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SCOTS CHURCH, PAKINGTON STREET

HISTORY

A wooden Presbyterian Sunday School was opened on this site on February 1908. It is unclear whether this forms any part of the extant building. 1913 saw the formation of an officially constituted Presbyterian congregation in Geelong West. It was named 'Scots Church' and the minister was the Rev. A. Heathcote Fletcher. It seems likely that the existing building was constructed soon after 1913. The congregation appears to have flourished as major alterations and additions were carried out in 1919 to increase the seating capacity of the church. Buchan Laird and Buchan, architects were responsible for the design in which the pulpit and choir were moved from the west end to the east end and the entrance was removed from Pakington Street to Waratah Street. (See copies of the reduced plans attached.) kindergarten room was also added.

DESCRIPTION

It is a single storey gabled building constructed of timber and clad in weatherboards with a corrugated iron roof. Externally it is very plain. This is characteristic of the Bungalow period in which the alterations were carried out. The original date of construction occurred during the Edwardian period and there is little evidence of this more flamboyant style in Scots Church. The altered design of the Pakington Street facade is a little strange as the upper window appears to be a larger window cut down in size and suspended in the large bare tympanum of the gable-end.

SIGNIFICANCE

Scots Church has strong historical associations with the first constituted Presbyterian congregation in Geelong West. It is the only wooden church building in the Ashby Area. It is of local significance.

POLICY/RECOMMENDATIONS

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