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# FORMER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



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1 former congregational  
church howe cres south melb  
front view church & hall

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## Location

34-36 HOWE CRESCENT SOUTH MELBOURNE, PORT PHILLIP CITY

## Municipality

PORT PHILLIP CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0573

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO154

## VHR Registration

May 30, 1984

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 22, 1999

The Former Congregational Church was built in 1874. The architects were WH Elleker and Co.; the builder was W Stone. The church repeats the form and style of the earlier church beside it but with more sophistication. It is an outstanding example of its genre. The interior now substantially altered was of particular interest.

The church with the hall and the former Barrett family residence which was also designed by Elleker form part of the significant streetscape of Howe Crescent. The whole subdivision is of major importance in the history of Melbourne's planning. It has perhaps only one parallel in Dendy's town survey of Brighton.

Additional information:

The Congregational Church was formed in South Melbourne in 1859, holding its services in the great iron store and later in the Mechanics' Institute. By the end of 1865 a wooden church had been erected on this site and this was replaced by the northern of these two buildings in 1868, that was to later become the church hall. With the increase in congregation, the church was replaced by that to the south in 1874-75.

[Source: *South Melbourne Conservation Study citation*]

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates	1874,
Architect/Designer	Ellerker, William H,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	1052

Property Number

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## **Extent of Registration**

### **AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS**

Historic Building No. 573 Former Congregational Church, Howe Crescent, South Melbourne (to the extent of the external fabric and the whole of the title, Volume 9433 Folio 679).

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. 59 30 May 1984 p. 1683]

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*