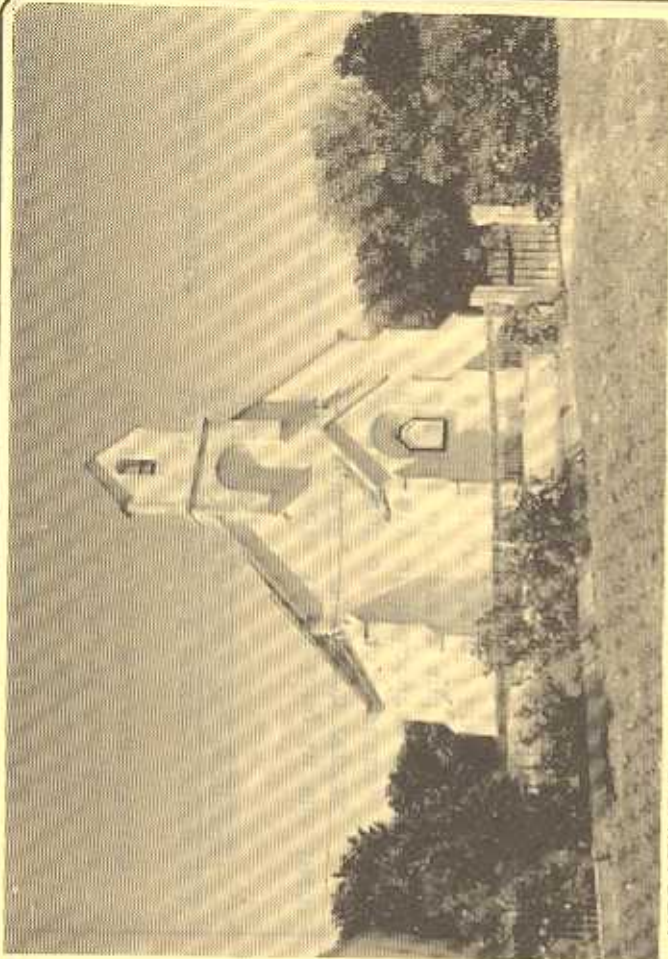
ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S): Portarlington Wesleyan Congregation.

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

OTHER NOTES: Geelong Advertiser 28 July 1865 reports laying of foundation stone for Portarlington Wesleyan Church.



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.

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IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME: Former Methodist Church.
ADDRESS: 48 Church Road, Bellarine. (42-50)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA TITLE INFORMATION: Shire of Bellarine.

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE: Church.
PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE ADDRESS: Bellarine Presbyterian Church, Church Road, Bellarine.
TELEPHONE

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Geelong Advertiser, 28 July 1865, Mr. McWilliams, architect, laying of foundations for Portarlington Wesleyan Church.

McLeod, Eunice, Early History of Portarlington and East Bellarine and St. Leonards, 1962 p.25.

Huddle, Lorraine, Architects in Geelong in the 1840's and 1850's. Research report Department of Architecture, University of Melbourne 1979 - for details of career and principal works of architect, Andrew Mc Williams.

CITATION

The former Wesleyan Methodist Church near Portarlington was designed by the long established early Geelong architect/engineer, Andrew McWilliams. This Early English Gothic Revival parish church, constructed as a rectangular pian hall with central porch and belcote was erected in 1865. The structure is an innovative parish church design and a notable work of McWilliams, a versatile architect and municipal engineer whose principal works include the Portarlington Mill, Protestant Orphanage Asylum at Herne Hill and St. James Church of England, Drysdale.

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.

DOCUMENTATION - Allan Willingham, Architect, 151 McKean St., North Fitzroy. 3068. Tel: 03 489 8492.

