

BELLARINE HERITAGE STUDY RECORD SHEET

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Address 27,29	Harding St	Portarlington	3223	219
Site Name	fmr church			Page No. 1 of 4

Key Dates: Original Major Changes

Existing Use/Type
 Residential

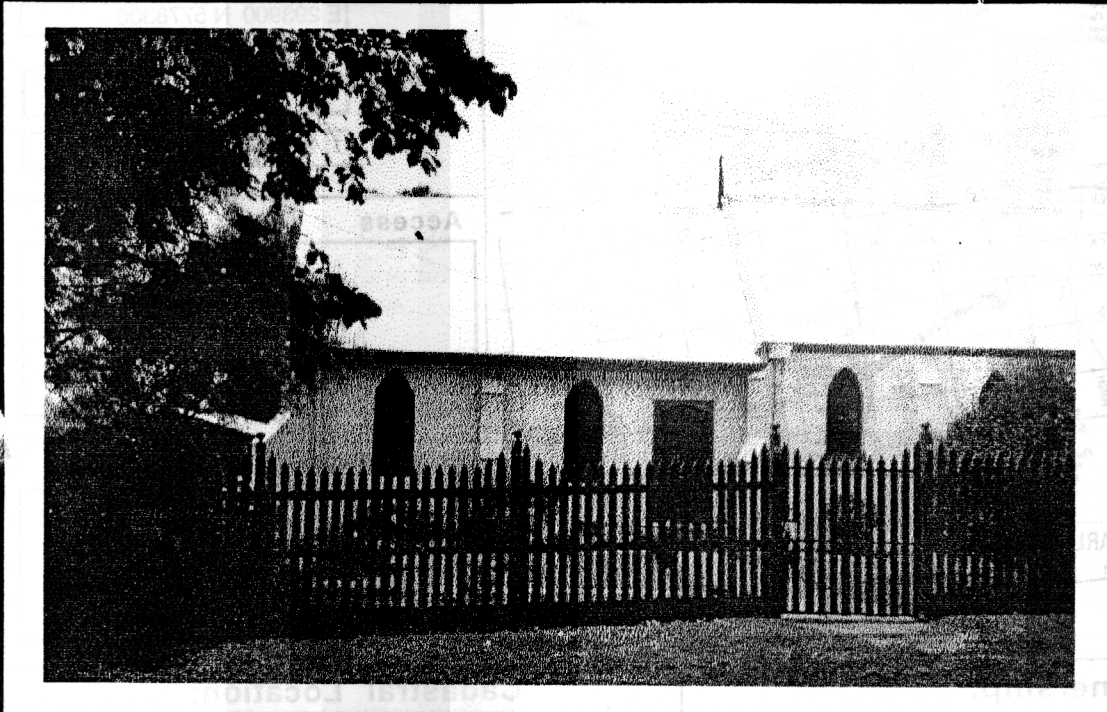
Precinct Name

Survey Date
 13 /11/1995

Neg. No.
 3/24,25

Video Track No.

Recorded By
 RL/KF



Heritage Status:

CATEGORY REGISTRATION NUMBER

National Estate:

Nominated

Registered

Historic Buildings Register

Nominated

Registered

National Trust Register:

Planning Scheme:

Historical Archaeological Register :

Other:

SHS Degree of Significance

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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 form

