
HO90 - St. Dominics Roman Catholic Church



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Location

Smith Street MELTON, Melton Shire

Municipality

MELTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO90

Heritage Listing

Melton City

Statement of Significance

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St. Dominics Roman Catholic Church, Smith Street, Melton, has significance as a predominantly intact example of a Victorian Early English Gothic Revival style and as a legacy of the development of the Catholic Church in Melton.

St. Dominics Roman Catholic Church, Smith Street, is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2, E.1). It demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian Early English Gothic Revival style. These qualities include the steeply pitched gable roof, together with the minor gable porch at the front and the rear gabled vestry that

projects at the side. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the face brick wall construction, slate roof tiles, modest eaves, pointed arched diamond leadlight windows, pointed arched lancet window with rendered drip mould in the gable end, face brick buttresses with rendered copings, vertical timber boarded and pointed arched doors, decorative iron hinges to the porch doors and the crosses that adorn the gable ends.

St. Dominics Roman Catholic Church, Smith Street, is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A4, B2). It is one of only three remaining nineteenth century churches in the Shire of Melton, and the only one to be constructed in unrendered brick.

St. Dominics Roman Catholic Church, Smith Street, is socially significant at a LOCAL level (AHC G.1). It is recognised and valued by the local Catholic community of Melton as an symbol of their faith and their history of local participation in faith education.

Overall, St. Dominics Roman Catholic Church, Smith Street, is of LOCAL significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Melton - Shire of Melton Heritage Study phase 2, David Maloney, David Rowe, Pamela Jellie, Sera Jane Peters, 2007;
Construction dates	1877,
Other Names	Smith Street, Melton,
Hermes Number	30201
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Physical Description -

St. Dominics Roman Catholic Church, Smith Street, Melton, is set amongst asphalt car parking and playing areas.

The face brick, Victorian Early English Gothic Revival styled church building is characterised by a steeply pitched gable roof, together with a minor gable porch at the front and a rear gabled vestry that projects at the side. These roof forms are clad in early slate tiles. Modest overhangs are features of the eaves.

The three bays of pointed arched diamond leadlight windows at the sides of the building are early, as is the lancet window with rendered drip mould in the gable end. The sides of the building, porch and vestry also have early face brick buttresses with rendered copings.

Other early features of the design include the vertical timber boarded and pointed arched doors, decorative iron hinges to the porch doors and the crosses that adorn the gable ends.

Security wire mesh screens have been introduced over the windows.

Historical Australian Themes

Melton Historical Themes: 'Community'

Integrity

Integrity - Substantially intact

Physical Conditions

Physical Condition - Good

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