

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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UNITING CHURCH COMPLEX



23402 Uniting Church Mirranatwa 1134



23402 Uniting Church Mirranatwa 1135

Location

Mirranatwa School Road MIRRANATWA, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Mirranatwa Uniting Church complex is located on the south side of the Mirranatwa School Road, beside the Mirranatwa hall and former school. The complex consists of a small symmetrical church in the form of a simple hall of four bays, with a front porch and entrance of the east side. The church is constructed from sawn limestone, and the roofs of the church and porch are gabled with corrugated iron. The first church services were held at Barrahead homestead, owned by Thomas Robertson, later of Skene Homestead near Hamilton. After he left for Hamilton, services were conducted in the local Mirranatwa school. No architect or builder has been associated with the design of the church, constructed in 1961. The building is in good condition, and retains a high degree of integrity to the 1960s period.

How is it significant?

The Mirranatwa Uniting Church is of historical and social significance to the community of Mirranatwa and the

Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Mirranatwa Uniting Church is of historical and social significance as the focus for, firstly, the Presbyterian and, subsequently, Uniting Church denominations in the Mirranatwa district and the Victoria Valley generally.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1960,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	PRESBYTERIAN (?) CHURCH,
Hermes Number	23402
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The building is in excellent condition.

Physical Description 1

A small symmetrical church in the form of a simple hall of four bays facing northwards. There is a porch at the front with the entrance on the east side. The main roof and porch roof are corrugated iron and gabled. The walls are sawn limestone. The windows, including the small window in the porch have angled heads, simulating the Gothic style. The church is set within a small yard bounded by a low Cyclone wire fence with timber posts. The church is located beside the Mirranatwa hall which was formerly a primary school.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life
8.6 Worshipping
8.6.1 Worshipping together
8.6.3 Founding Australian religious institutions
8.6.4 Making places for worship

Usage/Former Usage

Continues as a church

Integrity

Excellent degree of integrity

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