

**PLACE NAME:** METHODIST CHURCH, DRYSDALE  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** SHIRE OF BELLARINE

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)**

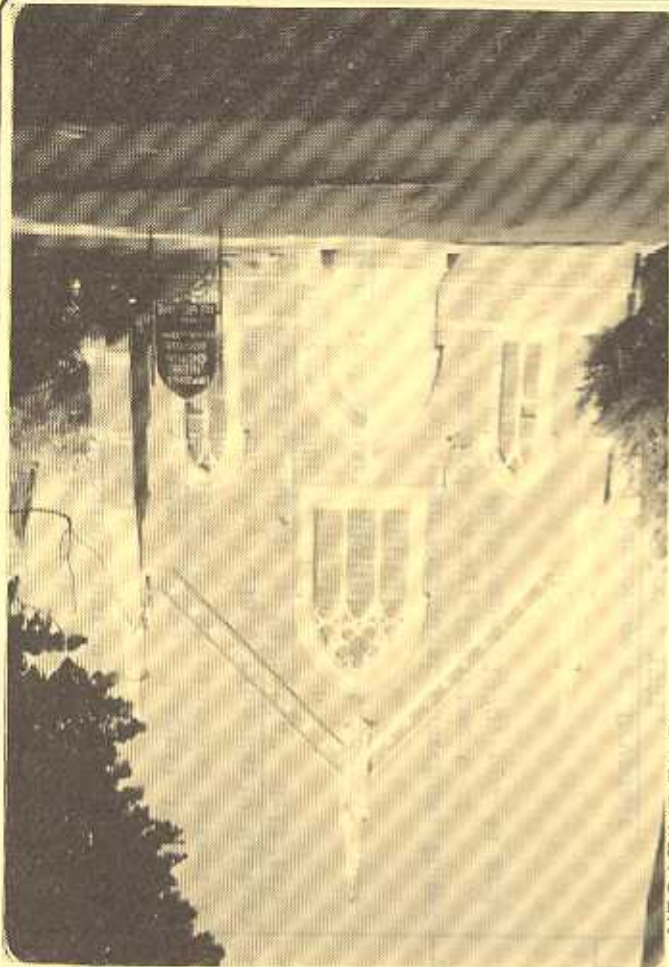
**STYLE OR PERIOD:** Victorian Gothic Revival  
**ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN:** A.J. Derrick and Company, Architect, Geelong  
*Reference:* Geelong Advertiser, 26 February 1887  
**BUILDER:** George Butt of Geelong  
*Reference:* National Trust of Australia (Victoria)  
**PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES:** Clement Nash, Mason,  
*Reference:* for front window in Waurn Ponds Freestone National Trust of Australia (Victoria)  
**TENDER NOTICE:** Geelong Advertiser, 26 February 1887  
*Reference:*

**DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION:** 1887/88  
*Reference:* Foundation stone laid 24 May 1887, Church opened 16 September 1888. Thomas, R.H., "Victorian  
**ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE:** Wesleyan Methodist Churches, p. 44

**SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS**  
 Thomas, R.H., "Victorian Wesleyan Methodist Churches", p. 44 states that the Church and vestry gables were blown down in July 1887. An arbitration case followed and the new contractor, Mr. Butt, was appointed.

**ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)**  
 Drysdale Wesleyan Congregation  
**SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS**

**OTHER NOTES** This church replaced the second church of c. 1863 and the first of pre 1855.



NEGATIVE FILE:

Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate  
 National Trust of Aust. (Vic) Classified/Recorded File No. ....3710.....  
 Historic Buildings Preservation Council Register No. ....  
 File No. ....  
 Geelong Regional Commission Register No. ....76.....

**IDENTIFICATION DATA**

**PLACE NAME:** Drysdale Methodist Church  
**ADDRESS:** 22-24 High Street  
 Drysdale 3222

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** Shire of Bellarine  
**TITLE INFORMATION**

**MAP REFERENCE**

**PRESENT USE:** church  
**PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE:** Uniting Church of Australia  
**ADDRESS:** P.O.Box 104, Portarlington.3223  
**TELEPHONE:**



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 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA SHIRE OF BELLARINE

DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 2710,  
 "Further Research into Methodist Church, High Street,  
 Drysdale", C. Kellaway, 1977

Australian Builder and Contractors' News, 2 April 1892,  
 pp. 253, 248-249, illustrations of exterior and interior.

Blamires, Rev. W.L. and Smith, Rev. J.B., "The Early History  
 of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Victoria", Griffith  
 and Spaven, Melbourne, 1886, p. 143.

