
Uniting Church



Former Uniting Church, 8
Noel Street Ivanhoe



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Location

8-10 Noel Street IVANHOE, BANYULE CITY

Municipality

BANYULE CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO182

Heritage Listing

Banyule City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 20, 2009

What is significant?

The former Knox Presbyterian, now Uniting Church at 8 Noel Street, Ivanhoe, built in 1927 to a design by architects RM and MH King is significant. The contemporary extensions to the church are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Uniting Church at 8 Noel Street is of local historic and aesthetic significance to Banyule City.

Why is it significant?

The property at 8 Noel Street has had a long association with the Presbyterian and later, Uniting Church. The first building on the site was the timber Church hall of 1908 (now demolished), which was followed by the present church of 1927, and the later extensions by Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School. Early Presbyterian Church Services at Noel Street are associated with the Rev. Alex Hardie from 1907. (Criterion A)

The former Presbyterian Church (later Uniting) is representative of suburban church architecture in the early twentieth century. It represents the adaptation of Gothic forms and detailing in a more abstract manner. The materials of brick and render reflect the suburban setting and represent a more contemporary interpretation of church design. It is also a representative example of an interwar cruciform plan church which was an innovation in layout common to many Protestant churches who sought to bring the preaching closer to the congregation. (Criterion D)

Although altered by the additions to each side, the church is still a landmark in Noel Street and Ivanhoe generally. (Criteria D, E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Banyule - Banyule Heritage Review, Context P/L, 2009; Banyule - Banyule Heritage Study, Allum Lovell & Associates, 1999; Banyule - Heidelberg Conservation Study, Graeme Butler and Associates, 1985;
Architect/Designer	King, RM & MH,
Other Names	Knox Presbyterian,
Hermes Number	124152
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The former Knox Presbyterian Church (and Uniting Church) at 8 Noel Street is a late example of the interwar abstracted gothic style. Designed in 1927, the church has a cruciform plan with intersecting gable roofs. The original form of the church has been retained despite a large addition to the sides and rear of the building. It is now used as part of Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School. The facade is relatively intact and features a highly modelled elevation of face brick with rendered detailing around a large four centred arch window and doorway with flat Tudor arch. The side elevations are highly decorated in render with dentillated cornice and large windows. Although now forming part of a much larger building serving the needs of the Grammar School, the street frontage relatively intact and the original form of the building is still legible.

Noel Street is part of the nucleus of Ivanhoe Village between Upper Heidelberg Road and the Ivanhoe Train Station. It has undergone much change with the expansion of the Ivanhoe Shopping Centre and the replacement of many buildings. The former Uniting Church is one of few early twentieth century buildings remaining in the street.

It is representative of suburban church architecture that sought to use Gothic forms and detailing in an abstracted manner whilst using the more common materials of face brick and render.

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