

Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO106

Heritage Listing

Golden Plains Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

St Aidan's Church of England, Berriga - Dereel Road Berriga, was erected in 1905 to a design by Ballarat architects Molloy and Chandler in the Federation Gothic style. The Berriga Church of England Ladies Guild and Church of England Men's Club were instrumental in raising funds for its establishment. The red brick building has two protruding turrets that extend beyond the shallow pitch roof line and flank a small half timbered gablet. The church is three bays deep, each bay with a lancet arch lead light windows. The formal entrance is a small red brick porch with a skillion roof featuring a single leadlight shouldered arch window. The church is in very good condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

St Aidan's Church of England, Berriga - Dereel Road Berriga, is of historical, social and architectural significance to the Golden Plains Shire and the township of Berriga.

Why is it significant?

St Aidan's Church of England is of historical significance as a surviving example of a church that has serviced a fluctuating attendance due to the turbulent nature of the local mining industry.

St Aidan's Church of England has social significance as a representation of the collective aspirations of the local congregation to establish a place of worship, which has served as an important community building for varied denominations throughout the 20th century.

St Aidan's Church of England has architectural significance as a surviving example of a red brick church in the Gothic style, designed by local architects Molloy and Chandler, dating from the turn of the century.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Golden Plains - Golden Plains Shire Heritage Study Phase 2, Heritage Matters P/L, 2009;
Construction dates	1905,
Architect/Designer	Molloy, TE,

Hermes Number 31663

Property Number

Physical Conditions

St Aidan's Church of England is located on allotment 4, section 14 within the township of Berringa, Parish of Clarksdale.

The church is constructed of pressed red brick, with a shallow pitched corrugated iron roof which is unusually shallow for a building from the Gothic stream. The style is perhaps best described as Federation Gothic. Two red brick turrets survive and extend beyond the roof line, capped with unpainted cement render. A photograph taken in 1924 shows a simple timber cross mounted on the roof apex, but this fixture does not survive today. A decorative half timber gablet protrudes slightly forward of the main gable with rough cast cement stucco between vertical timbers located on the eastern elevation. A small red brick porch serves as an entrance to the church. It features a single leadlight shouldered-arch window, with unpainted cement rendered sill & lintel. It has a corrugated iron skillion roof. The bluestone foundation stone is located on the eastern elevation of the porch. Another single leadlight shouldered-arch window, also with an unpainted cement rendered sill & lintel is located in the traditional position of a rose window. The church features three bays with three lancet arch lead light windows and a series of four decorative red brick buttresses capped with unpainted cement render gablets. The church features six vents located on the roof and four ventilators situated on the north and west elevations between the arch windows. The church is in very good condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

A rear corrugated iron clad skillion is located adjacent to the southern elevation of the church, constructed during the late 20th century, with two aluminum sliding windows and a red brick toilet block aligned to the north. A neat white picket fence runs along the southern boundary, there are no significant plantings within the church grounds.

Historical Australian Themes

The Australian Heritage Commission devised the Australian Historic Themes in 2001. The following themes have influenced the historical development of St Aidan's Church of England.

8 Developing Australia's Cultural Life

8.6 Worshipping

8.6.1 Worshipping together

8.6.2 Maintaining religious traditions and ceremonies

8.6.4 Making places for worship

Physical Description 2

Extent of Registration: St Aidan's Church of England, Berringa, to the of the whole of the building (excluding the rear skillion) including the interiors of the Church and the whole of the land, being Allotment 4, Section 14 township of Berringa.

Integrity

St Aidan's Church of England is in very good condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

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.

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