
UNITING CHURCH (SECOND WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL)

Location

512A SYDNEY ROAD, and BELL STREET, COBURG, MORELAND CITY

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0962

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO164

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 2008

The former Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, now the Uniting Church, is included on the Victorian Heritage Register (H0962) as a place of State significance. Please refer to the VHR citation for the statement of significance. The local statement of significance is as follows:

The Uniting Church, formerly the second Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, is of state historical and architectural significance. It is a rare example of uncoursed irregular bluestone construction in Melbourne and it is one of the earliest churches on Melbourne's vital northern route, Sydney Road. This significance is enhanced by its association with an important architect, T J Crouch, and by its position within the surviving 19th century Wesleyan Methodist complex.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - City of Coburg Heritage Conservation & Streetscape Study, Timothy Hubbard Pty Ltd, 1991; Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999;
Construction dates	1857, 1974,
Architect/Designer	Crouch, TJ,
Hermes Number	59110
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Uniting Church is a simple Gothic Revival Building of rare randomly laid bluestone, the mortar joints of which have been repointed in a grey-blue colour. The church has a gabled slate roof topped by a neon-lit white cross at the western end. The western end is dominated by a large portal arch with rendered dressings and flanked by pinnacles. Embraced by this arch are three smaller arched windows, with non-original amber glazing. There is one stained glass window on the south side, and four on the north.

The rendered dressings have been painted white.

Key Architectural Elements: random coursed bluestone Gothic Revival Church with gabled slate roof rendered dressings to windows, parapets and buttresses

Conservation Guidelines: remove paint from rendered dressings
reinstate original glazing
remove neon-lit cross from west gable apex
remove coloured surface treatment from mortar joints in bluestone

Principal Historic Themes: establishment of permanent places of worship
19th and early 20th century retailing

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.

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