SIGNATURE **DATE**

BELLARINE HERITAGE STUDY RECORD SHEET

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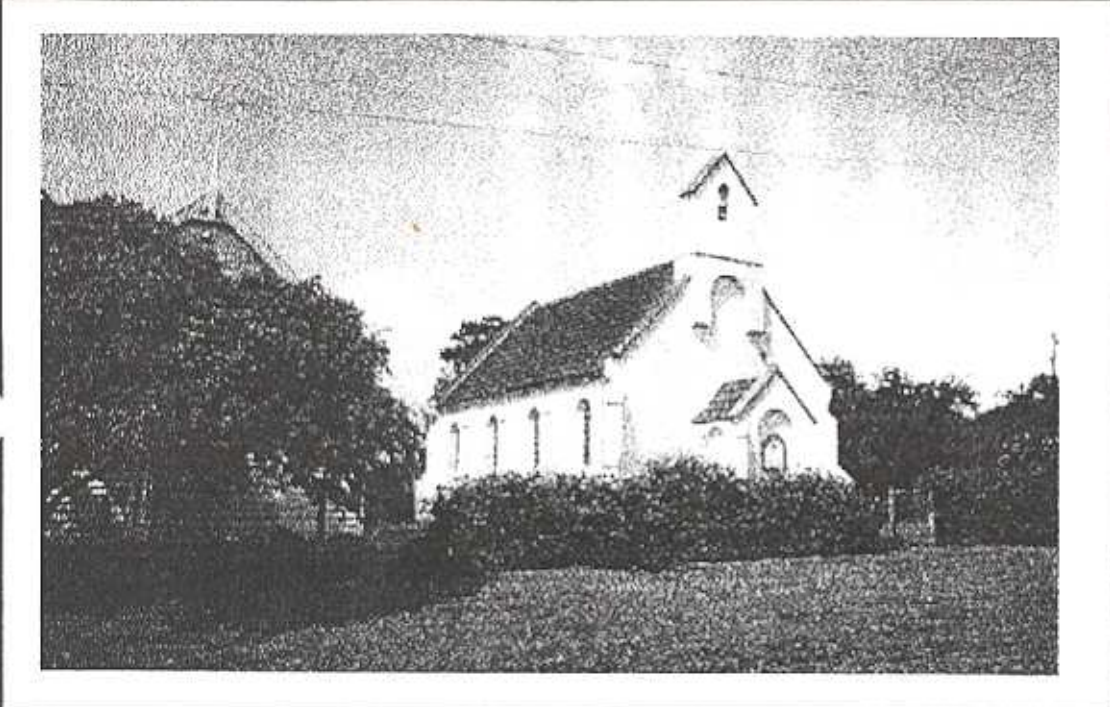
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Heritage Status:

CATEGORY REGISTRATION NUMBER

National Estate:

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Registered

Historic Buildings Register

Nominated

Registered

National Trust Register:

Planning Scheme:

Historical Archaeological Register :

Other:

BHS Degree of Significance

A B C D

Condition of the fabric:

Excellent Good

Fair Poor

Ruinous Unexposed

Integrity of the site:

Excellent Good

Fair Poor

Partially excavated

Fully excavated

Present Threats:

Human; mining

Human; visitor erosion

Human; vandalism

Human; development

Human; conservation/maintenance

Human; stock

Natural Forces; erosion

Natural Forces; vegetation

Not threatened

Significant Architectural Features:

Original Materials

Original Chimneys

Wall Decoration

Verandah Structure

Verandah Decoration

Original Parapet

other prominent elevations

Original Roof

Original Openings

Original Decoration

Original Finish

Early Garden

Early Fence

BELLARINE HERITAGE STUDY RECORD SHEET

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Site Name	Uniting Church hall			Page No. 1 of 4

