
Former John Knox Presbyterian Church, Manse & Organ



B4625 John Knox Uniting Church, Manse & Organ

Location

Cnr North Road & New Street,, BRIGHTON VIC 3186 - Property No B4625

Municipality

BAYSIDE CITY

Level of significance

Local

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 8, 2007

Church Statement of Significance: An attractive polychrome brick church with cement dressings, designed by Charles Webb and built in 1876, comprising a buttressed nave of six bays, tower and spire. The main facade with tripartite lancet window, is flanked by a brick broach spire and is one of only three known examples in Victoria. The interior includes fine stained glass windows, early light fittings, and a rebuilt pipe organ by George Fincham from the 1870s. The east and west windows commemorate W K Thompson and his wife, patrons of the church who lived immediately opposite.

Manse Statement of Significance: The former manse of the John Knox Uniting Church was constructed in 1880-81 to the design of the architect Lloyd Tayler, who lived in Brighton. It is highly individual, with polychrome

brickwork in brown with striking black and red bands and with depressed Gothic arches and elaborated gables.

Classified: 10/05/1984

Organ Statement of Significance: A two-manual organ commissioned in 1875 from George Fincham by the Hon. Henry Miller for his Kew residence, but never accepted and installed at Gardenvale in 1878. It was rebuilt in 1924 by George Fincham & Sons when the original mechanical action was converted to tubular-pneumatic and the organ moved to a new loft, requiring alterations to the base of the original casework. The instrument retains the majority of its original pipework including the richly diapered facade pipes and is of interest as a substantial Fincham residence organ of the 1870s. The classification excludes the work of 1924 (action, console and additional pipework).

Classified: 17/11/1993

File note March 2009: Organ moved to private location, Gippsland

Other Names John Knox Uniting Church,

Hermes Number 64578

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