

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Cobb and Burchett Streets PENSURST

STUDY NUMBER: 238

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Penshurst

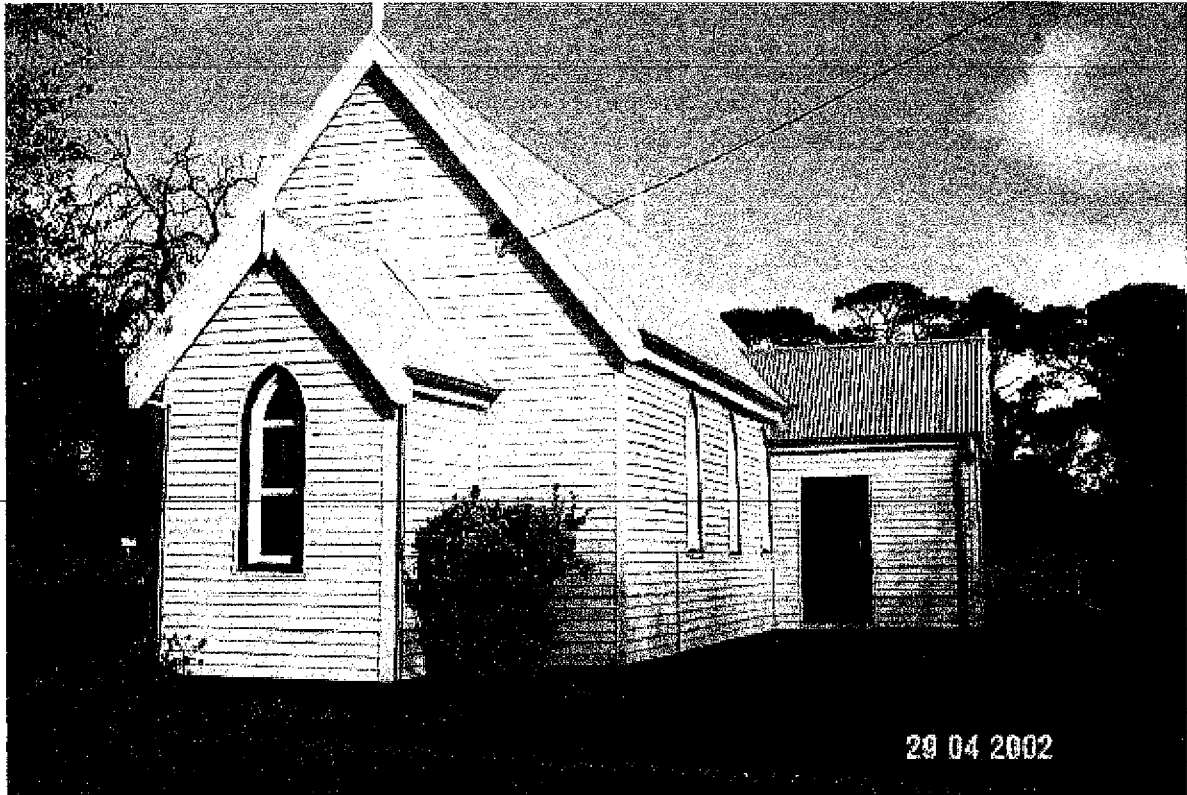
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 9 **SECTION:** 3 **PARISH:** PARISH OF BORAMBORAM

