

# ST GEORGE THE MARTYR CHURCH AND PARISH HALL



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1 st george the martyr church & parish hall hobson street queenscliff front view



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h01125 st george the martyr church and hall hobson st queenscliffe facade school hall she project 2003



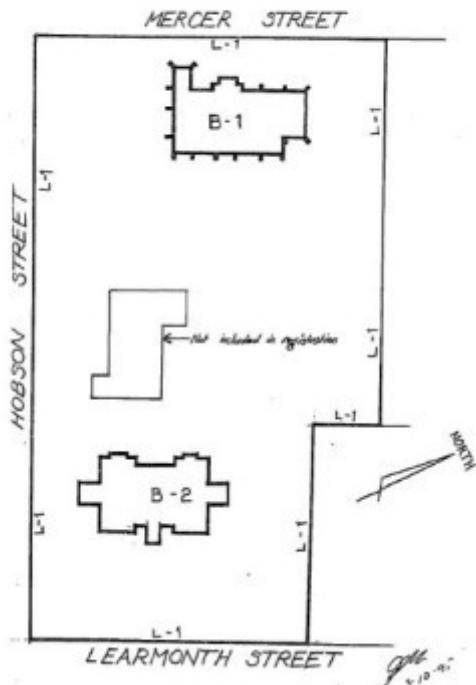
h01125 st george the martyr church and hall hobson st queenscliffe pulpit she project 2003



h01125 st george the martyr church and hall hobson st queenscliffe south face she project 2003



h01125 st george the martyr church and hall hobson st queenscliffe west wall she project 2003



H1125 plan

**Location**

16-26 HOBSON STREET QUEENSCLIFF, QUEENSCLIFFE BOROUGH

**Municipality**

QUEENSCLIFFE BOROUGH

**Level of significance**

Registered

**Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H1125

**Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO10

**VHR Registration**

November 30, 1995

**Heritage Listing**

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 5, 1999

### What is significant?

The St George the Martyr Church and Parish Hall, Queenscliff are part of a complex that originally also included a Vicarage, all three attributed to the Melbourne architect, Albert Purchas. The Church was constructed in 1863-64 of locally quarried limestone, with a stuccoed brick tower added in 1878 and further extensions made in 1887 and 1958. The former Vicarage greatly altered and not part of this registration, was built of brick in 1865-66 and remained in use until 1967, when it was replaced by the current vicarage. Construction of the brick Parish Hall was begun in 1870 but it was not completed until 1902.

### How is it significant?

The St George the Martyr Church and Parish Hall are of architectural, historical, and social significance to Victoria.

### Why is it significant?

The Church and Parish Hall are of architectural significance as representative examples of work by early Melbourne architect, Albert Purchas, who designed several significant churches in Victoria during the 1850s and 1870s. The Church, with its unusual roof form encompassing both the aisles and nave, is significant as a rare example of the Later Gothic architectural style, freely decorated and characterised by broad planning and large stained glass windows.

The Parish Hall is of particular interest as an example of a building constructed for the purposes of both education and worship. The scale and the location of this pair of early ecclesiastical buildings are important indications of the strength of the Anglican Church in the area.

The Church and Parish Hall are historically significant for their association with several parishioners such as TH Fellows, politician and judge and the prominent Baillieu family.

The Church and Parish Hall are socially significant for their associations with important cultural groups such as the Cosmopolitan Masonic Lodge Queenscliff (over 50 years), Grammar School (1882-1902), Literary Association 1883, Queenscliffe Borough Council Chambers 1899, Orange and ANA Lodges.

## 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 1863,  
Architect/Designer Purchas, Albert,  
Heritage Act Categories Registered place,  
Hermes Number 4824  
Property Number

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## History

Associated People:

## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1125.

St George the Martyr Church and Parish Hall, corner of Hobson and Mercer Streets, Queenscliff, Borough of Queenscliffe.

Extent:

1. All of the buildings known as St George the Martyr Church, marked B-1 and Parish Hall, marked B-2 on Plan 600674 endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
2. All of the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 8954 Folio 620 marked L-1 on Plan 600674 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/>*