

<b>Heritage Overlay</b>	<b>005</b>
<b>Citation No.:</b>	<b>253</b>
<b>Place:</b>	<b>Former Christ (Anglican) Church School Hall, 2-4 Unitt Street</b>

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<b>Other Names of Place:</b>	Christ Church Worship centre and Opportunity Shop
<b>Location:</b>	2-4 Unitt Street, Melton
<b>Critical Dates:</b>	1899
<b>Existing Heritage Listings:</b>	Register of the National Estate, Place ID 5491, Register of the National Trust B3146
<b>Recommended Level of Significance:</b>	LOCAL

**Note:** This citation contains only a statement of significance. It was commissioned after the heritage study had been exhibited. The Former Christ (Anglican) Church was included in the schedule to the heritage overlay prior to the heritage study being written.



### **Statement of Significance:**

The former Christ Church Sunday School Hall at Unitt Street, Melton is significant as a moderately intact, weatherboard church hall, in the Victorian Picturesque style. The hall is an historical legacy of the development of the Anglican Christ Church in Melton in the nineteenth century. Built in 1899, it is the only remaining built structure on the site of the original, bluestone church. The bluestone church was demolished in the 1990s and the only relics remaining are a stained glass window in the garden and the metal belltower.

*Consultants: David Moloney, David Rowe, Pamela Jellie (2006) Sera-Jane Peters (2009)*

The former Christ Church Sunday School Hall at Unitt Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2, E.1). Although there have been changes to the building, addition and removal of porches, the building still demonstrates original design qualities of the Victorian Picturesque style. These qualities include the steeply pitched gable roof form, the corrugated sheet metal roof cladding, timber framed window openings and wooden gable finials.

The former Christ Church Sunday School Hall at Unitt Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A4, B2). It is the only remaining building on the site of the now demolished Christ (Anglican) Church, and as such represents the changing fortunes of the Anglican church in Melton. Its modest size and simple style probably reflects the size and beliefs of the congregation that built it, and the sorts of activities for which it was used for many decades. It is now a very busy opportunity shop run by the church.

Overall, the former Christ Church Sunday School Hall at Unitt Street is of LOCAL significance.

