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# 12 Ripon Grove



12 Ripon Grove Elsternwick,  
August 2000

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## Location

12 Ripon Grove ELSTERNWICK, Glen Eira City

## Municipality

GLEN EIRA CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO138

## Heritage Listing

Glen Eira City

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## Statement of Significance

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The former Third Church Scientist Melbourne church at 12 Ripon Grove has architectural and social importance. Its architectural importance is derived from its survival as a highly sophisticated example of the Italian Romanesque Revival Style popularised in the United States during the Inter war period and exploited by architects Williams and Cockerell, presumably on account of the Christian Science Movement's origins in the United States. Its social value rests on the building's ability to demonstrate the growth in the Christian Science Movement at that time, its cultural origins and its place in the religious life of the locality.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Glen Eira - City of Glen Eira Heritage Management Plan, Andrew Ward, Architectural Historian, 1996;
Other Names	Former Third Church of Christ Scientist" Melbourne,
Hermes Number	35385
Property Number	

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### **Physical Description 1**

Integrity: High, interior not inspected.

### **Physical Description 2**

Condition: sound

### **Physical Description 3**

A picturesque and unusually large former Third Church of Christ Scientist (Melbourne) building in the American West Coast Italian Romanesque Revival Style with corner campanile and balancing gable ended facade element surmounting a dominant relieving arch treatment embracing tri-partite windows and entry. The remainder of the building is generally cruciform on plan and is distinguished by its gable ends, grouped windows with stuccoed enrichment, lead light work and Romanesque arches.

### **Historical Australian Themes**

Worship: Christian Science

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