
Christ Church Hall & Denominational School, 34 Queens Avenue, ST ARNAUD



SD 217 - Christ Church Hall
& denominational
School, Queens Avenue, ST
ARNAUD

Location

34 Queens Avenue ST ARNAUD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 18, 2004

The Christ Church Hall, 34 Queens Avenue, St. Arnaud, makes a significant contribution to the architectural and visual amenity to the Victorian part of the local streetscape. Constructed of unpainted brick, this original Common School building was built in the 1860s but by the late 19th century it was owned by the Anglicans of Christ Church. The building is relatively intact with some alterations and a gable addition at the rear.

Christ Church Hall is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a rudimentary Victorian style. These qualities include the simple parapeted gable roof form which traverses the site,

together with the round arched timber framed windows with upper hopper sashes. Other intact qualities include the red-painted, lapped galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding; unpainted brick wall construction; unpainted brick chimney with a projecting cornice top; galvanised iron ventilation stacks (also painted red); narrow eaves; brick voussoirs about the window and door openings; doorway; oculus ventilation opening in the gable end; and the dressed parapet caps.

Christ Church Hall is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the early development of the Denominational and later Common School from the 1860s until 1875, and then with Christ Church Anglican Church until the present day.

Christ Church Hall is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised and valued by the St. Arnaud community for religious reasons.

Overall, Christ Church Hall is of **LOCAL** significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004;

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Physical Description 1

The Christ Church Hall, 34 Queens Avenue, St. Arnaud, makes an important visual and architectural contribution to this Victorian part of the local streetscape. The building is situated in a corner of a large open, grassed site, which also contains the Christ Church building. A small recent brick and Colorbond deck toilet block is also situated nearby the hall.

The symmetrical, single storey, unpainted brick Victorian rudimentary styled Christ Church Hall is characterised by a simple parapeted gable roof form, which traverses the site, together with an introduced gable that projects towards the rear. These roof forms are clad in early, red-painted, lapped galvanised corrugated iron. An early unpainted brick chimney with a projecting cornice top adorns the roofline, as do the early galvanised iron ventilation stacks (also painted red). Narrow overhangs are a feature of the eaves. The early round arched windows are timber framed with upper hopper sashes. Early decorative voussoirs highlight the window and door openings, although the doors are recent. Other early features of the design include the oculus ventilation opening in the gable end, and the dressed parapet caps (although these caps appear to have been altered after the removal of the original bellcote and chimney on the gable ends). The cement render to the base walls of the original building is also a recent alteration, possibly to counteract rising damp. Other inappropriate additions are the recent electrical service conduits and the p.v.c. downpipe, which spans across the gable end.

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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