
St Andrews Presbyterian Church



24306 St Andrews
Presbyterian Church

Location

20 Gray Street HAMILTON, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Overlay Numbers

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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SIGNIFICANCE: » The focus for Presbyterianism not just for the Hamilton region but for much of the squatter dominated Western District. The church is an excellent example of the work of Clegg and Miller, Western District architects.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, which replaced an earlier church of 1857 on the site, was opened on 6 June 1909. ([i]) Its foundation stone was laid on 18 December 1907 by district pastoralist and senior trustee, James Thomson of Monwae. ([ii]) One of the largest country parish churches of Victoria, the present church was built of bluestone with dressings of Mt Abrupt freestone, to the designs of the Ballarat architects Clegg and Miller. ([iii]) The building comprises nave, double transept and spire, with elongated belfry and corner pinnacles, to the north-west. ([iv]) The church, which served a predominantly Scottish congregation of early settlers and district pastoralists, continues as a focus for the Presbyterian church in the Western District. ([v])

The spire, along with that of its neighbour and that of St Mary's, is one of the landmarks of Hamilton. The church which is of regional significance is at the centre of the St Andrew's complex.

[i] St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Historical Sketch 1854-1909, p7-14.

[ii] Ibid., p 13.

[iii] Ibid., p 13-14; National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No 1472.

[iv] Ibid.

[v] National Estate citation.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1857, 1877, 1907,
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Physical Description 1

MATERIALS:

Roof: »slate

Walls: »rockface bluestone

Dressings: »sandstone

Plinth: »bluestone

Windows: »sandstone & stained glass

Paving: »asphalt

Other: »terra cotta ridge tiles galvanized iron roof vents

Physical Description 2

NOTABLE FEATURES:»Decorated Gothic "West" window

Integrity

INTEGRITY: E

CONDITION: E

Historical Australian Themes

Religion: Presbyterianism Continuing Presbyterianism

Education: Sunday School

Role of Women: Women's Social Guild

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