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1 former wesleyan church & sunday school ballarat view of church from northeast 1992



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Location

101 DANA STREET BALLARAT CENTRAL, BALLARAT CITY

Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1089

Heritage Overlay Numbers

VHR Registration

June 29, 1995

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 5, 1999

What is significant?

The former Wesleyan Church, designed by Terry and Oakden, was constructed between 1883 and 1884. The former Wesleyan Sunday School, constructed in 1870, was designed by a prominent local architect JA Doane.

How is it significant?

The former Wesleyan Church and Sunday School Hall are of architectural, historic and social importance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The former Wesleyan Church is architecturally significant as an important and essentially intact example of the work of the prominent firm of architects Terry and Oakden.

The Gothic design of the former Wesleyan Church, which skilfully handles a difficult site, is important as a striking example of polychrome brickwork.

The elongated windows of the former Wesleyan Church, with geometric tracery, are also of significance for their notched brickwork diaper patterns, together with the horizontal wall banding the lozenge motifs.

The former Wesleyan Sunday School Hall, whilst of lesser importance architecturally than the Church, is historically significant in its ability to demonstrate the diverse social, didactic and religious activities for which it was used.

The buildings are of historical significance as a symbol of faith and identity of the Wesleyan community in Ballarat, which was, at the time of construction, a pre-eminent city within the colony of Victoria.

The buildings are significant in their ability to indicate the aspirations and values of Wesleyans in the colony in the nineteenth century. Whilst Wesleyans typically constructed austere chapels, it is probable that this elaborate church at Ballarat was intended to be a symbol of the faith of Ballarat Wesleyans.

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	1870,
Architect/Designer	Terry & Oakden,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	1379
Property Number	

History

Associated People:

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1089:

Wesleyan Church and Sunday School Hall, corner Lydiard Street South and Dana Street, Ballarat, Shire of Ballarat.

Extent:

- (1) All of the building known as the former Wesleyan Church and Sunday School Hall.
- (2) All of the land set aside as Crown Land for the Wesleyan Church marked L-1 on Plan 600205 endorsed by the Chair, Historic Buildings Council, held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G25 29 June 1995 pp.1678-1679]

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/>