



4-97 30A Pickett Street

construction in an area known for bluestone production.

**Footscray North Primary School, SS4160  
12 Rosamond Street**

**History**

Education Department District Inspector Betheras reported a sufficient potential student population, in 1917, to necessitate purchasing a future school site in the Ballarat Road area. Three years later, two not over-large sites were acquired, three acres on this site and one acre across Peckville Street. A brick school comprising nine classrooms, office and staff room followed in 1924. A caretaker's residence was added in 1928, a further two classrooms in 1943 and two classrooms for the handicapped in 1949. After the establishment of the Footscray North Special School (SS4792), these two rooms were relocated there in 1957.<sup>1</sup>

Head teachers included Theodore Cory, A. Arnold, J. Flynn, J. Goulding, E. Worster, G. Kennedy, J. Bolwell and A. Giddings.<sup>2</sup>

**Description**

Designed under Chief Public Works architect, E Evan Smith, this school takes up the Georgian revival manner so favoured by Smith. It is two-storey, half red brick and half textured stucco and has a hipped and tiled roof with the characteristic overhanging eaves. Elements of Baroque detailing are apparent over windows and at the entrance where an ox-bow arch supports a miniature stepped parapet holding the school's name.

**External Integrity**

Generally original, given added classrooms in the grounds.

**Streetscape**

Isolated public building in contemporary housing.

1 V&R V3,p.136f  
2 ibid.



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#### Significance

A relatively austere but near original Georgian revival school design which has served as a community building for over 60 years and hence retains many personal associations.

#### United Free Methodist Church 44 Simpson Street

#### History

Since c1870, the United Methodists had worshipped in an austere timber church on a site in Anderson Street, which also fronted onto Simpson Street. On this latter frontage they began to erect this 'handsome brick and stone building' in 1885. The architect was George Reilly Cox and the contractor, a Mr. Horne of Footscray

A modest Early English Gothic revival styled beginning saw a plan of only 33 by 43 feet but with future extension in mind. The interior was 'handsomely

furnished' and equipped with a platform. The cost was to be £589 and the memorial stone laid by W.M. Clarke, Esq.<sup>2</sup>

#### Description

An unusual combination of face brickwork, cement render and rubble basalt masonry, the church presents a seemingly unfinished face to the street. Otherwise, it compares with the earlier but reassembled former Footscray Anglican Church in the adoption of the simple style and treatment.

#### External Integrity

The roof cladding is now tiles and the fence replaced: both added elements being intrusive to the building's period character.

#### Streetscape

At the end of a mixed residential street with some contemporary dwellings to the church.

1 *The Advertiser* 31/7/85  
2 *ibid.*