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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (FORMER)



Presbyterian Church (2000)



Presbyterian Church (2020)



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### Location

16-18 PEART STREET, LEONGATHA, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

### Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

### Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 19, 2022

### What is significant?

The former Presbyterian Church, now the Uniting Church Hall, designed and constructed by Neil Falconer and opened on 28 April 1901, at 16-18 Peart Street, Leongatha, is significant. It is a Federation Carpenter Gothic Church of typical design with a gabled nave, a projecting double-gable vestry and a gable front porch. This building includes a simple tie beam with a finial at the gable end of the nave and another finial on the porch, timber doors with pointed arch heads at the sides of the porch, and lancet windows with simple tracery details and coloured glass.

Non-original alterations are not significant.

### How is it significant?

The former Leongatha Presbyterian Church is of local historic, aesthetic and social significance to South Gippsland Shire.

### Why is it significant?

Historically, this church is oldest church building in Leongatha and is associated with the development of the town and district in the early twentieth century. The construction of the church marked the elevation of Leongatha to a 'full charge' with a resident priest. (Criterion A)

Aesthetically, it is a fine example of a Carpenter Gothic church with typical form and detailing including the steep pitched roof, gabled porch, and lancet windows and doors. Of note are the tracery details to the windows. (Criterion E)

It has social value for its strong and enduring associations with the Uniting Church congregation through its use as a church and church hall for over 110 years. (Criterion G)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1901, 1901, 1901,
Architect/Designer	Falconer, Neil,
Other Names	Uniting Church Hall, Uniting Church Hall, Extra,
Hermes Number	30848
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The former Leongatha Presbyterian Church at 16 Peart Street, Leongatha (now located behind a postwar brick church) is a characteristic Victorian Carpenter Gothic church, although slightly larger than many of the remnant early churches of the region. It has a major steeply pitched nave gable, a smaller chancel/vestry gable at the rear and a small gabled porch with side doors at the front. It appears to have been relocated to make way for the new church at the front of the site, which was constructed in the postwar period, and it is now used as the church hall. Other notable elements include:

- Lancet windows with Gothic arched glazing bars.
- Gable end frames with recent finials added.

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