Geelong Advertiser, 26 February 1887, p. 4, tender for new  
 church

Thomas, R.H., "Victorian Wesleyan Methodist Churches, Index  
 1836-1902", History Research Essay, Department of  
 Architecture, University of Melbourne, 1970, pp. 44 and  
 163.

See also  
 Willingham, Allan The Tuckfield Personage at Drysdale  
 Geelong Regional Commission, Geelong, 1981.

CITATION

The Drysdale Methodist Church was constructed by Geelong  
 builder, George Butt in 1887/88 to Victorian Gothic  
 Revival style designs by local architects, A.J. Derrick  
 and Company. The church was established to replace earlier  
 churches farming community on the Bellarine Peninsula.

This polychromatic brick church is picturesquely enhanced  
 with towering pinnacles and finials and decorated tracery  
 windows by celebrated Geelong mason and sculptor, Clement  
 Nash.

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: 03 488 8492.

SIGNATURE .....

DATE .....

OTHER NOTES WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE FOR RECORD PURPOSES OF  
 1983 and the 1984-1985

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

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 TITLE INFORMATION  
 MAP REFERENCE  
 PRESENT USE  
 ADDRESS 151 MCKEAN ST.,  
 NORTH FITZROY VIC 3068

NEGATIVE FILE



# BELLARINE HERITAGE STUDY RECORD SHEET

<b>Site No.</b>	22	<b>Street/Site Name</b>	High St	<b>Town / Suburb</b>	Drysdale 3222	<b>Record No.</b>	60	
<b>Address</b>							<b>Page No.</b>	1
<b>Site Name</b>	Drysdale Uniting Church							

**Key Dates:** Original  Major Changes

**Existing Use/Type**

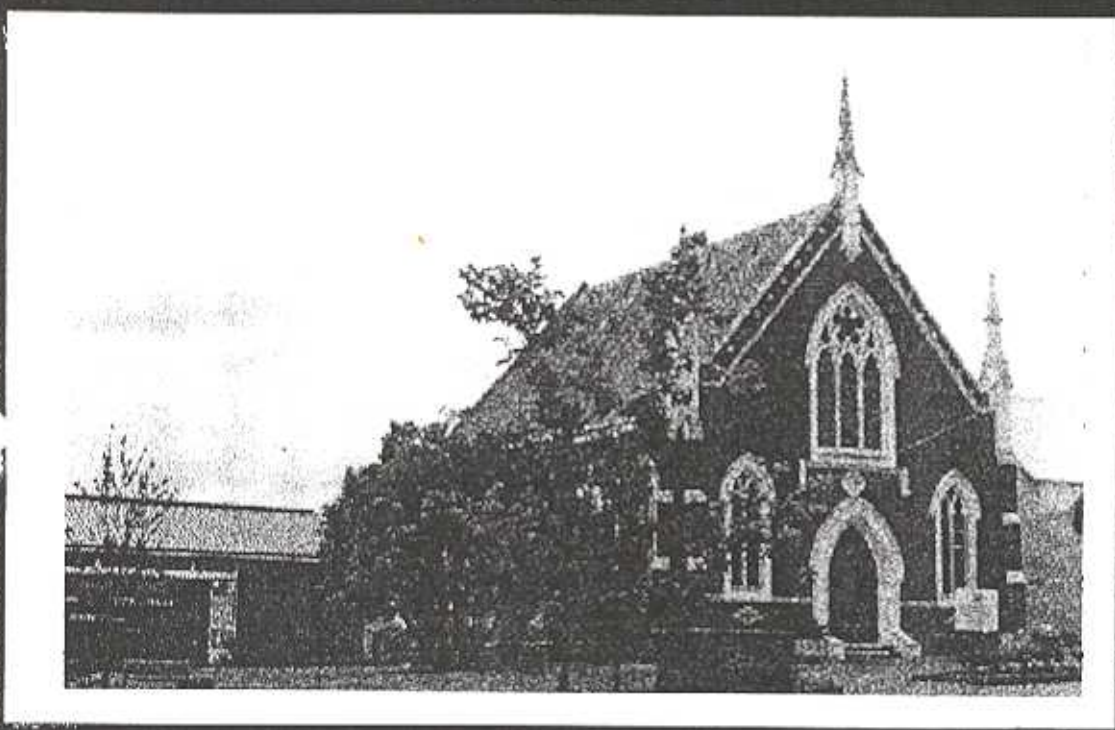
**Precinct Name**

**Survey Date**

**Neg. No.**

**Video Track No.**

**Recorded By**



**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

Original Openings

Original Decoration

Original Finish

Early Garden

Early Fence