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# UNITING CHURCH (FORMER)



52573 Second Collection  
Tyrendarra 416

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## Location

7098 PRINCES HIGHWAY, TYRENDARRA, GLENELG SHIRE

## Municipality

GLENELG SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

Glenelg Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Uniting Church, Princes Highway, Tyrendarra was built as a Methodist Church in 1961. The builder was B. England and the Church secretary who took possession was Gordon Dyson. The first Minister to serve the Tyrendarra district after the Second World War was Rev. Doug Risstrom. The church is located about 16.5km south-east of Heywood and 22.0km north-east of Portland. The church is a simple four bay structure, built of Mount Gambier stone with a large amber-coloured glass window in the south wall facing the Highway. It is a modest ecclesiastical interpretation of late twentieth century Structuralism, with some suggestion of the Gothic style and domestic architecture. The latter quality is enhanced by the present garden. It was de-commissioned in the 1990s and converted into an antique shop and cafe. The building retains a high degree of integrity externally. It is in good condition.

How is it significant?

The former Tyrendarra Uniting Church is of historical, social and architectural significance to the Glenelg Shire.

#### Why is it Significant?

The Former Uniting Church is of historical significance as a late example of the importance of Methodist and subsequently Uniting Church faith in the Tyrendarra area from the 1960s. The church is of social significance to the community of Tyrendarra as the focus for the Methodists settled in the area in the later twentieth century. It is of architectural significance as a simple example of the Modernist style, used to express religious values.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Glenelg - Glenelg Shire Heritage Study Part One, Carlotta Kellaway, David Rhodes Mandy Jean, 2002; Glenelg - Glenelg Heritage Study Stage Two (a), Heritage Matters, 2006;
Construction dates	1961,
Other Names	SECOND COLLECTION,
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#### Usage/Former Usage

Antique shop and cafe

#### Physical Description 1

A small and simply constructed Mount Gambier stone building in the Late Twentieth Century Structuralist (Ecclesiastical) style. The building is aligned north-south. The south window is large and is divided into twelve sections with a cross superimposed on it. The foundation stone is set below it and reads 'To the Glory of God this foundation stone was set by the Rev. C. K. Daws ED Managing Secretary 4th February 1961 Minister N. H. Mapperson'. The side windows are small and high and on the west side are set between buttresses. All the windows have amber glass. The roof is covered with dark Marseilles terracotta tiles. There are two porches on the east side, one smaller than the other, which add a domestic quality to the building. There is a later extension on the east side for services and facilities. The church seated 120 people.

#### Physical Conditions

Good

#### Historical Australian Themes

8 Developing Australia's Cultural Life

8.3: Going on holiday

8.6: Worshipping

8.6.1: Worshipping together

8.6.2: Maintaining religious traditions and ceremonies

8.6.3: Founding Australian religious institutions

8.6.4: Making places for worship

8.6.5: Evangelising

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