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# Gifford Memorial Church



22 Croydon Road

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## Location

22 Croydon Road CROYDON, MAROONDAH CITY

## Municipality

MAROONDAH CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO14

## Heritage Listing

Maroondah City

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## Statement of Significance

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The former simple Gothic, Bungalow style, former Gifford Memorial Congregational Church was built in 1930, named after its first minister Rev. Alfred Gifford. It is significant to Maroondah historically for its association with the development of religious community life in Croydon and the earliest serving church in the municipality. It is architecturally significant as the only building representative of the Gothic style in the municipality. It is socially significant as known and valued by those Croydon Congregationalists who met and worshipped here over 45 years.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maroondah - Maroondah Heritage Identification Study, Richard Peterson with Peter Barrett, 1998;
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## Physical Description 1

A simple Bungalow-style timber church with a cruciform plan and a gabled roof, clad with unglazed Marseilles terra-cotta tiles. Upper gables jetty in two stages on expressed joists: the upper stage has shingles, splaying, with a timber louvred vent and gabled architrave, below is panelled. There is a Kemp and Sheehan roof vent and a gabled timber belfry. The west front, facing the street, has triple lancets. The transept lancets have been unfortunately obscured by additions: at left, linking to a timber hipped-roof double-fronted villa, and at right to a timber hall. This addition has a gabled roof facing; it is now a 'family shop'. In the front garden is a curious random rubble sandstone archway, with a bas-relief cross.

## Intactness

Lych gate, fence, transept, lancets and bell have been removed.

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