

BUILDING TITLE: Uniting (Former Wesleyan Methodist) Church **BUILDING ADDRESS:** 109 Lonsdale Street
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** Church
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # 60 1522 T **AHC File #** **NT File #** Class || Rec ||
CONSERVATION AREA: Hospital Hill **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 || 3 |X|
STYLE: Gothic Revival

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. 1913
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- 4.
- 5.
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Sources:

1 foundation stone

MATERIALS:

Roof: corrugated iron
Walls: tuck pointed red brick
Dressings: painted cement render
Plinth: tuck pointed red brick
Windows: leadlight & stained glass
Paving: asphalt
Other: glass bricks in extension

SURVEY DATE: 5/4/91 **NEG FILE:** 4/19,20 **REPORTER:** tfh

INTEGRITY: E || G |X| F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** paired gables at side, row of *Washingtonia robusta* palms in Alexandra Parade

CONDITION: E || G |X| F || P ||

SIGNIFICANCE: As the focus for the Wesleyan Methodist denomination and now the Uniting Church in Hamilton and as an example of the work of the Ballarat firm of architects, Clegg, Miller & Cain. *Washingtonia robusta* palms on the Significant Trees Register.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate: extension at rear	Rec	Inappropriate: quad profile spouting	Rec O
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O=reinstate original design S=reinstate sympathetic alternative R=remove RAM=remove by approved method

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS: Wesleyan Methodists on 1/10/1834	ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS: Clegg Miller & Cain Gant & Bennet	TITLE: Sec CA 46 Wesleyan Church Reserve Uniting Church of Australia
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Uniting, former Wesleyan Methodist, Church
Lonsdale Street and Alexandra Parade

The church, with its associated halls and parsonage, is of local significance historically as the focus for the Wesleyan Methodist denomination and now the Uniting Church in Hamilton. It is also significant architecturally as an example of the work of the Ballarat firm of architects, Clegg, Miller and Cain. ⁽ⁱ⁾ It was built in 1913 and was the second Methodist church in Hamilton, the first being on Church Hill in McIntyre Street. Methodism was a strong and formative influence in Hamilton from the earliest times. ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ Its members were leaders of the Temperance Movement which was particularly strong in Hamilton.

The simple Gothic revival style of the church is rather old fashioned compared with metropolitan examples at this time but it reflects the conservative nature of the congregation and, paradoxically, shows how far the Wesleyans had changed from their origins when they eschewed anything Gothic in style.. The use of red brick is typical for the period and the architects. The church is a critical landmark at the apex of the junction of Lonsdale Street with Alexandra Parade which is emphasised by the planting of a row of Washingtonia palms in the latter. The building is significantly intact and in good condition.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Religion: Methodism
Clubs & Associations: Temperance Movement

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Wesley Hall, Lonsdale Street
Geo F Love Memorial Hall, Lonsdale Street
Uniting Church Parsonage, Lonsdale Street
Former Wesleyan Chapel, 41 McIntyre Street

REFERENCES

Fraser Brown, undergraduate research report on Clegg & Millar, University of Melbourne
D Garden, *Hamilton*, pp 82-3, 120, 126, 170, 231.

FOOTNOTES

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- ⁱ Foundation stone and Lewis, M, *Australian Architectural Index*.
ⁱⁱ HSA DP 950, 951, 1953 (1938), Garden, D, *Hamilton*, passim.