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## Pakenham Upper Civic & Res. Prec.



Pakenham Upper Civic  
& Residential Precinct  
& Upper hall

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### Location

Bourke Creek and Old Gembrook Roads PAKENHAM UPPER, Cardinia Shire

### Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO24

### Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

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### Statement of Significance

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Pakenham Upper Civic & Residential Precinct is of importance to the Cardinia Shire (and importance to the locality of Pakenham Upper) because it provides evidence of the development of service centres in shire townships or hamlets. Pakenham Upper was an early Shire farming area that, at the turn of the century, developed as an important orchard area. The intersection of Bourkes Creek and Old Gembrook Roads, where the small township settlement was established marks a special precinct and community centre. Remaining

components of this place are also significant for their comparative age, and include the c1905 Non-denominational Church on the Old Gembrook Road and, on the same road, the Pakenham Upper Hall, built in 1912 by volunteer labour using local timber. The Valley View Orchards nearby on Bourkes Creek Road were second only within the Shire to the Kitchen family's extensive Toomuc Valley Orchards.

### *Regional Significance*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996;
Construction dates	1880,
Other Names	Bourke Creek & Old Gembrook Roads, Pakenham Upper,
Hermes Number	30419
Property Number	

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## **Physical Description 1**

**Content:** Church, Hall, former post office

Grouped around a cross-roads are two weatherboarded public buildings and one small weatherboarded house which was once the post office for the area. All buildings are from a relatively early date although of simple construction. The church however illustrates some architectural skill and a high degree of preservation; it is also much older the other structures and is the focal point of the precinct. Mature landscape (both native and exotic) around the sites aids in their visual containment and unity.

## **Physical Conditions**

The church is well preserved and near original externally; the hall has been added to and changed but retains its typical hall form; but the former post office was being redeveloped at the time of survey.

## **Historical Australian Themes**

### **Historical Theme**

3. Towns As District Service Centres

9.3 Churches and cemeteries

9.6 Town Halls

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