
Church and Municipal Reserve

Location

74-98 and 81A, 98 Bell Street, also Elm Grove and 512-562 Sydney Road, Coburg, Moreland City

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO21

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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The Church and Municipal Reserve is of state historical, architectural and social significance. It forms the core of the Pentridge area, which was the first part of Coburg to be developed. The Pentridge Reserve is one of only a few such remaining reserves in Melbourne. All of the individual buildings are of significance: of particular note are the Anglican, Uniting and Roman Catholic church complexes, Coburg City Hall, and the two campuses of Coburg Primary School. It remains the focus of the Coburg, and, with the area around Brunswick Town Hall, one of the two historical civic hubs of the Moreland municipality.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review. Additional Precincts, Allen Lovell and Associates, 2001;
Hermes Number	56046
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Church and Municipal Reserve precinct is situated at the corner of Sydney Road and Bell Street, Coburg. It contains a collection of civic and institutional buildings including the prominent Uniting, Anglican and Roman Catholic church complexes, the two campuses of Coburg Primary School, the former Coburg Secondary College, and the Coburg City Hall and municipal offices, together with a number of private dwellings. It includes the following properties:

- 74-98, 81A Bell Street
- Coburg Primary School Infants' School
- Elm Grove
- 512-562 Sydney Road

There is almost no street planting, but the plantings associated with the three church complexes and the City Hall help shield these buildings somewhat from the noise of the large volume of traffic which passes by them. Various paving materials are used but the traditional surface is asphalt. Kerbs and gutters vary, with the traditional material being bluestone pitchers.

The following buildings have individual citations in this Study:

- Bluestone Cottage, 82 Bell Street (1864)
- Coburg City Hall, 88-92 Bell Street (1922 onwards)
- Coburg Infants' School and Shelter Shed, 98 Bell Street (1910)
- Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 520 Sydney Road (1854 onwards)
- Holy Trinity Hall (former), 520 Sydney Road (1918)
- St Paul's Roman Catholic Church, 562 Sydney Road (1867 onwards)
- St Paul's School & Hall (former), 562 Sydney Road (1867)
- Wesleyan Methodist Chapel (former), 562 Sydney Road (1849 onwards)
- Uniting Church (Second Wesleyan Methodist Chapel & Presbytery), 562 Sydney Road (1857)

Integrity

Note: Residential Dwellings at 74-80 have been demolished

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.

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