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NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (VICTORIA)

MEMORANDUM

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Date 10th August 1982

From: Assistant Administrator

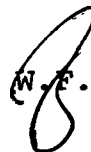
To: President, Central Victorian Branch

~~cc. Secretary, C.V.B.~~

Subject: EAGLEHAWK EAST METHODIST CHURCH, HIGH ST. EAGLEHAWK

I write further to our recent telephone conversation and now enclose self-explanatory copy correspondence.

With best wishes.


W.F.

cc. President, Central Victorian Branch
Secretary, " " "

Mrs. Margaret Darling

Chairman of Council:
Rodney Davidson
O.B.E.

Administrator:
Stephen Martin

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6th August 1982

Mr S F Morton
Assistant Director-General (Building)
Office of the Director-General
Education Department
2 Treasury Place
MELBOURNE 3002

Dear Mr Morton

RE: EAGLEHAWK EAST METHODIST CHURCH, HIGH ST. EAGLEHAWK

I write further to past correspondence and to advise that we have recently heard that this building has been offered for private sale for redevelopment.

I understand that the Education Department has been leasing the building and it may be an appropriate time to consider acquisition.

For its part, the Trust has referred the matter to the Historic Buildings Council with a view to resolving whether it should be designated.

I should be most grateful if you could advise the Education Department's attitude to this building at your early convenience.

Yours sincerely

WARWICK FORGE
Assistant Administrator
National Trust of Australia
(Victoria)

cc. ~~President, C.V.B.~~
~~Secretary, C.V.B.~~

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6th August 1982

Rev. G McAnalley
Secretary
Uniting Church in Australia
130 Little Collins Street
MELBOURNE 3000

Dear Reverend McAnalley

RE: EAGLEHAWK EAST METHODIST CHURCH, HIGH STREET, EAGLEHAWK

I write with reference to the above building which was added to our Register of Historic Buildings in August, 1978. At the time the building was Recorded, however it has been suggested that its importance has been underrated.

In any event, we have referred the matter to the Historic Buildings Council since it is their responsibility to ultimately resolve these matters.

I should be most grateful if you could keep us advised of any developments, since we have recently heard rumours that the building could be under threat.

Yours sincerely

S D MARTIN
Administrator
National Trust of Australia
(Victoria)

cc. ~~President, C.V.B.~~
~~Secretary, C.V.B.~~

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6th August 1982

Mr Boyce Pizzey
Director
Historic Buildings Council
5th floor, 235 Queen St
MELBOURNE 3000

Dear Mr Pizzey

RE: EAGLEHAWK EAST METHODIST CHURCH, HIGH ST. EAGLEHAWK

I write with reference to the above Church which was Recorded by the Trust some years ago. It has now come to our attention that this building has been offered for private sale by the Uniting Church for redevelopment.

I further understand that the Education Department has been paying rental for the building, since it is used by the local State School. In this regard, I enclose a copy of a letter from the Education Department of 25th August, 1981.

In the circumstances, the Trust is undertaking a review of the importance of this building, since it has been suggested that its significance has been under-rated.

It is our belief that the building was constructed in 1865 to the designs of architect G R Cox (see Annals of Bendigo, 1851-1867).

In view of the potential urgency of the matter, we will undertake a review of the importance of the building forthwith.

I do hope it will be possible for your Council to also act with a sense of urgency.

Yours sincerely

S D MARTIN
Administrator
National Trust of Australia
(Victoria)

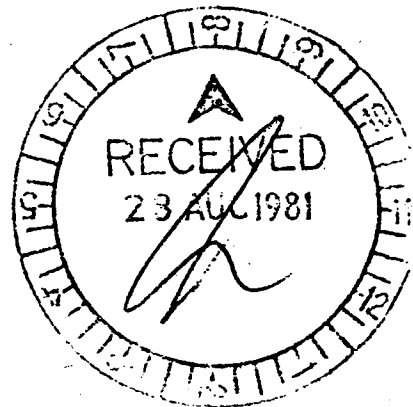
cc. Mr & Flanders
Mrs S Bunn



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
2 TREASURY PLACE, MELBOURNE, VIC. 3002
TELEPHONE 651 9111

25th August, 1981

Mr. W. Forge,
Acting Administrator,
National Trust of Australia
(Victoria),
Tasma Terrace,
Parliament Place,
MELBOURNE VIC. 3002



Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of 31st July 1981, in which you request advice as to the Education Department's plans for use of the former "Primitive Methodist Church, Eaglehawk", should the Department purchase the site of the church and the adjacent Sunday School; which would be demolished, as an extension to the Eaglehawk Primary School playground area.

At present no firm decision has been taken in regard to future use of the church.

Should the site be purchased, the Bendigo Regional Director of Education will enter into discussion with the School Council and Principal in order to establish the most useful purpose to which the church might be put. Possible uses might be: multi-purpose (eg. Physical Education, drama, etc.), library or shared school/community resource space.

I note the historical significance of the church and appreciate the desirability of careful preservation of the building.

Yours sincerely,

S. F. MORTON
Assistant Director-General (Building)

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NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (VICTORIA)

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PARLIAMENT PLACE, MELBOURNE 3002

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21st October, 1982.

President:
Mrs. Margaret Darling

Chairman of Council:
Rodney Davidson
O.B.E.

Administrator:
Stephen Martin

Reverend G. McAnalley,
Secretary,
Uniting Church in Australia,
130 Little Collins Street,
MELBOURNE. VIC. 3000

Dear Reverend McAnalley,

Re: Eaglehawk East Methodist Church,
High Street, Eaglehawk

Following a review by our Buildings Committee
this Church has now been upgraded to Class-
ified status with the following citation:-

"A Primitive Methodist chapel of
1865 which is one of the few
surviving works of the architect
G. R. Cox: the facade is an
attractively naive version of a
hexastyle temple front in the
Roman Doric order, with four
engaged columns unequally spaced
in antis between the outer pair of
engaged pillars".

Yours sincerely,

S. D. MARTIN
Administrator,
National Trust of Australia
(Victoria)

c.c. Sandra Bunn.