
Navarre Church of England, 68 High Street, NAVARRE



NV 02 - Shire of Northern
Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage
Study, 2004

Location

68 High Street NAVARRE, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 3, 2004

The Navarre Church of England, 68 High Street, Navarre, has significance as an intact example of the Federation Carpenter Gothic style of church and as a legacy of the Church of England at Navarre. Built in 1901 to a design by Molloy and Smith, Architects of Ballarat, the Church building appears to be in good condition when viewed from the road.

The Navarre Church of England is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrated original design qualities of the Federation Carpenter Gothic style. These qualities include the simple, steeply pitched, gabled roof, together with the steeply pitched, gable at the side. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the modest

scale, galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, two galvanised iron ventilation stacks, modest eaves with exposed timber rafters, timber framed pointed arched windows, decorative timberwork with a Celtic cross in the main gable end and similar decorative timberwork in the porch gable end. The rural setting and mature pine trees also contribute to the significance of the place.

The Navarre Church of England is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the development of the Church of England at Navarre from 1901. It has further associations with several local families, including the Bibby family and particularly the Thomson family (including George Thomson) who donated the church land. The building is also associated with Molloy and Smith, Architects. There is also a memorial gate pier commemorating the lives of George Lawrence Thomson and Margaret Anna Thomson.

The Navarre Church of England is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised and valued by the Navarre community for religious reasons.

Overall, the Navarre Church of England is of **LOCAL** significance.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004; |
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| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

The Navarre Church of England is set amongst mature pine trees. There is also a twentieth century brick memorial.

The modestly scaled, horizontal timber weatherboard, Federation carpenter Gothic styles church building is characterised by a simple steeply pitched gabled roof, together with the steeply pitched porch gable at the side. These roof forms are clad in lapped galvanised corrugated iron. Two galvanised iron ventilation stacks adorn the roofline. Modest overhangs with exposed timber rafters are features of the eaves.

Other early features of the design include the timber framed pointed arched windows, and the decorative timberwork with a Celtic cross in the gable end. Similar decorative timberwork adorns the gable end of the porch.

The timber entrance doors and round-arched fanlight in the porch appear to have been introduced.

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