

BUILDING TITLE: Christ Church Co-Cathedral **BUILDING ADDRESS:** 22-24 Gray St
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B |X| C || D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** church
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # AHC File # **NT File #** 1471 **Class** || **Rec** |X|
CONSERVATION AREA: Church Hill **LEVEL OF STREETSCAPE SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 |X| 3 ||
STYLE: mixed Gothic

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:
 1. 1851 (fallen down)
 2. 1878 (nave and tower)
 3. 1956 (apse and transepts ?)
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Sources:
 1. Warwick Willows, incumbent
 2. *Argus*, 17/1/1876 (tender notice);
C of E Messenger, 13 September 1878.
 3. foundation stone 25/11/56

MATERIALS:

Roof: slate
Walls: rockface bluestone
Dressings: Grampian ? sandstone
Plinth: bluestone
Windows: leadlight and stained
Paving: concrete
Other: bluestone and sandstone
 broach spire

SURVEY DATE: 26/2/91 **NEG FILE:** 1/20,21,22,25,26 **REPORTER:** tfh

INTEGRITY: E |X| G || F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** stunted broach tower is a Hamilton landmark;
 lych gate built in 1958.

CONDITION: E |X| G || F || P ||

SIGNIFICANCE: Originally called St Botolph's, the first church either fell down or was demolished and re-erected in Gray St as a store. The present church was built in two main stages and is the focus for Anglicans in the region. It is the most important building in the Christ Church complex.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate:	Rec	Inappropriate:	Rec
1956 apse		none apparent	

O=reinstate original design S=reinstate sympathetic alternative R=remove RAM=remove by approved method

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:	ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:	TITLE:
Anglican Church in Australia	1851 architect & builder not known	CA Sect
Land to C of E Reserve Gaz 70/973	1878 H R Caselli	1-2, 17-19 13A
		1956 G S Richards ARAIA

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Christ Church Co-Cathedral
22-24 Gray Street

Originally called St Botolph's, the first church on the site either fell down or was demolished and re-erected in Gray Street as a store. ⁽ⁱ⁾ The present church was built in two main stages. It is the focus for Anglicans in the region. It was designed in 1878 by the Ballarat architect, H R Caselli, in an Early English Gothic idiom. ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ Unusually, the interior nave walls have been left in unplastered basalt. A chancel was added in 1956-57, designed by G S Richards of Ballarat. ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ The Cassons Patent Organ Company of London supplied the organ in 1891. It was rebuilt in 1956. ^(iv)

The church which is of regional significance is at the centre of the Christ Church complex. It is complimented by its planting, by the various memorials and by the associated buildings. The spire of the church, along with its neighbour and that of St Mary's, is one of the landmarks of Hamilton.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Religion: Anglicanism

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS

Christ Church Manse (1897-98), 26 Gray Street
Christ Church Sunday School, 26 McIntyre Street

REFERENCES

Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, 1984, p63.
Church of England Messenger, 13 Sept 1878, pp 6-8.
National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No 1471.
HSA DP No. 504-5, C of E, Gray Street. Site plans and additions 26/11/68 (copied)

FOOTNOTES

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- i Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, Melbourne, 1984.
ii *Church of England Messenger*, 13 September 1878, pp 6-8.
iii National Trust of Australia (Victoria) File No 1471.
iv Ibid.