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# St Patricks Catholic Church



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Extent of registration map

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## Location

74A Colac-Ballarat Road ROKEWOOD, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO148

## Heritage Listing

Golden Plains Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

St Patrick's Catholic Church, Rokewood is located on the north-east corner of the Rokewood Skipton (Ferrer or Ferrar's) Road and the Colac-Ballarat Road, immediately west of the Kuruc-a-ruc Creek and the township of Rokewood. The church dates from 1927 when Rev. H. O'Kane was the parish priest. Its conservative Gothic Revival style and its combination of red brick and cement render are typical of the period. No architect or builder

has been associated with the design and construction. The present church may have replaced an earlier building when Fr. Barrett, who was based in Scarsdale, was the parish priest for twenty-five years. The church appears to be unaltered since its construction and remains in good condition. The *Pinus radiata* (Monterey or Radiata Pines) and Eucalypts support the church aesthetically. The church continues to be used as part of the Sebastopol (Ballarat) Parish.

How is it significant?

St Patrick's Catholic Church, Rokewood is of historical, architectural and social significance to the Golden Plains Shire.

Why is it significant?

St Patrick's Catholic Church, Rokewood is of historical significance as a relatively late goldfields and pastoral church, reflecting the continuing prosperity of the Rokewood district into the early twentieth century. The church is of social significance for reflecting the relative wealth and sense of community of the Catholics in the area. It is of architectural significance for its relatively pedestrian use of the ubiquitous Gothic Revival style.

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## Historical Australian Themes

The Australian Heritage Commission devised the Australian Historic Themes in 2001. The following themes have influenced the historical development of the St Patrick's Catholic Church.

8 Developing Australia's Cultural Life

8.6 Worshipping

8.6.1 Worshipping together

8.6.2 Maintaining religious traditions and ceremonies

8.6.4 Making places for worship

### Intactness

The church is completely intact.

### Integrity

The church retains an excellent degree of integrity.

## Physical Description 1

Approaching from the west, St Patricks Catholic Church is located at the intersection of the Rokewood Skipton Road and the Colac-Ballarat Road before crossing the Kuruc-a-ruc Creek. It is built of pressed red brick and

painted render. It is rectangular in plan and is five bays long, the middle bay on the east elevation having a side door. The gable roof is clad with slate and incorporates large galvanised iron ventilators close to the ridge line. There is a triple lancet window in the gable with a very simple detail of half timbering and roughcast stucco above. The front porch, with a side entrance door, is also gabled as is the vestry at the rear. There are several mature *Pinus radiata* (Monterey or Radiata Pines) to the north-west of the church and many Eucalypts planted irregularly in the grounds.

## **Physical Description 2**

Extent of Registration: To the extent of the whole of the building, the mature trees, and all of the land comprising Allotment 74 of the Parish of Corindhap.

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