

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 15-19 Stirling Street DUNKELD

STUDY NUMBER: 412

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Dunkeld

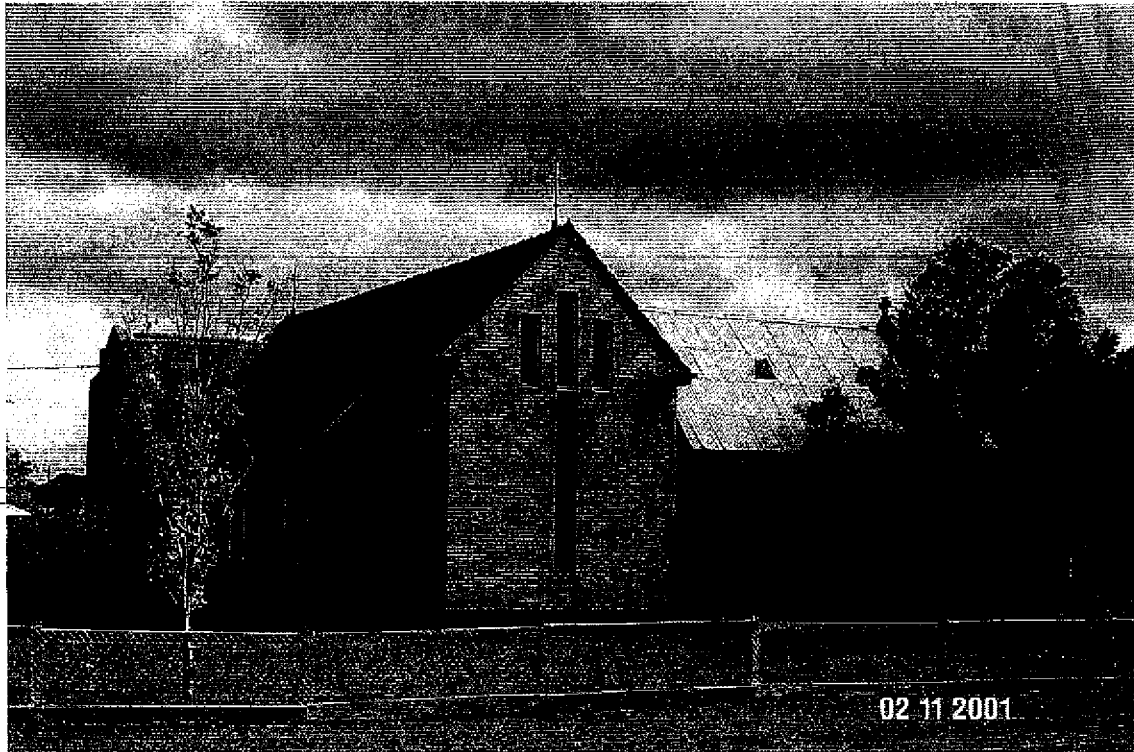
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 1&2 **SECTION:** 8

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 433J 12; VicRoads 229 S4; located in the south-west corner of Wills Street and Sterling Streets, one block south of the Glenelg Highway.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Anglican Church, Wills and Sirling Streets, Dunkeld

Image Date: 11/02/01

EXTENT OF LISTING:

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

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The church is built in two parts, one dating from 1881 and a 1961 extension. The former wing is built in light brown brick with stone dressings in the Early English Gothic revival style. The building is tall for its plan. The building is divided by buttresses into 3 bays each with lancet windows. There is large chancel at the western end with a triple lancet window. Finials as crosses surmount the main and chancel gables. The steeply pitched roofs are clad in corrugated iron.

The latter wing (dating from 1961) is built in cream brick and is positioned in front of the older building and on the eastern side across its façade. There are paired windows in the side walls. The chancel at the northern end includes three small windows high in the gable with a panel of contrasting red brick below the middle window. The roof is clad in terracotta tiles and encompasses the side aisles.

HISTORY:

The colonial government appears to have granted allotments 1 and 2 of section 8 of the Township of Dunkeld, comprising one and a half acres in Wills Street as land for the Church of England in 1867. An acre was granted to the Presbyterian and Wesleyan Methodist Churches but only half an acre and in a different street to the Catholic Church. Bishop James Alipius Goold purchased two acres of the adjacent land however.

The first section of St. Mary's was built in 1881 from locally made bricks, although no architect or builder has been associated with the design. The later section, also constructed of brick was officially opened in October 1961 by the Venerable R. G Porter (Claburn et. al, 27). A single storey timber vicarage was constructed adjacent to the church in the late nineteenth century or early twentieth century, located in Sterling Street. The vicarage was used until 1941 when the Dunkeld and Willaura Parishes combined to be centred at Willaura. The house was rented out for many years until it fell into disrepair and was demolished in 1981 (ibid.).

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life

8.6 Worshipping

8.6.1 Worshipping together

8.6.3 Founding Australian religious institutions

8.6.4 Making places for worship

8.8 Remembering the fallen

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

CONDITION:

All parts of the building are in excellent condition.

INTEGRITY:

Excellent degree of integrity for latest period.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

St Mary's Anglican Church is located on the south west corner of Sterling and Wills Street, in the township of Dunkeld. The church has been constructed in two stages, with the first section (1881) has highly pitched roofs clad in corrugated iron, and is constructed from light brown brick with stone dressings in the Early English Gothic revival style; the latter wing (dating from 1961) also has steeply pitched roofs, which are clad

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in terracotta tile, and is built of cream brick and is positioned in front of the older building and on the eastern side across its façade. The interiors include a range of memorials, the original pews, fittings such as the altar, podium and decorative works. There has been no architect or builder associated with the design of the Church. Both parts of the church are in excellent condition and retains a very high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

St Mary's Anglican Church is of historical and architectural significance to the Southern Grampians Shire and to the township of Dunkeld.

Why is it significant?

St. Mary's Anglican Church is of architectural significance as a representative example of the Early English Gothic revival style exhibited in the first section, in its application to places of worship. It demonstrates architectural significance for its use of this style to express religious values, for the range and quality of its interiors, and as a comparison with the churches of other denominations in Dunkeld. St. Mary's Anglican Church is of historical significance as the one of the latest substantial churches to be built in the township, and for its further additions in the 1960s, illustrating the growth of the Anglican faith in the township. As a whole, the complex is historically significant as the expression of the role and position of the Anglican Church and its congregation in the community for over one hundred years.

COMPARISON:

157 St Mary's Anglican Church, Cnr. Stirling and Bell Street, Balmoral
303 St Joseph's Catholic Church, McLennan St, Glenthompson

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE:

6/03/2003

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES:

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