

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: ST PHILLIP'S CHURCH COMPLEX

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 102-112 Thompson Avenue COWES

STUDY NUMBER: 87

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER: HO58

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Bass Coast Shire

PARISH: PARISH OF PHILLIP ISLAND

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



St Phillip's Church Complex - Parish Hall, Church, Manse

Image Date: July 2004

EXTENT OF LISTING:

Whole allotment.

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PARISH OF PHILLIP ISLAND

COUNTY OF MORNINGTON

COWES (T)

Planning Authority Minister for Planning

Ward Thompson

Access Description

Map Number

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Map Scale 1:100000

Latitude

Longitude

UMG Zone

Easting

Northing

Location Validity

Spatial Accuracy

Extent of Listing

Whole allotment.

Published Extent of Listing

Significance Local

Statement of Significance

St Phillip's Church is historically significant as the oldest Church on Phillip Island in continuous use. It is historically significant as the changes and additions to the complex demonstrate the developments or cultural phases which have had a significant role in the life of the Island. It remains a highly valued place for community and religious reasons and has some local aesthetic significance.

Gazettal Details

Permit Exemptions

Exemptions Policy

Assessment Against Criteria

A.4 Importance for association with events, developments or cultural phases which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the nation, State, region or community.

Date Assessed 04/08/2004 Assessed By F Woodhouse

Comparisons

Rare Assessment

Intact Assessment

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme No Recommendations for Inclusions

Recommended Management

Replace glazing in entry porch with a more sympathetic element. Remove all treated pine fencing and install a new appropriate styled fence (timber picket) on the front boundary.

Heritage Act Categories

Heritage Item Groups

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Title Details

Physical Description

St Phillip's Church is a timber-framed, timber-clad building, L-shaped in plan and comprising of a porch, nave, sanctuary and vestry. The roof is clad with corrugated, galvanised sheet steel. It retains original timber joinery in the semi-circular arched windows along the side elevations. A modern entry porch with unsympathetically styled glazing has been added to the main entry.

The Church Hall is constructed of rendered masonry and is not significant.

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The Manse is a c.1980s brick veneer structure, of conventional design and construction and is not significant.

Physical Condition and/or Archaeological Potential

Good.

Usage Church.

Associated People

Historical Notes

Originally known as Mussel Rock, Cowes was renamed in 1865 by Henry Fox, the Government Surveyor, when surveying Western Port, who named the township after the holiday resort, Cowes, on the Isle of Wight.

A site for a Church of England at Cowes was reserved in the initial township survey of 1869. Constructed late in that year, St Phillip's Church was opened by Dean McCartney on 30 January, 1870. This Church, therefore, is the oldest church and public building in continuous use on the Island. The Church was briefly used as school in 1872. A bell was presented to the church by local resident and landholder, John West in 1875. The first burial listed on the church registry occurred at Cowes Cemetery in 1879. Subsequent modifications include the erection of a vestry and the installation of memorial stained glass windows donated by a Miss Rose. The Parish Hall was opened and dedicated on 23 February, 1935. A Manse was built to the north of the church in the c.1980s. The church is believed to be the oldest continually used building on the Island, and has formed an important part of the social structure of the Island.

Historic Themes

Thematic Environmental History

15.1 Religion: Religious observance through Church services and worshipping were an integral part of the experience of settling a new country or town. Most of the main denominational churches were established in the Bass Coast Shire by the late nineteenth century.

Listings

References

Author	Title	Year	Shelf	Location
David Williams Department of Land and Survey	Memories, Moonahs & Marine Marvels Parish Plan of Township of Cowes, Parish of Phillip Island, County of Mornington	1999		
Joseph White	One Hundred Years of History	1974		

Conservation Plans

Owner Type

Section 32 Recommendation

Owners/Occupants/Managers

Other Notes

Application Detail

Adviser Comments

Planning Scheme Amendments

Overlay Controls

Planning Scheme Schedule

External Paint Controls?	No	Included in Vic Heritage Register?	No
Internal Alteration Controls?	No	Prohibited uses may be permitted?	Yes
Tree Controls?	No	Name of incorporated plan	No
Outbuildings/fences not exempt?	No	Aboriginal Heritage Place?	No