

FORMER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
66-72 Peel Street, Windsor



Recommendations It is recommended that this building be added to the Register of Historic Buildings, Register of the National Estate and be protected using the provisions of Clause 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Third Schedule).

Current Assessments This building is recorded by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

History and Description This small church building was erected as a chapel and school for the United Methodist Free Church in 1858 at a cost of nine hundred pounds. From 1872 the building was used as a Congregational or Independent Church, a not uncommon change for Methodist chapels in the 1870s. This brick church has a simple rendered facade with a cornice supported by four pilasters and a plain rectangular pediment is incised with the date '1858'. A central gable roofed porch and two slender rectangular windows.

Significance This small church is an early and restrained example of ecclesiastical design. The building is enhanced by intact iron palisade fence and associated landscaping.

Intactness This building is substantially intact and has survived threat of demolition when the building was sold by the Uniting Church in the early 1980s. The iron palisade fence and some planting also remain intact.

References

National Trust of Australia (Victoria) research notes
Arms, 20 October 1958.