Original Openings doors & windows

Original Decoration

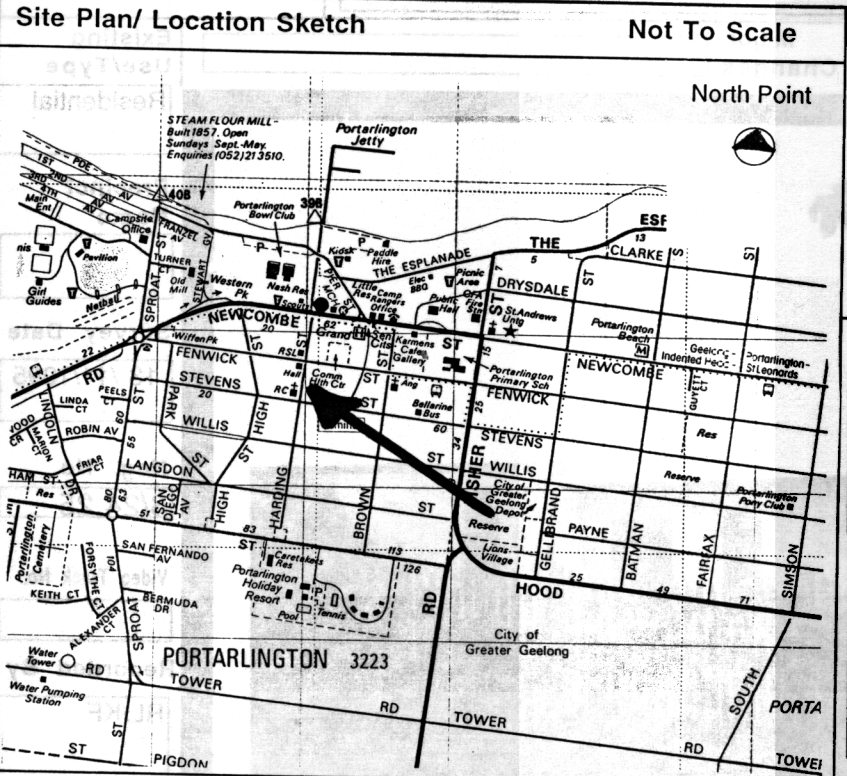
Original Finish

Early Garden

Early Fence

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Australian Map Grid Co-ordinates

E 293900 N 5778300

Map Melways map 239

Scale 1: 20,000

Access

Informants

Ownership:

Crown Private

Resident owner Occupier only

Local Govt Area City of Greater Geelong

Cadastral Location:

County Grant

Parish Bellarine

Allotment

Block

Physical Description of Site:

The site consists of the original church to the south, with new extensions to the north in a sympathetic style. The current building has been altered to suit a private residence. A photograph c1912 shows a simple dark brick church, with brick buttresses, a steep pitch gable roof clad with tiles and pointed arch motif windows with paned glass. The original form, the window openings and the timber finials and pendants on the gable ends are still visible. The roof has been re-clad in corrugated metal, and the walls appear to have been rendered and painted.

Relevant Special Interest Groups:

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Types of Sites:

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<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> relic/ruin	<input type="checkbox"/> garden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building
<input type="checkbox"/> agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> residential	<input type="checkbox"/> fence	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> miscellaneous
<input type="checkbox"/> recreational	<input type="checkbox"/> infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> gate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious	

Historical Themes:

<p>Early Settlement <input type="text"/></p> <p>Maritime <input type="text"/></p> <p>Tourism <input type="text"/></p> <p>Workforce <input type="text"/></p> <p>Townships <input type="text"/></p>	<p>Communities <input type="text" value="cmChurches"/></p> <p>Landscapes <input type="text"/></p> <p>The Wider World <input type="text"/></p> <p>Cultural Activity <input type="text"/></p> <p>Miscellaneous <input type="text"/></p>
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History of Site/Object/Place:

This building is believed to be the former Methodist Church of Portarlington.(1) Eunice McLeod mentions that "Anglicans, Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches at Portarlington were built of local bricks.(2)

There are two references to Wesleyan Church matters in the Geelong Advertiser index. 27.11.1872 there is a report that a belfrey was to be erected at the Portarlington Wesleyan Church, it would be completed in a few days." and 11.4.1875 Rev. R. Fitcher preached his first sermon at Portarlington Wesleyan Church.(3)

Sands and McDougall 1912 Rev J.T. Kearns, no entry in 1922 and the 1939 entry attended from Drysdale.(4)

Further research required.

References:

1. *News of the Week* 20.6.1912 p.14
2. McLeod E, *Early History of Portarlington and East Bellarine indented Head and St. Leonards*, p.25
3. Geelong Advertiser Index
4. Sands and McDougall directory 1912,1922,1939

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Statement of Cultural Significance:

The former Portarlington Methodist Church was opened in the 1870s. It has been significantly altered for use as a private residence.

It is of historic and social significance to the local Portarlington community.

The former Portarlington Methodist Church was one of the many Wesleyan Methodist places of worship on the Peninsula, but the only one in Portarlington.

It is of **LOCAL** cultural significance.

Additional Information

