

# BELLARINE HERITAGE STUDY RECORD SHEET

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St Patricks Catholic Hall				1 of 4

Key Dates: Original 1941 Major Changes

Existing Use/Type  
Church Hall

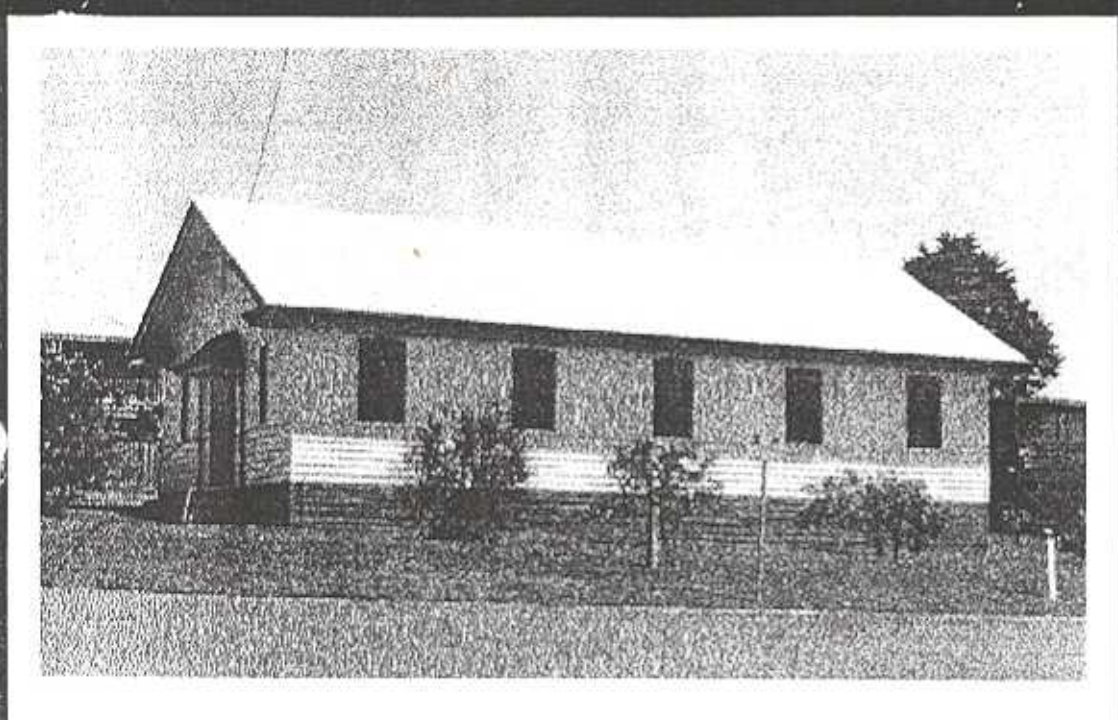
Precinct Name

Survey Date  
6/11/1995

Neg. No.  
1/34,35

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:**

**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  form & finish

Original Openings  doors & windows

Original Decoration

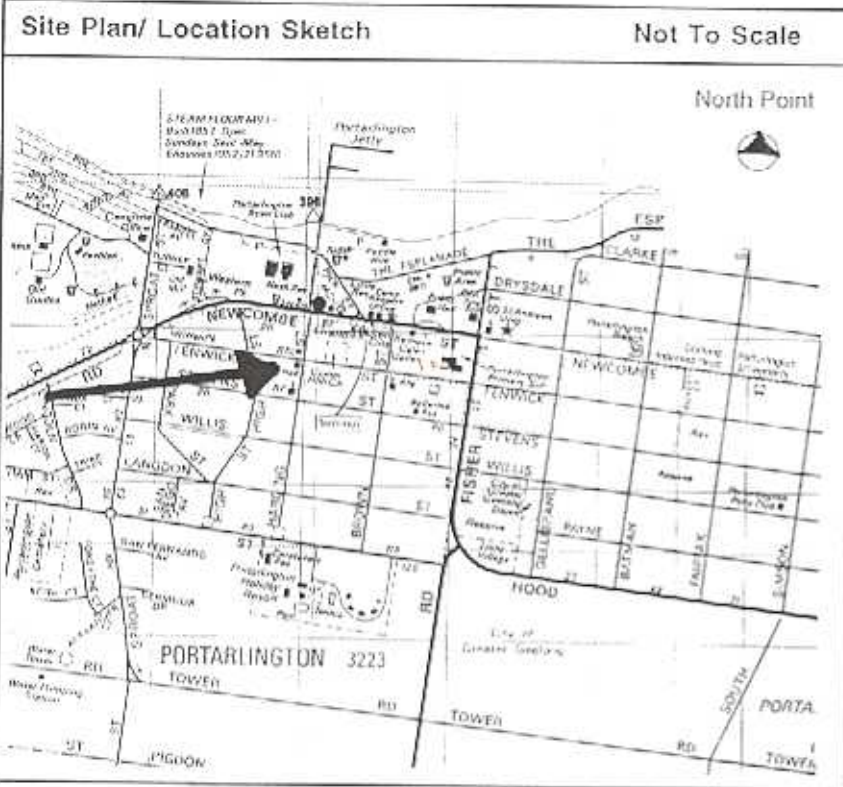
Original Finish

Early Garden

Early Fence

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Australian Map Grid Co-ordinates

E 293960 N 5778500

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 Sec 23A Pt C/A 6 Lot 1

Block

**Physical Description of Site:**

St Patricks Hall is sited on a large open corner block that is part of the Catholic Church grounds. It was built in 1942 after the original brick church was demolished. The unusual timber framed, weatherboard and fibro clad building has a rectangular plan and a gable roof, clad in corrugated iron, running east-west.

The east elevation has plain bargeboards on the gable ends, a small 'oriental' style corrugated iron hood over the entrance door, two narrow rectangular windows either side of the timber door, and a rectangular louvered vent as gable decoration.

The north elevation has five regularly arranged and rectangular windows with diamond shaped leadlighting.

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
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## Historical Themes:

<b>Early Settlement</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Communities</b>	<input type="text" value="cmChurches"/>
<b>Maritime</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Landscapes</b>	<input type="text"/>
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<b>Townships</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<input type="text"/>

## History of Site/Object/Place:

In 1871 Catholics were 23% of the population in the town ship of Portarlington and church services were conducted in a brick church from 1892 but this building was demolished in the 1930s.(1) Parishioners had to be bussed to Drysdale for Mass until a replacement building was erected.(2)

In 1942 a new church was built described as a "fine wooden building in Harding Street" on a new site. (3) This building was used until 1966 when a new brick church was constructed. The old church has since been used as the church hall .(4)

The Portarlington Catholic Hall began its life as St. Patrick's church in 1942.

## References:

1. Wynd , I. *Balla-wein a history of the Shire of Bellarine* p.81
2. Nash, K. *The Way it was at St. Patrick's Portarlington*
3. McLeod , E. *Early History of Portarlington and East Bellarine Indented Head and St. Leonards*, p.25
4. Wynd , I. op. cit. , p.166

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## Statement of Cultural Significance:

St Patrick's Roman Catholic Hall was built as a church in 1942. The simple building of weatherboard and fibro is now used as a church hall.

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

St Patrick's Roman Catholic Hall represents the significant religious and social influence of the denomination's adherents in Portarlington and surrounds. It was built some years after the original St Patrick's church (not on this site) was demolished. Probably intended as a temporary church building when it was constructed, the building became a hall when a new church building was opened in 1966, the third in the denomination's history in Portarlington.

It is of LOCAL cultural significance.

## Additional Information