

# CHRIST CHURCH



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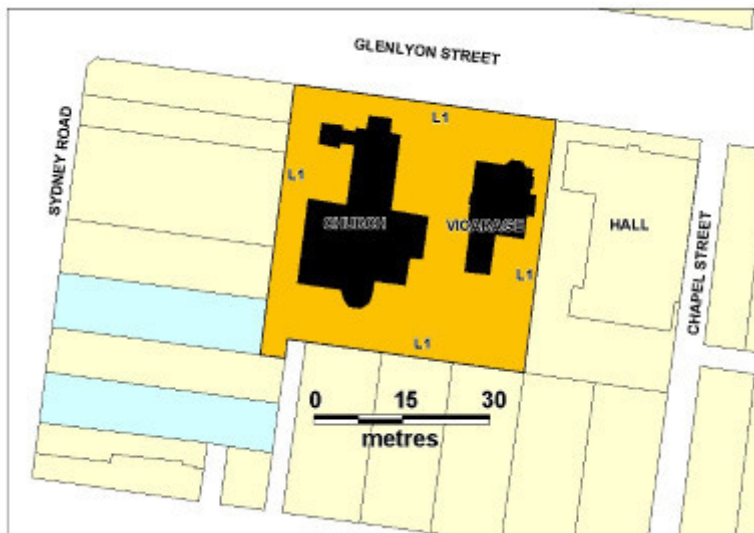
Christ Church Brunswick  
Front View



christ church brunswick tower



Christ Church Brunswick  
Rear View



H00129 christ church brunswick plan

## Location

10 GLENLYON ROAD BRUNSWICK, MORELAND CITY

## **Municipality**

MERRI-BEK CITY

## **Level of significance**

Registered

## **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H0129

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO83

## **VHR Registration**

October 9, 1974

## **Amendment to Registration**

July 11, 2002

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - July 3, 2024

### **What is significant?**

Christ Church in Glenlyon Road, Brunswick is a stuccoed brick structure of cruciform plan with a detached campanile. The building was built in stages between 1857 and 1875. The nave was designed by architects Purchas and Swyer and completed in 1857. The transepts, chancel and vestry were designed by architects Smith and Watts and completed in 1863-64. The campanile was also designed by Smith and Watts and completed in 1870-71. The apse was designed by architect Frederick Wyatt and completed in 1875. The style of Christ Church is predominantly Italianate with the characteristics of the Italian country house designs found in JH Parker's book "Villa Rustica" of 1835. The adaptation of the Italian country villa design for a church building is extremely rare in Victoria. The church has a number of Ferguson and Urie windows in the nave, transepts, chancel, baptistery and porch. Ferguson and Urie established themselves in Melbourne as stained glass specialists in the 1850-80s. The floor is tessellated at the altar but modern mosaics have been introduced down the nave in the 1950s and timber floors retained on the transept aisles.

### **How is it significant?**

The Christ Church is of architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

### **Why is it significant?**

Christ Church Brunswick is architecturally significant as a rare example of the application of the "Villa Rustica" style to a church in Victoria.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

**Places of worship:** In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

**Subdivision/consolidation:** Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

### Specific Exemptions:

**General Conditions:** 1. All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object. **General Conditions:** 2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible. **General Conditions:** 3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it. **General Conditions:** 4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions. **General Conditions:** 5. Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

#### Church and Vicarage

- \* Repairs and maintenance which replace like with like
- \* Repainting all previously painted surfaces in the same colour scheme and paint type
- \* Repair and servicing of equipment and services including wiring, plumbing, heating, air-conditioning and fire services
- \* Removal of extraneous items such as air-conditioners, pipe work, ducting, wiring, antennae, aerials etc. and making good
- \* Maintenance of power or pipelines or other public services located on the property where this involves no alteration to the fabric of the place
- \* Cleaning out gutters, drainage systems and other water storage and drainage areas
- \* Interior painting to walls and ceilings, fitted floor finishes based on evidence discovered by physical and photographic research provided that the preparation work for the works does not remove evidence of the building's original paint or decorative scheme or floor finish.
- \* Removal of paint from originally unpainted or oiled joinery doors, architraves, skirtings and decorative strapping.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of hooks, nails and other devices for hanging of mirrors, paintings and other wall mounted artworks.
- \* Installation of ducted, hydronic or concealed radiant type heating provided that the installation does not damage

existing skirtings and architraves and provided that the heating unit is inconspicuously located

\* Removal, replacement or installation of smoke detectors and electrical wiring provided that all new wiring is concealed

**Vicarage only**

\* All non-structural internal works which do not impact upon the external appearance of the building

Construction dates            1857,  
Architect/Designer           Purchas & Sawyer,  
Heritage Act Categories      Registered place,  
Hermes Number                173  
Property Number

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**History**

REGISTER OF THE NATIONAL ESTATE - CITATION CHRIST CHURCH, BRUNSWICK, A STUCCO RENDERED BRICK STRUCTURE OF CRICI- FORM PLAN AND DETACHED COMPANILE, WAS ERECTED IN FOUR STAGES BETWEEN 1857-75 TO SERVE THE PREDOMINANTLY LABOURING CLASS CONGREGATION OF THE BRUNSWICK DISTRICT. ARCHITECTS PURCHAS AND SWYER DESIGNED THE NAVE OF 1857, SMITH AND WATTS COMPLETED TRANSEPTS, CHANCEL AND VESTRY IN 1863-64 AND THE COMPANILE IN 1870-71, WHILST FREDERICK WYATT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETION OF THE APSE IN 1875. CHRIST CHURCH, BRUNSWICK, AN IMPORTANT, RARE AND COMPLETE EXAMPLE OF THE APPLICATION OF THE 'VILLA RUSTICA' OR ITALIAN COUNTRY VILLA STYLE OF CHURCH ARCHITECTURE IN VICTORIA, IS A BUILDING WHICH HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOPED BY CONSECUTIVE ARCHITECTS IN A MODE POPULARISED BY 19TH CENTURY ARCHITECTURAL WRITERS AND GENERALLY RESERVED FOR DOMESTIC VILLA ARCHITECTURE. CHRIST CHURCH, BRUNSWICK, A BUILDING OF EXCELLENT QUALITY AND CRAFTS- MANSHIP, IS INTACT ALTHOUGH IN NEED OF SUBSTANTIAL REHABILITATION WORK. OF STATE SIGNIFICANCE.

**Extent of Registration**

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act, I give notice under section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended in that the Heritage Register Number 129 in the category described as a Heritage Place is now described as:

Christ Church, 10 Glenlyon Road Brunswick, Moreland Shire Council.

EXTENT:

1. All of the church known as Christ Church Brunswick and the adjacent vicarage as shown on Diagram 129 held by the Executive Director.
2. All of the land marked L1 on the Diagram 129 held by the Executive Director.

Dated 8 July 2002

RAY TONKIN  
Executive Director

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*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*