

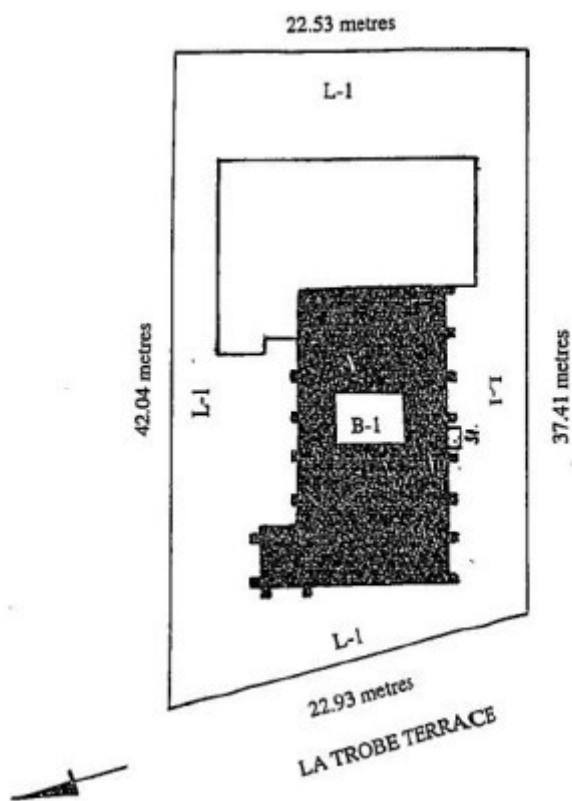
CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Location

275 LATROBE TERRACE GEELONG, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1123

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO964

VHR Registration

November 30, 1995

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 5, 1999

The Church of Christ was built in 1858 by Fullager, Hagery & Co. to a design by the architectural firm Backhouse & Reynolds. The bluestone building in Early English Gothic style was built for the Free Church of England and was originally known as the Trinity Church. The Church of Christ acquired the building in 1914.

The Church of Christ, Geelong is of architectural and historical significance to Victoria.

The church is historically significant for its associations with Church of England congregations in Victoria. It has importance in religious history as the only surviving example of a Free Church of England in Victoria. The Free Church of England was formed in England in 1844 and a congregation established in Geelong in 1857. Although the church followed the moral and doctrinal precepts of the Anglican Church, it believed in freedom from Episcopal jurisdiction in other matters, especially regarding the choice of minister for a congregation. The church also has religious associations with the Church of Christ, a denomination with both British and American origins, introduced to Victoria in 1853 and established in Geelong in 1857.

The church is architecturally significant as an extraordinary example of the Early English Gothic style of architecture. Although the building displays characteristic features such as lancet windows and a spire in simple broach form, it also includes highly distinctive elements such as the seven transverse gables and the extremely squat tower.

The building is historically significant for its association with the prominent army captain and the first police magistrate of Geelong, Foster Fyans. Fyans was one of the founders of the Free Church of England in Geelong and instigated the purchase of land for the congregation.

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	1858,
Architect/Designer	Backhouse & Reynolds,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	TRINITY CHURCH,
Hermes Number	4218
Property Number	

History

Associated People:

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1123.

Church of Christ, corner La Trobe Terrace and Little Myers Street, Geelong, City of Greater Geelong.

Extent:

1. All of the building known as the Church of Christ, excluding the attached hall, marked B-1 on Plan 606035 endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
 2. All of the land described in Memorial No. 637 Book 545 marked L-1 on Plan 606035 and endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
- [Victoria Government Gazette No. G47 30 November 1995 p.3350]

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/>