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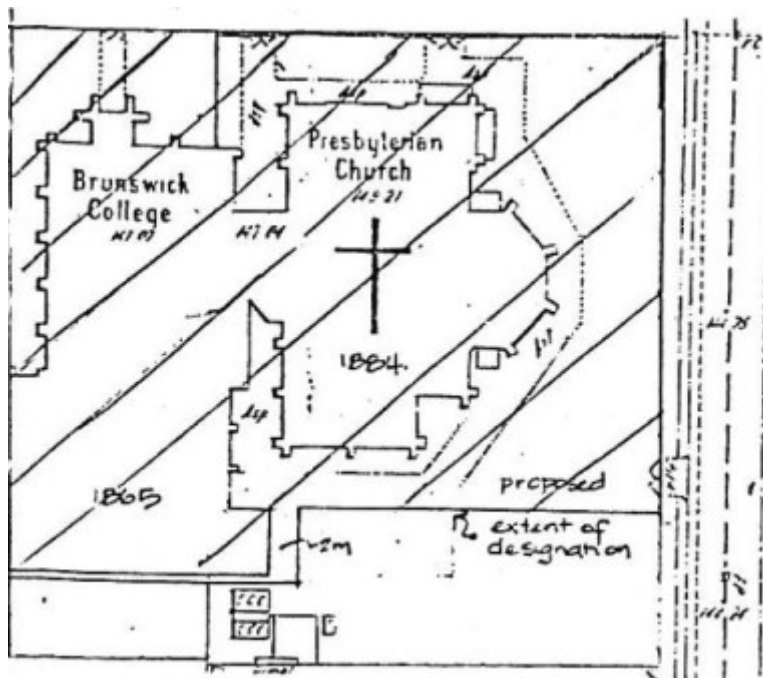
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1 former presbyterian church buildings sydney road brunswick front view



H0756 H0756 plan

**Location**

212 SYDNEY ROAD BRUNSWICK, MORELAND CITY

**Municipality**

MERRI-BEK CITY

**Level of significance**

Registered

**Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H0756

**Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO152

**VHR Registration**

November 15, 1989

**Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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**Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - June 28, 1999

Two churches stand on this site. One was erected as the second Presbyterian church in Brunswick in 1865 and the other, built in 1885, was the third.

The 1865 church is a simple bluestone gothic structure designed by the celebrated architect, Charles Webb. Few of Webb's earlier churches remain. The 1885 church was designed by well-known architect Evander McIver.

The former Presbyterian church buildings are of architectural and historic importance for the following reasons:

1. Both churches on the site are by notable architects, the 1865 church by Charles Webb and the 1885 church by Evander McIver.
2. The 1880s church was designed using a sympathetic approach to the earlier church by repeating specific design elements. Both churches adopt the gothic style with broach spires and contrasting window surrounds.
3. The cream brick spires of the bluestone church is unique and of particular importance in Brunswick, where the cream brick was first produced.
4. Both buildings are essentially intact in form and detail.

[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](#).

Construction dates	1865,
Architect/Designer	Webb, Charles,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	5098
Property Number	

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## History

Associated People:

## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Under section 14 of the *Historic Buildings Act 1981* the Governor in Council amends the Register by adding Historic Building No. 756.

Former Presbyterian Church Buildings, 212 Sydney Road, Brunswick.

(Buildings and land entered in the Register Book of Title Volume 1689 Folio 703 to the extent shown in attached drawing (Attachments A and B)).

Dated 8 November 1989

Responsible Minister:

T.W. ROPER

Minister for Planning and Environment

LAWRENCE A. FISHER

Clerk of the Executive Council

[Victoria Government Gazette G 45 15 November 1989 2950]

*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/>*