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# Salvation Army Community Centre (former St. Patrick's Church), 14 Queens Avenue, ST ARNAUD



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SD 209b - Undated photograph from St. Arnaud, A Pictorial Journey.

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## Location

14 Queens Avenue ST ARNAUD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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Although no longer functioning as a Catholic Church, the former St. Patrick's Catholic Church building, 14 Queens Avenue, St. Arnaud, is significant as a substantially intact example of a Victorian Early English Gothic styled brick Church in rural Victoria. Built in 1875, the building serviced the St. Arnaud Catholic community until the construction of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in 1906. The building is now owned by the Salvation Army.

The former St. Patrick's Catholic Church is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian Early English Gothic style. These qualities include the steeply pitched and parapeted gable roof form, together with the central, steeply pitched gables at the ends which reflect the early gable porch (rear, McMahon Street end) and the original chancel (Queen Street end). Other intact qualities include the oculus windows decorated with two courses of cream brick voussoirs; cream brick parapet capping and corbel patterning in the gable ends; cream brick window quoinwork; early pointed windows; simple brick buttresses; metal crosses at the apex of the McMahon Street gables, and the bluestone window sills and plinths.

The former St. Patrick's Catholic Church is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the development of the Catholic Church in St. Arnaud from 1875 until the 1950s.

The former St. Patrick's Catholic Church is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. Although no longer functioning as a Church building, it is still recognised by sections of the St. Arnaud community for its past religious purpose.

Overall, the former St. Patrick's Catholic Church is of **LOCAL** significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004;
Other Names	St. Patrick's Church,
Hermes Number	111737
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## Physical Description 1

The former Catholic Church site at 14 Queens Avenue, St. Arnaud, is identified by a brick Church building, with a large, gravel setback from the street frontage. There is also a wide side setback. Today, the main views of the building from the street are of the rear of the Church, a consequence of a later subdivision of the original Church property frontage on McMahon Street.

The exposed dichromatic brick, Victorian Early English Gothic styled church building is characterised by a steeply pitched and parapeted gable roof form, together with central, steeply pitched gables at the ends which reflect the early gable porch (rear, McMahon Street end) and the original chancel (Queen Street end). Today, the chancel forms a porch and has a small, inappropriate timber and galvanised corrugated iron gable extension at the side. The main gable ends are also identified by the oculus windows, decorated with two courses of cream brick voussoirs. These same original bricks are also featured as a capping along the parapet and as quoinwork about the windows. The pointed timber framed window in the front porch appears to have been altered, although the windows along the sides of the building and the simple brick buttresses, may be intact. The roofs appear to have been recently clad in galvanised corrugated iron with a galvanised ventilation stack centrally located along the ridgeline. A round galvanised iron water tank situated towards the rear, at the side is a later addition. Other early features of the design include the corbelled cream brick patterning on the original main gable (facing McMahon Street), metal crosses at the apex of the McMahon Street gables, and the bluestone window sills and plinths.

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