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# ST GEORGES ANGLICAN CHURCH



St George's Church, 32-34  
Ralph Street

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## Location

32-34 Ralph Street, RESERVOIR VIC 3073

## Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO279

## Heritage Listing

Darebin City

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## Statement of Significance

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### *What is significant?*

St George's Anglican Church at 32 Ralph Street, Reservoir, constructed in 1964, designed by the noted architectural firm of Mockridge, Stahle and Mitchell, is significant. It is a Modernist Anglican church built of steel and concrete, which is of a cubic form and displays structural expressionism in its use of a space frame truss roof that appears to float above the building. A tall spire set on a raised platform is placed centrally above the roof.

The 2002 additions, including landscaping and signage, are not significant.

*How is it significant?*

St George's Anglican Church at 32 Ralph Street, Reservoir is of local historic, architectural and social significance to Darebin City.

*Why is it significant?*

Historically, St George's Anglican Church at 32 Ralph Street, Reservoir is significant as a representative example of a church that provides evidence of an important phase of suburban development of Reservoir after the Second World War. St George's Anglican Church at 32 Ralph Street, Reservoir is also significant as an important work of the noted Modernist church architects, Mockridge, Stahle and Mitchell. The design of the church reflects the changes in church design as a result of the influence of the Modern movement in the post-World War Two era. (AHC criteria A.4, D.2, H.1)

St George's Anglican Church at 32 Ralph Street, Reservoir is architecturally significant as a fine example of a Modernist church in Darebin. It is notable for its simple, yet striking and innovative form, which demonstrates the interest of the architects in geometric forms, first employed at St Faith's Burwood in 1957. The significance of the church is enhanced by its rarity value as one of just three Modernist churches in Darebin. (AHC criteria B.2, F.1)

St George's Anglican Church at 32 Ralph Street, Reservoir is socially significant as as the centre of the Reservoir Anglican Parish and is a church that is known, used and valued by the local community. (AHC criterion G.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant Darebin - Darebin Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2011;

Construction dates 1964, 2002,

Other Names St George's Church of England,

Hermes Number 44220

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

A Modernist Anglican church built of steel and concrete. It is of a cubic form and displays structural expressionism in its use of a space frame truss roof, which appears to float above the building. A tall spire set on a raised platform is placed centrally above the roof.

The 2002 addition comprises relatively sympathetic flat-roofed structure with glass walls and a cantilevered awning.

To the north of the church is the Vicarage, constructed in 2002. It is a Modernist house.

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