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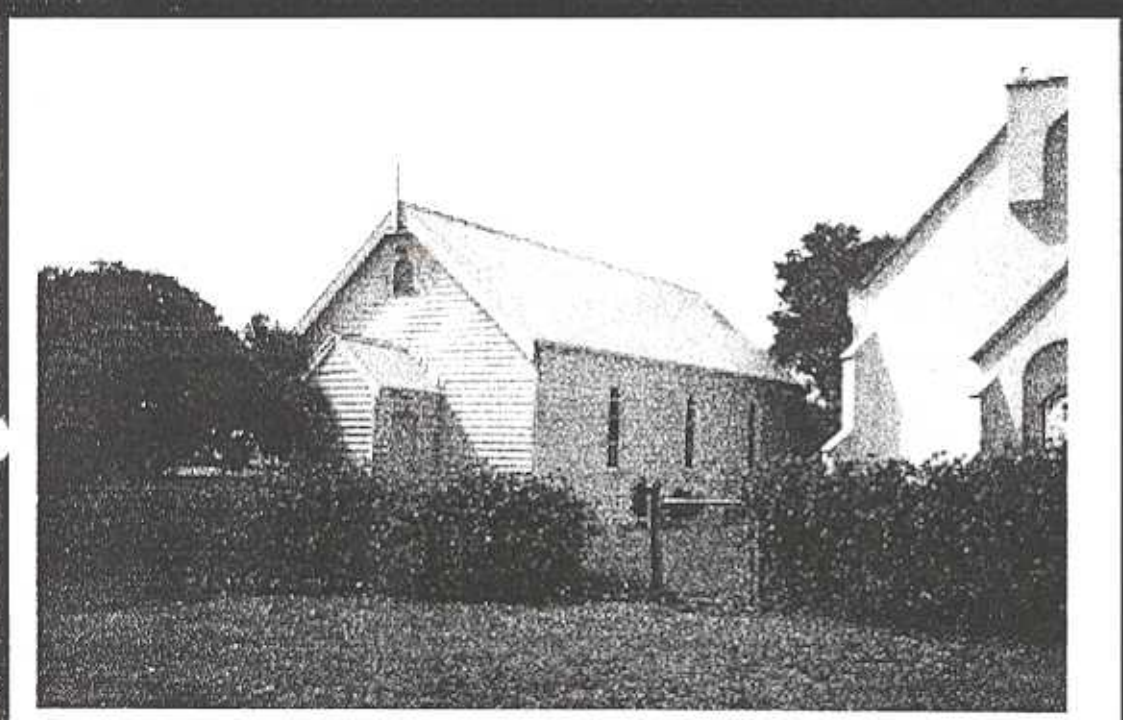
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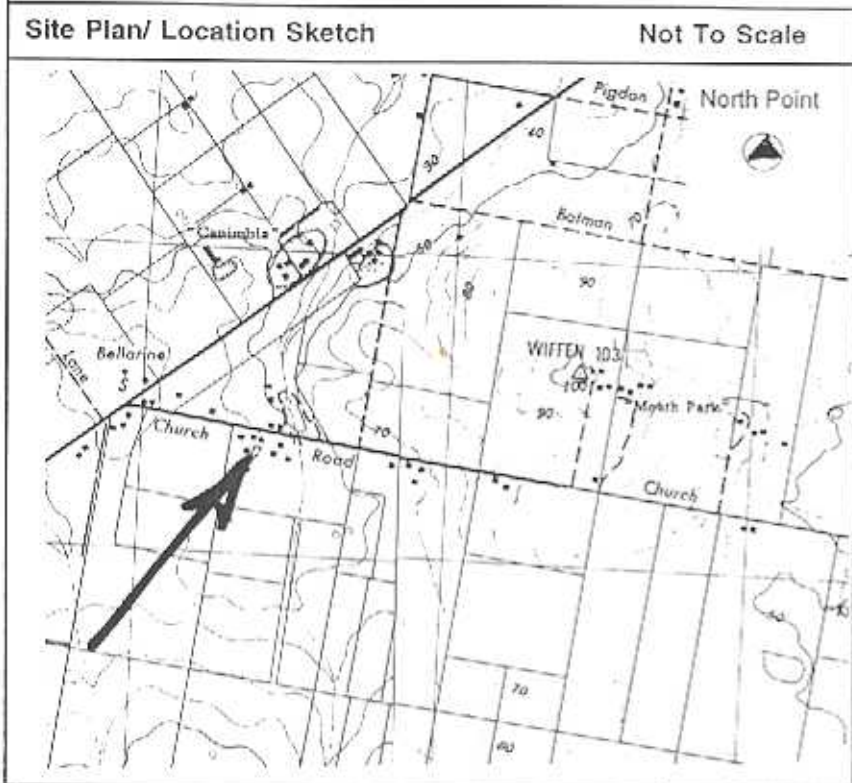
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Australian Map Grid Co-ordinates

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Map

Scale

Access

Informants

Ownership:

Crown Private

Resident owner Occupier only

Local Govt Area City of Greater Geelong

Cadastral Location:

County

Parish

Allotment

Block

Physical Description of Site:

The building is sited on Uniting Church grounds, east of the former Wesleyan Methodist Church and with mature trees in the vicinity.

It is a simple Victorian timber frame and weatherboard clad building, with a corrugated iron clad gable roof.

The north elevation gable end has plain bargeboards, a large timber finial, and a decorative round arch louvered vent. This north elevation also has a separate gable entrance porch, clad in weatherboards, with timber doors on the west and east porch elevations.

The west elevation of the church hall features three round arch motif timber frame windows, with timber sills and multiple lights.

Relevant Special Interest Groups:

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History of Site/Object/Place:

The Wesleyan/Methodist congregation of Bellarine had been long established when this hall was built. The church, built in 1865 to a design by Andrew McWilliams, was both school and church, but services had been held before this in a barn.(1)

The hall was built in 1894 to a design in sympathy and size with the church on the adjoining block to the west. A gathering to celebrate the completion of the building was recorded in the Geelong Advertiser 9.5.1894. The occasion was described as "a concert and entertainment ... to obtain funds towards defraying the cost of the building the handsome and commodious hall at East Bellarine."(2)

The building has been in continuous use as a church hall and Sunday School.

References:

1. Wynd, I (1988) *Balla-wein a history of the Shire of Bellarine*, p.114
2. *Geelong Advertiser* 9.5.1894

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Statement of Cultural Significance:

The Bellarine Methodist Sunday School and Church Hall was built in 1894 of weatherboard construction with good site integrity.

It is of aesthetic, historic and social value to the local East Bellarine community

The Bellarine and Methodist Sunday School and Church Hall was built approximately thirty years after the construction of the adjoining church. It has a strong association with the Wesleyan Methodists who began meeting in the Bellarine area in the 1850s. It has been highly valued by the Methodist community and has been in continuous use as a Sunday School and meeting centre for over 100 years. It has aesthetic value as it demonstrates the use of the economical Carpenter 'Gothic' style to complement the earlier Gothic styled church adjacent.

It is of **LOCAL** cultural significance.

Additional Information

For information about the Uniting Church adjacent to this Hall see A. Willingham Study volume 1, number 80.