
CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Location

35-39 SHORT STREET, BENDIGO, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO930

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Bendigo Church of Christ at 35-39 Short Street, Bendigo, built in 1926, is significant. Significant fabric includes the:

- Original built form and scale.

- Walls of face brick with contrasting brick detailing and engaged pilasters.
- Gable roof form with exposed rafter ends and ventilators.
- Gable end details including expressed timber trusses and oculus wall vent to Short Street.
- Paired gothic (lancet) windows (some with leadlight).
- Recessed name plates across the Short Street elevation.
- A foundation stone.

How is it significant?

The Bendigo Church of Christ at 35-39 Short Street, Bendigo, is of local historic, representative and social significance to City of Greater Bendigo.

Why is it significant?

The Bendigo Church of Christ site is of historic significance having served the community as its focus of worship and various other church functions and activities for almost 120 years. The complex of buildings on the site represents the growth and aspirations of a small Christian denomination within Bendigo where services were initially held in a tent on the site from 1901, with the current church building being constructed in 1926 (Criterion A).

The 1926 brick church building is a fine representative example of an Interwar Art and Crafts Gothic church building that takes its broad built form from early English Gothic sources but incorporates the spirit of the Arts and Crafts movement. This has resulted in a building that includes typical elements of Gothic revival churches, such as a steeply pitched gable roof and paired lancet windows and incorporates elements from the Arts and Crafts such as walls of face brick with contrasting brick detailing, exposed rafter ends, expressed trusses to the gable ends and an oculus wall vent (Criterion D).

The Church of Christ complex is of social significance for its strong and ongoing association with the Bendigo community. The site as a whole has played an ongoing role in the spiritual life of the local community since 1901, when church meetings were held in a tent on the site. The current church building has served as a focus for the Bendigo Church of Christ community for almost 100 years with religious services still being held in the building to this day (Criterion G).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Eaglehawk & Bendigo Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1993; Greater Bendigo - City Centre Heritage Study 2016, City of Greater Bendigo, 2016;
Construction dates	1926, 1934,
Hermes Number	39895
Property Number	

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