

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: ST ANDREW'S UNITING CHURCH

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Winter Street COLERAINE

STUDY NUMBER: 20

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

OTHER NAME/S OF PLACE: ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRECINCT: Coleraine

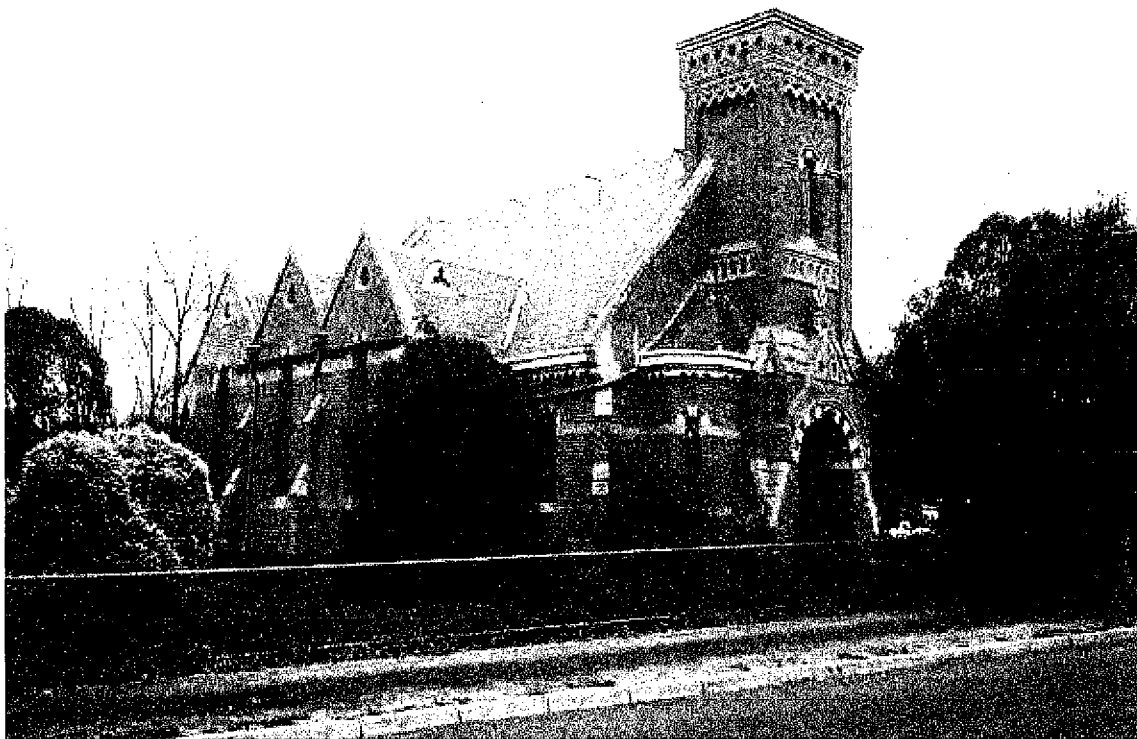
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 9 & 10 **SECTION:** 28 **PARISH:** PARISH OF COLERAINE

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

located on the east side of Winter Street between Church and McKebery Streets

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



St Andrew's Uniting Church, Winter Street, Coleraine.

Image Date: 9/04/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the building and all of the land

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The church is designed in a free Romanesque revival style, with some Gothic details, which uses predominantly red bricks with cream brick and unpainted cement render in contrasting details. The cream bricks include some formed to create 'dog's tooth' and other shapes. The red and cream brick voussoirs are coloured with an ochre wash and they are tuck pointed. The render simulates stonework on the buttresses, cornices and copings.

The deliberately complicated massing of the building includes the nave, a square tower incorporating a porch and canted side bays, and triple gabled transepts on both north and south sides. The south transept includes an asymmetrically placed door. At the rear the separate vestry and storeroom create a porch. The front porch has two entrances, one through each of the canted side bays. A small central window has a stained glass memorial, dated 1964, dedicated to the "Pioneer [Women's] Guild Members". The floor tiles have been replaced but the originals presumably matched those at the threshold of the south entrance.

There are several significant trees in the church grounds including: *Eucalyptus citriodora* x 2; *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana* x 2 (marking the corner entrance); *Fraxinus* sps.; and *Ulmus* sps.. There are also tennis courts.

HISTORY:

The first Presbyterian Church was constructed in 1865 although services had been held in Church of England schoolroom. A government land grant of one acre for a church was obtained, being allotments 9 and 10 of Section 28. Tenders were called in 1864, the foundation stone laid in January 1865 and the church opened in April 1866. The church was in the Gothic revival style, built of brick and had a slate roof. The architect was John S Jenkins of Hamilton. It cost about 1,500 pounds and seated 200 people. The contractors were all from Hamilton.

The present church was built twenty-five years later in 1890. It was designed by the architect, C D Figgis who worked in partnerships in Ballarat, principally, and in Melbourne. His ecclesiastical works include the Former Congregational Church and Hall in Ballarat, built from 1881, the Scots Presbyterian Church, Ballarat in 1890 and the Former Presbyterian Church, now Uniting, in Castlemaine, built from 1894. These four churches provide an important sequence of architectural development. Figgis is a significant architect at least for his successful exploration of the freer Gothic Revival styles which characterised the later nineteenth century. Figgis was also working on Wando Dale Homestead at the time he designed the Former St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Coleraine. Its owner, William Moodie was an Elder of the Presbyterian congregation in Coleraine.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life

8.6 Worshipping

8.6.1 Worshipping together

8.6.4 Making places for worship

CONDITION:

The church is in excellent condition internally and externally although iron bolts and bars have been introduced to control previous structural movement.

INTEGRITY:

The spire was demolished otherwise the church has excellent integrity externally and internally.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The present Uniting Church is the second former St Andrew's Presbyterian Church on the site. It is located at the south-west corner of Winter and Church Streets and faces Winter Street. With the Anglican and Catholic

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Churches, it is several blocks south of the main street of Coleraine and positioned on rising land overlooking the town. The first church was built in 1865 and the present church was built in 1892. The architect was C D Figgis of Ballarat who was working on nearby Wando Dale Homestead at the time, the owner of which, William Moodie was a leading member of the congregation.

St Andrew's Uniting (former Presbyterian) Church is of architectural, historical and social significance to the township of Coleraine and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

St Andrew's Uniting (former Presbyterian) Church is of social significance to the township of Coleraine as the focus for the strong Presbyterian population who settled the area in the mid to late nineteenth century. Historically, it is significant for demonstrating the strong Presbyterian faith in the Shire. Architecturally, it demonstrates a style of building which is typical of Presbyterian churches in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

COMPARISON:

098 St Andrew's Uniting Church (former Presbyterian) Martin St, Peshurst

237 St Andrew's Manse (former Presbyterian), Martin St, Peshurst

170 Former Presbyterian Manse, 53 Coleraine Rd, Balmoral

211 Presbyterian Church Manse (former), Monroe St, Branxholme

215 Free Presbyterian Church (former), Monroe St, Branxholme

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE:

04-Aug-01

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR **Include in RNE** **Include in Local Planning Scheme**

No Recommendations for Inclusions

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