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# Ceres Uniting Church - AKA 17 McCann St

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## Location

2 Wheatsheaf Road, CERES VIC 3221 - Property No 232802

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO66

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wesleyan Methodist Church Chapel at Ceres was erected 1855 to the design of Mr Hope, an architect about whom virtually nothing is known. The chapel was built to serve both as a church and schoolhouse for the considerable population of Ceres which in the 1850s was a burgeoning vineyard and grazing district. The structure is a typical Wesleyan Chapel erected without ostentation or direct reference to historical style. The chapel is constructed of ubiquitous Barrabool freestone donated by Nichols McCann, a local stonemason and quarryman of the Ceres district and is part of an identifiable group of buildings in the small village.

### RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register.

### REFERENCES

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Geelong Advertiser - 12th December, 1854. P.5 Col. 7.

McAdam, N. S. - Report for Education Department on file under State School No. 151 Ceres, held at Public records Office, Laverton.

Poyner, K. J. - "Public Buildings in and around Ceres", Undergraduate Research essay, Deakin University, 1978, pp. 4-14.

Refer to A. Willingham, Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study, vol.1, sheet 62. It is highly recommended that a Conservation Management Plan be carried out on the property. Statement of Cultural Significance

#### References

1. Willingham, Geelong Region Historic Buildings amp Objects Study, vol.1, sheet 62. 2. Wynd, Barrabool Land of the Magpie, p.71. References

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study, Allan Willingham, 1986; |
| Heritage Act Categories   | Registered place,                                                                              |
| Hermes Number             | 21331                                                                                          |
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### Physical Description 1

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