

## Statement of Significance: Former Methodist Church, 254 Neerim Road and 1A Toolambool Road Carnegie (2019)

<b>Address:</b> 254 Neerim Road and 1A Toolambool Road, Carnegie	<b>Name:</b> Former Methodist Church
<b>Place Type:</b> Religious/residential	<b>Grading:</b> Significant
<b>PS ref no:</b> HO47	<b>Constructed:</b> 1914



### What is significant?

254 Neerim Road and 1A Toolambool Road, Carnegie, the former Carnegie Methodist Church, is a small Federation Arts and Crafts inspired red brick and stucco building, with picturesque details. The former church retains some of its original fabric but has undergone internal and external alterations to accommodate two residences, including; the addition of a stair tower, the addition of windows to all facades, the removal of the slate roof over the rear vestry and the creation of balconies and the removal of gable infill detail.

The prominent corner setting contributes to the significance of the place but the adjacent developments and the conversion to residential use and removal of architectural details have reduced its aesthetic significance.

As the rendered elements of the former church façade are painted, it is appropriate to implement paint controls to ensure a complementary colour scheme is applied to the exterior of the building.

The original timber church at 1 Toolambool Road, though extant is not significant as it has been compromised by development surrounding this building.

### **How is it significant?**

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The former Carnegie Methodist Church is of local historical, aesthetic and social significance to the City of Glen Eira.

### **Why is it significant?**

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The former Carnegie Methodist Church, built 1914, is historically significant at a local level as it shares the site of the first timber Methodist Church(1886) in Carnegie, which it supplanted as the suburb became more established and populated during the Federation period. It reflects this period of growth in Carnegie and the Methodist origins of many of the early Carnegie settlers. [Criterion A]

The small red brick and stucco building is aesthetically significant as an unusual and picturesque design in the Arts and Crafts style. [Criterion E]

The former church is socially significant for its role in celebrating important life events in the Carnegie community for a number of generations and different congregations from 1914 till 2009. [Criterion G]

### **Primary source**

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