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# Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church Complex



Sacred Heart Roman Catholic  
Church Complex, Hobsons  
Bay Heritage Study 2006

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## Location

20 Newcastle Street NEWPORT, Hobsons Bay City

## Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO231

## Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Sacred Heart Roman Catholic complex, comprising the School constructed by Bart Moriarty in 1930 and the Church designed by PJ O'Connor and constructed in 1942, at 20 Newcastle Street, Newport.

How is it Significant?

The Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church complex is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically and socially, the complex is significant for the strong associations for many Newport and district Catholics. It demonstrates the development of Newport during the first half of the twentieth century. (AHC criteria A4 and G1)

Aesthetically, the church is significant as a superior example of a large interwar church by noted church architect, PJ O'Connor, which is notable for the unusual detail to the tower. A local landmark in Newport, it is an integral part of the Sacred Heart complex and is complemented by the contributory (although less intact) 1930 brick school. (AHC criteria E1 and F1)

Heritage Study/Consultant Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006;

Architect/Designer O'Connor, PJ,

Hermes Number 22211

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

This is a red brick Modern Gothic church typical of many erected for the Catholic Church in the first half of the twentieth century. The elevation is in two gabled bays with an unusual castellated bell tower over the western bay, presumably being the 1942 addition. Tiles have been used on the roof, with glazed tiling on the western wing being later than those of the eastern section. A number of minor additions in a matching style are evident. Cemented dressings are used at openings particularly the tracery and foliation in the main windows and entry gables.

The 1930 school to the east of the Church is a red brick building of two storeys. Although the basic form is intact, it has been altered in detail with new multi-paned windows on both levels and a new entrance porch.

More recent school wings adjoin on the east and rear.

## Integrity

External Condition

Church and School - Good

External Integrity

Church - High. School - Moderate to Low

## Physical Description 2

Context

Contributory part of Newport Residential Precinct, as keynote buildings.

## Historical Australian Themes

Forming associations, Making places for worship

### Physical Description 3

#### *Associations*

Catholic Church, Fr Cusack, PJ O'Connor, Bart Moriarty

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