

PLACE NAME: ST. GEORGE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF GEELONG

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: English Gothic.

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Nathaniel Billing, architect
 Reference: Melbourne.
Geelong Advertiser, 27th February, 1861.

BUILDER: Brown and Gibson.

Reference: St. Georges Presbyterian Church, Church Records.

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES: stained glass window
 Reference: in West End by Ballantyne and Co. of
 Edinburgh.

Campbell, Rev. A.J., Fifty Years of Presbyterianism in
 TENDER NOTICE: Vic.
 Reference: Geelong Advertiser, 27th February, 1861.

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1861.

Reference: Foundation stone laid 12th June, 1861.

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

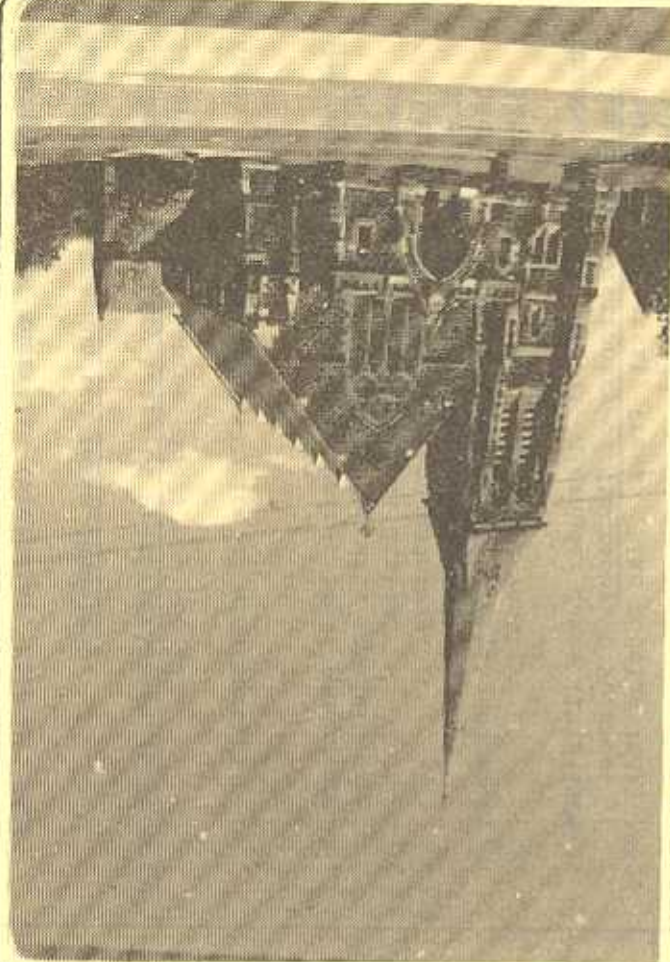
SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

Transepts and vestibule added in 1908 at a cost of \$1400
 Spire and tower completed, 1936.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)
 Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

OTHER NOTES Rev. A.J. Campbell transferred to St.
 Georges from St. Andrews, Varra Street, when the new
 congregation formed a breakaway group.



NEGATIVE FILE:

☒ Australian Heritage Commission
 Register of National Estate
☐ Historic Buildings Preservation Council
 Register No. File No.
☒ National Trust of Aust. (Vic)
 Classified/Recorded
 File No. 3686
☒ Geelong Regional Commission
 Register No.

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME St. Georges Presbyterian Church,
 ADDRESS 249 Chr. Ryrie Street and Latrobe Terrace,
 Geelong, 3220.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Geelong.
 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE Church.

PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Presbyterian Church of Victoria
 ADDRESS Assembly Hall, 156 Collins St.,
 Melbourne. TELEPHONE

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 3686.
McNair, J.E., One Hundred Years 1860-1960.
Campbell, A.J. Fifty Years of Presbyterianism in Victoria
Hutchinson, Melbourne, 1889, pp. 206-207.
Argus, 13th August, 1859, Notice of architectural
competition.
Geelong Advertiser, 27th February, 1861, tender notice.
9th April, 1861, fresh tender with schedule of
deductions from the original design.
16th May, 1861, excavations underway.
12th June, 1861, foundation stone laid.
25th June, 1861, foundation stone laying ceremony.
12th December, 1861, tender for vestry.
Chambers, Don, 'Campbell, Alexander James (1815-1909)',
Australian Dictionary of Biography, 6 Volumes,
Melbourne University Press. Pike Douglas (Ed), 1969,
Volume 3, pp 342-343.
St. Georges Presbyterian Church, Church Records.
Strachan, H.M., Some Notes and Recollections, Obsboldstone
Pty. Ltd., printers, Melbourne, 1927, p. 52.

CITATION

The original large nave of St. Georges Presbyterian Church, with vestry and apse constructed of irregularly coursed basalt with Hawksbury River freestone dressings, was erected in 1861 by contractors Brown and Gibson.
St. Georges Presbyterian Church was formed in 1861 by a breakaway group from the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Yarra Street. The large and finely constructed church reflects the wealth of many of the church's foundation patrons, which included Francis Ormond and other Western District squatters. The church, as completed, is a significant and intact work of noted ecclesiastical architect Billing. Important Presbyterian church historian, the Rev. A.J. Campbell, was the first incumbent.

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.
Historic Buildings Council Register.

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SIGNATURE

DATE