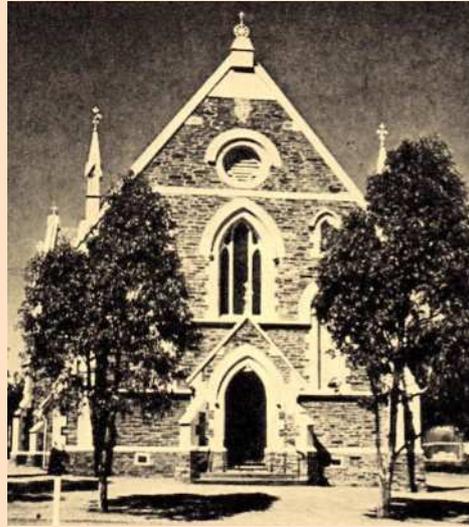
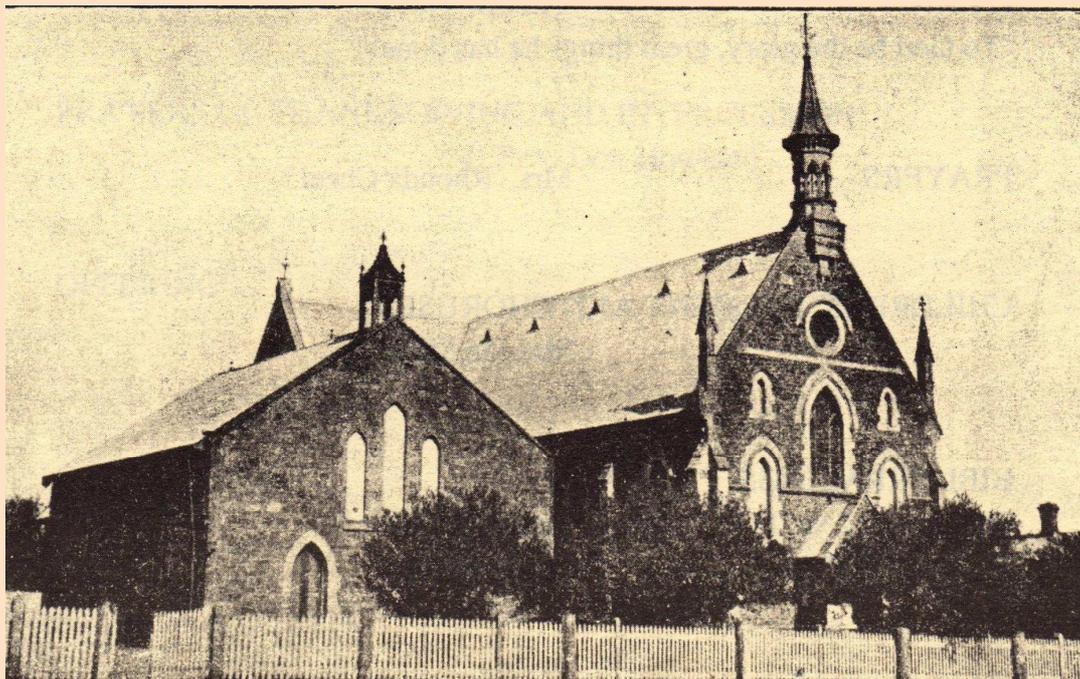


# A History of Magill Methodist Church



Land was purchased on 30<sup>th</sup> May 1854 in order to build a church at Magill and the foundation stone was laid on 8<sup>th</sup> April 1855. In 1874 a decision was made to build a new church, which is the nave of the present church. The first services in the new church were conducted on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 1875. The transepts were added in 1884 and the building remained largely unchanged for the next 90 years until extensive renovations were made in 1974 to the interior of the church. The steeple was removed in 1950 as it was considered to be unsafe and dangerous.

The original church was used as a church hall until 1962 when, on the 28<sup>th</sup> May it was destroyed by fire. A new church hall was built on the site and was opened on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1963. Further renovations and a new foyer area was built to connect the church and the hall in 1994.



On left of picture is the original church built in 1855 which became the church hall in 1875, when the new church nave was built. The transept was added in 1884.

## The Longbottom Memorial Window



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The Longbottom Memorial stained glass window now situated in the eastern wall of the nave of the church is of particular interest. Rev William Longbottom Snr and Mrs Longbottom and son aged 6 years sailed from Hobart Town to go as Missionaries to the new Swan River settlement in W.A. While sailing there the ship "Fanny" was wrecked off the Coorong, S.A. in June 1838. The minister and his wife and son fortunately were saved and settled in S.A. Rev. W Longbottom thus became the first Wesleyan preacher in S.A. Mr William Longbottom Jnr. and his wife lived at Magill in 1860-70 attending the Wesleyan Chapel in Chapel Street. In 1874 when the new church was erected Mrs Longbottom Jnr. laid the foundation stone and the window, given by Mr William Longbottom Jnr., was placed in the church shortly thereafter.

The window depicts St Paul who was shipwrecked on the way to Rome and "forwarded the work of the Kingdom of God" in overseas islands. The centre panel shows Paul barefooted and dressed in red robe and blue cloak.