

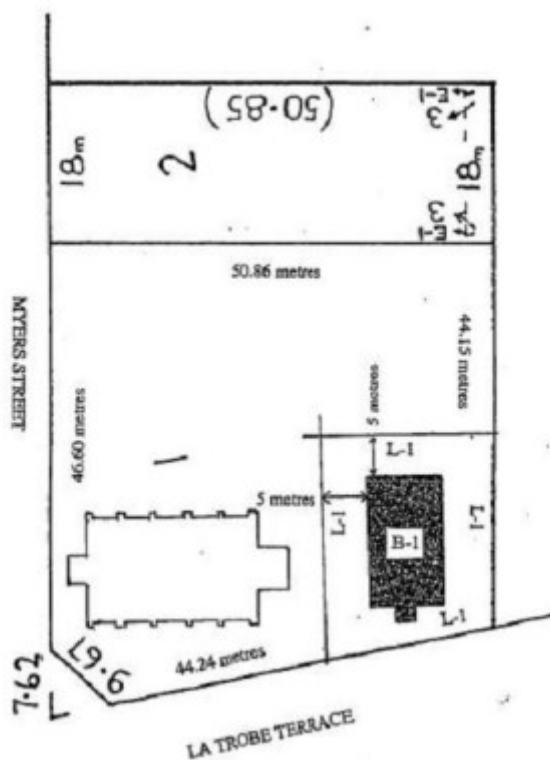
# FORMER GAELIC CHURCH AND SCHOOLHOUSE



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schoolhouse geelong front  
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## Location

271 LATROBE TERRACE GEELONG, GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Municipality

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1121

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO159

## VHR Registration

November 30, 1995

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 5, 1999

The former Gaelic church and schoolhouse was built in 1854 by a Free Presbyterian Church congregation established in Geelong for the Gaelic-speaking immigrants from the Scottish Highlands. The simple Gothic style building in sandstone and brick was designed by Geelong architect John Young. It was used as a church until the congregation built a separate chapel in 1859

The former Gaelic church and schoolhouse is of historical, architectural and social significance to Victoria.

The former Gaelic church and schoolhouse has important historical and social associations. As the oldest surviving example of a Free Presbyterian church, it has associations with the Presbyterian Church, particularly the divisions in Presbyterianism resulting in the establishment of the Free Church in Victoria in 1846, three years after the formation of the Free Church in Scotland when 474 evangelical ministers left the Church in protest against the subservience of the church to the state. It also has historical and social associations with the Scottish immigrants to Victoria during the nineteenth century, many of whom had been affected by the Highland clearances.

The former church and schoolhouse, one of the most intact surviving examples of the early denominational schools subsidised by the government, is of historical significance for its educational associations. It recalls the important role played by denominational schools in the early history of education in this state.

## 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	1853,
Architect/Designer	Long, John,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	3399
Property Number	

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## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1121.

Former Gaelic Church and Schoolhouse, 271 La Trobe Terrace, Geelong, City of Greater Geelong.

Extent:

1. All of the building known as the former Gaelic church and schoolhouse marked B-1 on Plan 604437 endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
2. All of the land marked L-1 on Plan 604437 being part of the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 9509 Folio 814 endorsed by the Chairperson Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.

[Victoria Government Gazette No. G47 30 November 1995 p.3349]

*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/>