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# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



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23140 Zion Lutheran Church  
Byaduk 0077



23140 Zion Lutheran Church  
school 1189

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## Location

Byaduk Lutheran Church Road BYADUK, Southern Grampians Shire

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Listing

## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Zion Lutheran Church is located in Byaduk Lutheran Church Road, 5kms from Byaduk. The existing church, built in 1902 is the third. The first, of wattle and daub, was opened about 1857 and the second, of timber, in 1886. A Mr Murch of Hamilton built it but the designer, if any, is not known. The church is built in a simple Gothic revival style with patterned brickwork. The complex includes a Sunday school and cemetery. The Lutherans around Byaduk were a branch of the main community located to the east of Hamilton and focussed on the communities of Tabor and Tarrington. The communities looked to their origins in South Australia for leadership and belonged to the Evangelical Lutheran Church, under the Synod in that state rather than the Victorian or General Synod. The presence of a cemetery at the rear of the complex is unusual. The church, school and cemetery are in very good condition and have a high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The Zion Lutheran Church is of historic, architectural and cultural significance to the community of Byaduk and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Zion Lutheran Church complex is historically significant as the continuing spiritual, educational and social focus of one of the several branches of German Lutheran settlement in the Shire. It is architecturally significant because the church, through its use of a simple design, humble materials and the Gothic revival style reflects the spiritual values as much as the means of the congregation. Similarly, the timber Sunday school reflects the congregation's efforts to maintain its cultural as well as spiritual identity. The presence of the cemetery within the church yard is significant because it demonstrates the congregation's desire to maintain links across generations.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1902,
Hermes Number	23140
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## Physical Conditions

The church, cemetery and school are in good condition.

## Physical Description 1

The brick church is located towards the rear of a large block of land which is 5 kms west of Byaduk. The land is immediately north of the Louth Swamp. The church faces west while the graves in the cemetery at the rear face east. The church is built in a simple version of the Gothic revival style, in stretcher bond using bands of darker brick to contrast with the light red brick of the walls. These become arches over the windows and the top third of the main gable is a panel of dark brick. The nave, measuring approximately 8 x 4.5 metres, is two bays deep, each with a lancet window. There is a vestry at the rear of the nave. There are stepped buttresses at the corners

and in the centre of the side walls. The corrugated iron roof is at a pitch of 45 degrees and includes small vents along the ridge line and small finials at both ends of the ridge. There is a small weatherboard porch at the front.

A small weatherboard building used as a Sunday School is located behind the church. The structure was built in 1931 as the Bochara State School, and was relocated to the Byaduk site in 1963.

Beyond the main allotment there is a small cemetery, which contains over 50 burials, including pioneer families of the area Burger, Edlich, Gertz, Gude, Handreck, Hona, Jeitz, Rentsch and Schlemmer.

## **Historical Australian Themes**

Theme 6: Educating

6.2 Establishing schools

Theme 8: Developing Australia's cultural life

8.6 Worshipping

8.6.1 Worshipping together

8.6.4 Making places for worship

Theme 9: Marking the phases of life

9.7 Dying

9.7.1 Dealing with human remains

9.7.3 Remembering the dead

## **Usage/Former Usage**

Church

Sunday School

Cemetery

## **Integrity**

High degree of intactness for church, school and cemetery

## **Physical Description 2**

Rentsch family

Gude family

Handreck family

Burger family

Paster Clamor Wilhelm Schurmann, pioneer paster

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