
GLENROY UNITING CHURCH



Glenroy Uniting Church

Location

70 WHEATSHEAF ROAD,, GLENROY VIC 3046 - Property No 53180

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO409

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Glenroy Presbyterian Church (now part of the Uniting Church complex), constructed in 1924, at 70 Wheatsheaf Road, Glenroy. The external form, style, materials, detailing and the intactness of the Church is integral to the significance of this place. The kindergarten addition at the rear of the church and the Canary Island Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*) also contributes to the significance of the place.

Other buildings on this site are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Glenroy Presbyterian Church is of local historic and social significance to Moreland City.

Why is it significant?

It is historically and socially significant as a place that has played an important role in community life in Glenroy since the 1920s and that provides tangible evidence of the early suburban development of Glenroy in the decade after World War I. It is a representative example of the small suburban churches erected by communities throughout Moreland in the early to mid-twentieth century. The kindergarten hall addition added in the 1920s and extended in the 1940s provides evidence of the practice of the church in providing instruction for young children and also illustrates the developing community in Glenroy. The Canary Island Palm is a typical inter-war planting that is associated with the early development of the church and its grounds during the inter-war period. (Criteria A, D & G)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - City of Moreland - North of Bell Street Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2013;
Construction dates	1924, 1955, 1958, 1961,
Architect/Designer	Howden & McLean,
Other Names	Glenroy Presbyterian Church,
Hermes Number	140022
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Glenroy Uniting Church complex comprises the 1924 church and its weatherboard addition, the 1958 church hall (The c.1955 Army hut is believed to be at the rear of this building), and the 1961 church.

The Glenroy Presbyterian Church of 1924 is a modest red-brick inter-war Gothic church with unpainted cement render dressings. It has a parapeted gable front to the building as well as the enclosed front porch. The roof is clad in corrugated metal, punctured by a row of four round metal ventilators, typical of this period, along the ridgeline. The corners of the building and the side elevations are punctuated by narrow engaged buttresses. Windows to the facade and side elevations are lancet in form, and articulated by a render beltcourse which continues around the tops of the windows. There are ledged timber doors on either side of the entrance porch. The interior of the church was not inspected.

The weatherboard rear addition continues the gabled roof form, though at a lower height. Apart from this addition, the church is highly intact. There is a mature Canary Island Palm in front of the church, which is typical of the interwar period, and contributes to the church's setting.

To the south east of the 1924 church and setback further from Wheatsheaf Road is the 1958 church hall, which is a simple post-war gabled brick building. Adjacent to the hall is the 1961 church, which is a simple gable-fronted Modern Gothic post-war church. Both buildings are in good condition. An addition has been made, which connects the hall to the side of the church.

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