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

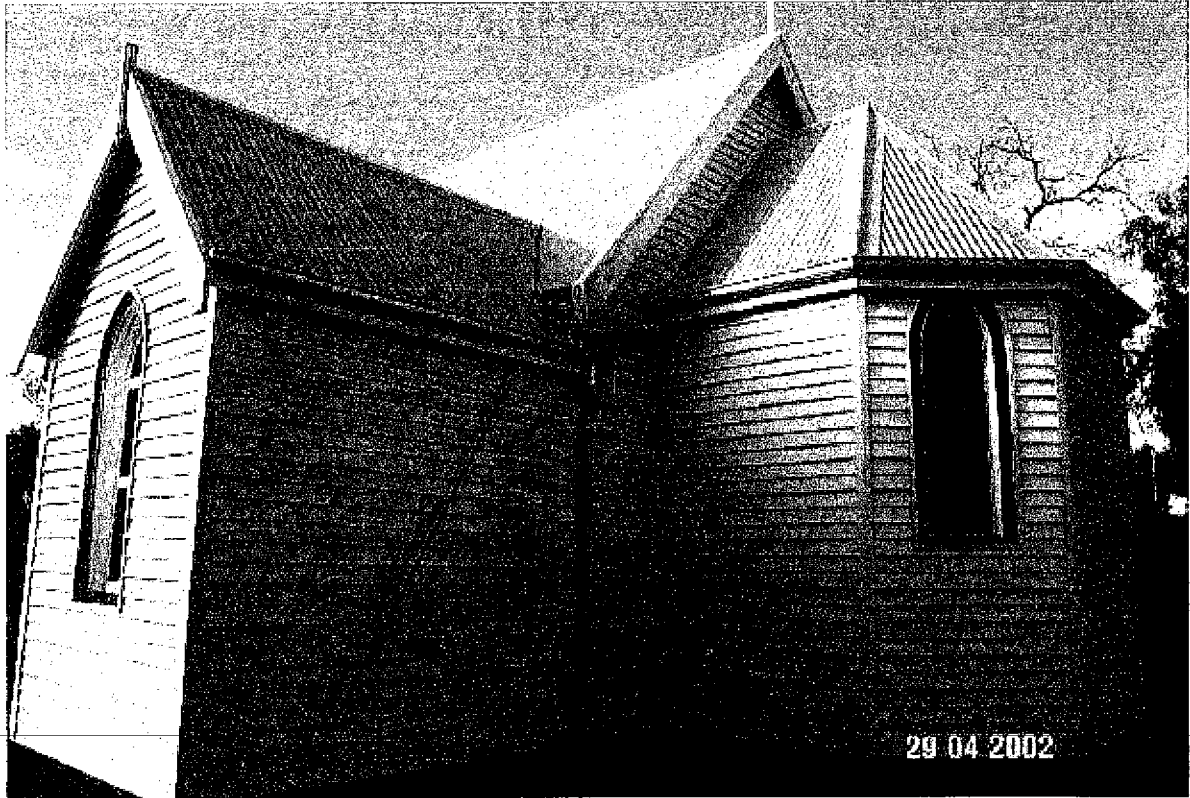
southeast
VicRoads 233 O11; located at the ~~north-west~~ corner of Cobb and Burchett Streets in the centre of the Township.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



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EXTENT OF LISTING:

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

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COMPARISON:

013 Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Church and Henty Streets, Coleraine
081 St David's Anglican Church and Hall, Coleraine-Nareen Road, Nareen
157 St Mary's Anglican Church, Stirling and Bell Streets, Balmoral
412 St Mary's Anglican Church, SW cnr Wills & Stirling Street, Dunkeld

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE:

18-May-02

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES:

Author	Title	Year	Page
James Smith, ed	The Cyclopaedia of Victoria	1905	535

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Small weather board church in the 'Carpenter' Gothic style with a porch at the front, a vestry to the side and a polygonal apse at the rear. The church is three bays. The roofs are corrugated iron. The only stylistic details are the pointed windows and the finials on the gables.

HISTORY:

All Saints Anglican Church dates from 1869 as a site, when the land was gazetted for the "Church of England Minister's Dwelling" in the Township of Penshurst plan. Interestingly, this is four and six years after the gazettal of the Presbyterian reserve and eight years after the Catholic reserve. The church appears not to have been built until 1898. No architect or builder has been associated with its design and construction and the simplicity of its architect suggests a generic source.

The church has always had a 'low profile'. There is no foundation stone. It is not mentioned in the 1888 celebratory book, Victoria and Its Metropolis and it is included as "other denominations" in the 1903 book, Cyclopaedia of Victoria (Smith, 535). No minister seems to have lived at Penshurst with the Parish served from Dunkeld. The Parish is now served from Hamilton.

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 building is in good condition.

INTEGRITY:

good degree of integrity externally

interiors not yet inspected

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is Significant?

All Saints Anglican Church, located on the north-west corner of Cobb and Burchett Streets, Penshurst is a modest example of Victorian Gothic Revival. It dates from 1865, about the same time as the other churches in Penshurst. The church is of very simple design, constructed of timber framing and weatherboard with timber framed windows. The building has three bays with a porch at the front and a vestry at the rear. Its limited scale may reflect not only the general pre-dominance of Scottish Presbyterian and German Lutheran settlers in the area but also the presence of the Twomey family, the pastoralists of Kolor and Old Stockyard (Banemore), who were Irish Catholics. The church retains a very high degree of integrity and is in excellent condition.

How is it significant?

All Saints Anglican Church is of social, architectural and historical significance to the township of Penshurst and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

All Saints Anglican Church is of architectural significance because it demonstrates the use of the traditional 'Carpenter' Gothic revival style to express specific Anglican values. It acts as a comparison with the churches of other denominations in Penshurst. All Saints Church is of historical significance as the smallest and possibly the last church to be built in the town, illustrating the limited growth of the Anglican faith. It has demonstrated the role and position of the Anglican Church and its congregation in the community for nearly one hundred and forty years.