
GEMBROOK UNITING (FORMER UNION) CHURCH



Gembrook Union Later Uniting Church

Location

438 MOUNTAIN ROAD, GEMBROOK, CARDINIA SHIRE

Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO80

Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

Gembrook Union, later Uniting Church, opened in March 1879, is of significance to the Cardinia Shire as one of the earliest district church buildings. The simple, gabled Gothic Revival timber church (with an added porch) has historical significance for its associations with the Rev. Dr. J.E. Bromby, who provided the land and a plan for the combined church and school. Bromby, who was first headmaster at Melbourne Grammar School, planned the Gembrook church on innovative Union principles where Church of England, Presbyterian and Wesleyan Ministers were welcome. The Gembrook church is significant also as a local landmark and a community meeting-place for more than 120 years.

Regional Significance

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996;
Construction dates	1879,
Hermes Number	30024
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

This is a simple, gabled Gothic revival timber church, with an added gabled porch, louvred gable vent, a corrugated iron roof and some mature Monterey pines forming rows nearby.

The age of the church might be gauged by some early window joinery at the rear.

Physical Conditions

The church appears to have an added but related porch and probable alterations in detail. The fence has been replaced.

Historical Australian Themes

Themes

8.1 Timber townships

9.3 Churches and cemeteries

Physical Description 2

Associations - Bromby, Rev. Dr. J.E.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>