
Ewing Memorial Hall, former Sunday school/hall



54 Burke Rd



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Location

54 Burke Road and 32A Manning Road MALVERN EAST, STONNINGTON CITY

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO411

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

Ewing Memorial Presbyterian Sunday School (former Sunday School) at 54 Burke Road and 32A Manning Road, Malvern East, to the extent of the 1939 fabric. The Sunday School was designed by architect Keith Reid, who had attended Sunday School at Ewing Memorial Church as a child.

The later works at the rear of the site, including the 1975 flat-roofed wing, the entry to the kindergarten wing and the toilet block, are not of heritage significance.

How is it significant?

Ewing Memorial Presbyterian Sunday School is of local historic, social and architectural significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

Historically and socially, as a centre of community activity since its construction in 1939. To the present day, it houses a kindergarten and other community groups (Criterion G).

Architecturally, as a conservative Gothic building, similar to collegiate and seminary chapels of its day, with expert massing and high-quality detailing. It is also of interest as one of Keith Reid's early religious designs, when he was still in the practice Reid & Pearson. Reid went on to be a prolific designer for the Presbyterian church (Criteria D & H).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - Churches and Halls in the City of Stonnington - Heritage Citations Project 2010, Context Pty Ltd, 2010;
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Physical Description 1

Ewing Memorial Presbyterian Sunday School of 1939 at 54 Burke Road, Malvern East, is a large deep cream-brick building with a varicoloured tile roof. The complex massing of this C-shaped building suggests the multiple uses inside, while allowing the scale to be in keeping with the suburban development around it. Most of the frontage on Burke Road is single-storey in height. The roof is a long transverse gable with several gable-front bays projecting from it. There are two at the north end: the end wall of a hall space lit by a pointed window with Gothic tracery, and a gabled porch set in beside it. The entrance has a low surbase arch. At the south end of the facade rises a two-storey gable suggestive of a church front. The central entrance and tracery window above it are set into heavy brick buttressing with crenulations at the top, giving the impression of a truncated tower.

The rear wing is reached either via ornate wrought iron gates at the north end of the Burke Street elevation, or via a rear drive off Manning Road. This wing has a jerkin-head gable.

There is a flat-roof wing of 1975 at the very rear, which is barely visible from the public domain. There is also a modern toilet block and a modern entry to the Kindergarten wing at the rear of the site. No other alterations to the 1939 building fabric were noted.

Historical Australian Themes

Themes from Stonnington Thematic Environmental History:

10.2 Worshipping

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