

PLACE NAME: CHURCH OF CHRIST (former Free Church of England (Trinity Church)).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF GEELONG

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Early English Gothic

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Backhouse & Reynolds;
 Reference: Geelong architects.
Geelong Advertiser, 24th July, 1858.

BUILDER:
 Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADESMEN: Fullager,
 Reference: Fullager and Co. Carpenter-Billy Fullerton.
National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File 3744.

TENDER NOTICE: Geelong Advertiser, 24th July, 1858.
 Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1858/59
 Reference:

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE £2930

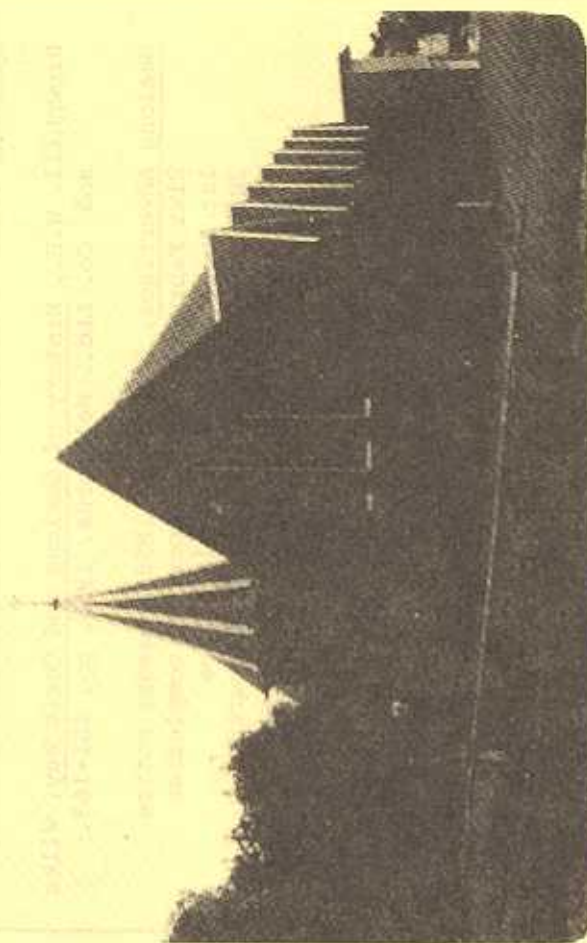
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SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS
 Weatherboard hall constructed c 1911, demolished 1958.
 Brick hall constructed 1958, at rear of church.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) Free Church of England

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS
 1907, leased by the Church of Christ
 1914, purchased by the Church of Christ

OTHER NOTES The church was closed in 1875 and reopened
 in 1884. The Free Church of England was formed in the
 early 1850's by the Rev. G. Brough as a breakaway from
 the Anglican Church.



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.3744



Geelong Regional Commission
 Register No. ...121

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME Church of Christ (former Free Church of England)
 ADDRESS Chr. LaTrobe Terrace and Little Myers Street,
 275 Geelong, 3220.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Geelong
 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE Church

PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Properties Corporation, Church of Christ
 ADDRESS 52 LaTrobe Street,
 Melbourne 3000

TELEPHONE (052)

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 3744.

Brownhill, W.R., History of Geelong and Corio Bay, Wilke and Co. Ltd., Melbourne, 1955. pp. 161-163.

Geelong Advertiser, 24th July, 1858 - tender notice

21st February, 1859 - report on completion

1st August, 1864 - For sale notice

28th June, 1884 - re-opening of church

20th May, 1958, p. 1 - report on new hall.

CITATION

The former Trinity Church, a bluestone structure in squared, random coursed rubble, was constructed by Fullager Hagerly and Co. in 1858.

The Free Church of England was formed in the early 1850s by the Reverend G. Brough, as a local breakaway group from the Anglican church in Australia. The church was closed in 1875 and reopened for a short time in 1884. In 1914 the Church of Christ acquired this unusually designed Early English gothic church, with the most distinctive sidegables and short tower and spire. The church has interesting associations with the history of the Anglican congregations in Australia, and is a notable work of prolific mid-Victorian architects Backhouse and Reynolds.

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.

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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