
Immaculate Conception Church and Manresa Presbitery



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Location

343-345 Burwood road HAWTHORN, BOROONDARA CITY

Municipality

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Level of significance

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Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO262

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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****Roman Catholic Church Of The Immaculate Conception**

Architecturally one of the more successful, early and original examples of a small number of asymmetrically towered, stone Gothic Revival Churches in the state, designed by the prolific architects, Crouch and Wilson, also a major part of an important medieval styled group of high regional importance. Historically, the largest and earliest church in Hawthorn possessing a large parish area, extending beyond the city: of regional importance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Hawthorn Heritage study 1992, Meredith Gould, Conservation Architects, 1992;
Other Names	MANRESA, PRESBYTERY, CHURCH OF THE Immaculate CONCEPTION, Roman Catholic Church Of The Immaculate Conception,
Hermes Number	14899
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Physical Description 1

Roman Catholic Church Of The Immaculate Conception

Two different designs were pictured in 1868: one without the eastern transept. double gable and north tower. Pursuing the other design, a rubble basalt structure was built with Tasmanian freestone dressings. In a decorated mode of Gothic architecture with geometric tracery to a major south facing window above a gabled porch: the major part of the church following the traditional nave with clerestory lighting over buttresses side aisles. The asymmetrical spired bell tower placement, combined with the machiolated tower with gablets, at the north corner, and the individually designed transept gable provide a successfully picturesque placement of masses and shapes along the Burwood and Glenferrie Road frontages. Comparison may be made to the following stone churches with asymmetrically placed towers: St. Lukes, St. Georges Road, Fitzroy (1879-81); Scots Church, Collins St. Melbourne (1873-4); St. Ignatius, Church St. Richmond; St. Patricks, Wangaratta (1865-71) and St. Mary's, west Melbourne (1891-1900) .

Physical Description 2

Manresa, Presbytery, Church Of The Immaculate Conception

An asymmetrically planned, two storey polychrome brick residence with a two level cast iron verandah and a steeply gabled, slated roof. Radiating voussoirs to the pointed arch openings in red and cream/ contrast against the Hawthorn 'Blacks' body brickwork with its horizontal cream string coursing and diaper filler patterns, in the medieval manner, cladding a form similar to English houses of the 14th and 15th century. Iron balustrade friezes are in a Gothic pattern, verandah columns are coupled and possess early English capitals. The leadlight stair-hall window is notable.

The garden contains mature species of cypress and Canary Island Date Palms, possibly from landscaping early this century; with random scoria rockeries and asphalt paving which appears to have once merged with that of the former E.S.&A. Bank on the west. A cast iron lamp standard exists in the yard.

Comparable non-secular residences would be the Camberwell presbytery, and the Sacred Heart Convent, Malvern.

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