
ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Location

15-19 Stirling Street DUNKELD, 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?

St Mary's Anglican Church is located on the south west corner of Sterling and Wills Street, in the township of Dunkeld. The church has been constructed in two stages, with the first section (1881) has highly pitched roofs clad in corrugated iron, and is constructed from light brown brick with stone dressings in the Early English Gothic revival style; the latter wing (dating from 1961) also has steeply pitched roofs, which are clad in terracotta tile, and is built of cream brick and is positioned in front of the older building and on the eastern side across its facade. The interiors include a range of memorials, the original pews, fittings such as the altar, podium and decorative works. There has been no architect or builder associated with the design of the Church. Both parts of the church are in excellent condition and retains a very high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

St Mary's Anglican Church is of historical and architectural significance to the Southern Grampians Shire and to the township of Dunkeld.

Why is it significant?

St. Mary's Anglican Church is of architectural significance as a representative example of the Early English Gothic revival style exhibited in the first section, in its application to places of worship. It demonstrates architectural significance for its use of this style to express religious values, for the range and quality of its interiors, and as a comparison with the churches of other denominations in Dunkeld. St. Mary's Anglican Church is of historical significance as the one of the latest substantial churches to be built in the township, and for its further additions in the 1960s, illustrating the growth of the Anglican faith in the township. As a whole, the complex is historically significant as the expression of the role and position of the Anglican Church and its congregation in the community for over one hundred years.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23534
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

All parts of the building are in excellent condition.

Physical Description 1

The church is built in two parts, one dating from 1881 and a 1961 extension. The former wing is built in light brown brick with stone dressings in the Early English Gothic revival style. The building is tall for its plan. The building is divided by buttresses into 3 bays each with lancet windows. There is large chancel at the western end with a triple lancet window. Finials as crosses surmount the main and chancel gables. The steeply pitched roofs are clad in corrugated iron.

The latter wing (dating from 1961) is built in cream brick and is positioned in front of the older building and on the eastern side across its facade. There a paired windows in the side walls. The chancel at the northern end includes three small windows high in the gable with a panel of contrasting red brick below the middle window. The roof is clad in terracotta tiles and encompasses the side aisles.

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

8.8 Remembering the fallen

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

Usage/Former Usage

church

Integrity

Excellent degree of integrity for latest period.

Physical Description 2

W H Geer, 1881-82

W P Howell, 1882-84

E J Thrum, 1885-87

Francis Betts, 1889-90

Tristram Carlyon, 1890-91

A Douglas Mitchell, 1891-93

F Thorpe, 1893-96

I W Davison, 1896-1898
W Elliker, 1898-1902
Thos Bennett, 1902-1904
H E Nolterns, 1904-1905
E I Dodd, 1905-1910
G E Roper, 1910-1912
R Giles, 1912-1916

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