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## ST JOHN'S CHURCH & HALL (FORMER)



22525 St John's Church  
& Hall (former) - 283  
Springvale Road, Donvale



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### Location

283 Springvale Road DONVALE, Manningham City

### Municipality

MANNINGHAM CITY

### Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Listing

Manningham City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The former St John's Church complex, comprising the church constructed in 1907, the 1914 hall and associated mature trees including Oaks and Cypressess, at 283 Springvale Road, Donvale.

How is it Significant?

The former St John's Church complex is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to Manningham City.

Why is it significant?

The former St John's Church complex is of local historic and social significance as a now rare early community building that is associated with the settlement and development of the Doncaster East (Donvale) district as an orcharding area in the early part of the twentieth century, and for its continuing role as the Doncaster Living & Learning and Arts Centre, which has maintained community use. The change in use is of some interest as it demonstrates how community buildings are adapted to meet changing needs over time. (RNE criteria A.4, B.2, D.2 and G.1)

The former church and hall are of local aesthetic significance as representative and largely intact examples of simple Edwardian community buildings. Mature plantings around the church, including Oaks and Cypresses provide an appropriate and related setting and also contribute to the broader cultural landscape in this part of Springvale Road. (RNE criterion E.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant    Manningham - Manningham Heritage Study Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2006;

Other Names                      Donvale Arts Centre,    Donvale Living & Learning Centre,

Hermes Number                22525

Property Number

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## Historical Australian Themes

Local Themes

6.02 - Churches

## Physical Description 1

What is now known as the Donvale Living and Learning Centre site includes the former St John's Church, built in 1907, and the church hall dating from 1914. The former church is a simple weatherboard building comprising a nave and porch with gabled roofs and a side wing with a skillion roof. Decorative elements are limited to the triangular headed windows which emulate Gothic arched windows in a crude fashion. The hall is a weatherboard building with a gabled corrugated iron roof and a double-gabled bay to the front. Its side walls contain regularly spaced timber-framed, double-hung sash windows. At the rear there is a skillion roofed wing with a redbrick chimney. The red-brick walls which enclose the rear underfloor area are possibly later additions.

Mature plantings around the buildings include Oaks and Cypresses, which contribute to the cultural landscape character of this section of Springvale Road (refer to separate citation in this Study).

## Physical Conditions

Condition Good

## Integrity

Integrity Minor modifications

## Physical Description 2

**Threats** None apparent

### **Physical Description 3**

Associations

City of Doncaster & Templestowe, Manningham

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