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# Stuart Mill Uniting Church, 43 Church Road, STUART MILL



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## Location

43 Church Road STUART MILL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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The Stuart Mill Uniting Church, 43 Church Road, Stuart Mill, has significance as an intact example of the late Victorian Gothic Revival style, and as a legacy of the development of the Wesleyan, Methodist and Uniting Church in the area. Built in 1894 to a design by the Melbourne architect, Beverley Ussher, the Church appears to be in good fair condition.

The Stuart Mill Uniting Church is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the late Victorian Gothic Revival style. These qualities include the steeply pitched gable roof form, together with the central, minor porch gable that projects at the front. Other intact or appropriate qualities include

the face brick wall construction, lapped galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, modest eaves, decorative gable infill (timber battening and stuccoed panelling), timber finials on the gable ends, pointed arched timber framed windows, cement rendered dressings, pointed arched timber framed vertically boarded timber double doors, and the brick buttresses with rendered dressings.

The Stuart Mill Uniting Church is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the development of the Wesleyan and later Methodist and Uniting Churches from 1894. The Church also has associations with some early locals who helped fund the building, notably the Swanton family. The Church has further associations with the Melbourne architect, Beverley Ussher, and with the Melbourne contractor, Mr. Oliver.

The Stuart Mill Uniting Church is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised and valued by the Stuart Mill community for religious reasons.

Overall, the Stuart Mill Uniting Church is of **LOCAL** significance.

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## Physical Description 1

The Stuart Mill Uniting Church, 43 Church Road, Stuart Mill, has a rural setting, being surrounded by eucalypts and other trees. A galvanised water tank and stand is located at one side of the Church building.

The face brick, late Victorian Gothic Revival styled building is characterised by a steeply pitched gable roof form, together with a central, minor porch gable that projects at the front. These roof forms are clad in lapped galvanised corrugated iron. Modest overhangs are features of the eaves.

A particular early feature of the design is the decorative gable infill, comprising timber battening and stuccoed panelling. The gable ends are also adorned with early timber finials.

The pointed arched timber framed windows are also early, as are the cement rendered window surrounds, quoinwork and wall base. The pointed arched timber framed vertically boarded timber double doors on the side walls under the porch are early. Another early feature of the design are the brick buttresses with rendered dressings.

The Church appears to be in fair condition, with some wall cracking under the porch window being most evident.

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