

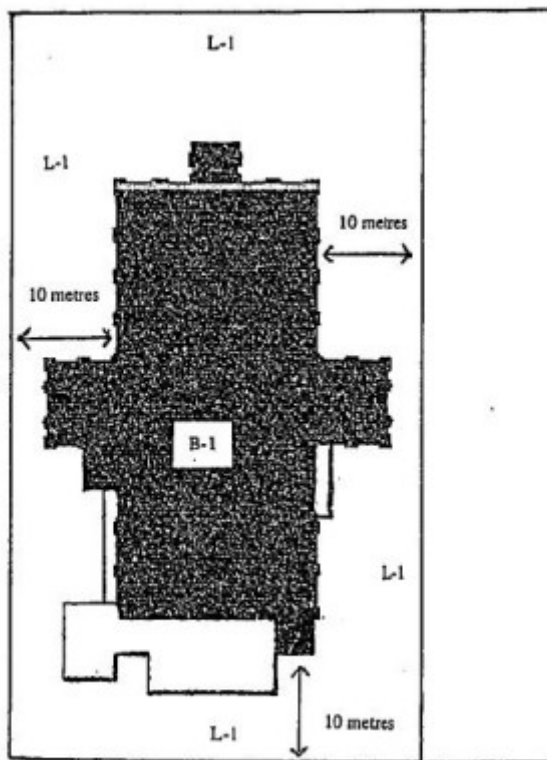
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1 st mary's hall geelong side
elevation apr1997



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Location

162-190 MYERS STREET GEELONG, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1109

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1084

VHR Registration

November 9, 1995

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 5, 1999

St Mary's Hall, Geelong, a large red brick building with cement dressings, was constructed in 1891-92 by contractors House and Sims to a design by architects Watts and Durran. Funded by subscriptions and opened debt-free, it was used as classrooms for St Mary's School until 1918.

St Mary's Hall is of architectural and historical significance to Victoria.

St Mary's Hall is an extraordinary example of architectural style for the Catholic Church which favoured the Gothic style at that time. The first and classically styled churches built in Victoria for the Catholic Church were Sacred Heart Church, St Kilda in 1884 and Sacred Heart Church, Carlton in 1897

As such St Mary's Hall is an early example of the classical revival style in Catholic architecture and anticipates the move from Gothic style to the red brick Renaissance and Baroque designs of the twentieth century.

The hall has considerable historical associations with the Catholic Church in Victoria. Constructed as a meeting place for Catholics after they were denied access to other halls due to the hostility engendered by the Irish Home Rule question, the building demonstrates its strong links with Irish Catholicism. The imposing scale of the hall expresses the importance placed in the building as a symbol of the faith an identity of the Catholic community.

[Source: Report to the Minister]

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](#).

Specific Exemptions:

Interior Painting Removal of existing kitchen benches and fixtures Installation of new kitchen benches and fixtures including associated plumbing and wiring Re-wiring provided that all new wiring is fully concealed

Construction dates	1891,
Architect/Designer	Watts & Durran,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	St Mary's Hall,
Hermes Number	4818
Property Number	

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1109.

St Mary's Hall, 162 Myers Street, Geelong, City of Greater Geelong.

Extent

1. All of the building known as St Mary's Hall, Geelong, excluding the attached tennis club rooms and toilet blocks, marked B-1 on Plan 605990 endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Building Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.

2. All of the land marked L-1 on Plan 605990 being part of the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 971 Folio 038, extending to the northern title boundary and extending ten metres from the base of the southern, eastern and western walls of the main body of the hall endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Building Council and held by the Director, Historic Building Council.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G44 9 November 1995 pp.3153-3154]

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/>