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# St Michael's Church & School Complex

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## Location

125-137 High Street, BERWICK, Casey City

## Municipality

CASEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO89

## Heritage Listing

Casey City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

### How is it significant?

### Why is it significant?

St Michael's church complex contains two historically significant buildings, the 1934 church (now used as a multi-purpose hall), and the presbytery. Two more recent buildings, the 1958 church hall and the 1984 church, contribute to the significance of the site which overall has high local significance for its associations with the activities of the Catholic community, which has played an important role in the development of the district from the 1870s.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Casey - Heritage of the City of Berwick, Context Pty Ltd, 1993;
Hermes Number	62919
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

Located west of the former church and main school yard, the presbytery has an unusual plan, featuring a bay projecting at an obtuse angle from the main facade. It is unclear whether the unusual recessed porch with half timbered gable supported by curved brackets is the original entrance.

Former church hall, St Michael's School

The former church is a red brick neo-Gothic design with buttresses. Now used by the Primary School as a multi-purpose hall, it is linked via an enclosed passage at the sides of the building to new buildings adjacent. Externally, the front of the building remains intact, with triple pointed arches in the clerestory window containing simple diamond leadlight and moulded string coursing above. The statue alcove in the former porch is empty.

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Boxed windows in pairs with six-paned upper sashes are a feature. Constructed in bull-nosed weatherboard with a new Colorbond roof, the house is set in a mature leafy garden with extensive lawns.

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