

ST STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH (FORMER)



St Stephen's Anglican Church
- front 2008



St Stephen's Anglican Church
- south side 2008



St Stephen's Anglican Church
- north side 2008



St Stephen's Anglican Church
- front aspect from road 2008



St Stephen's Anglican Church
- from neighbouring school
yard 2008



St Stephen's Anglican Church
John Collins 1982 SLV



St Stephen's Anglican Church
- side view, unattributed
& undated

Location

1156 CALDER ALTERNATIVE HIGHWAY, LOCKWOOD - PROPERTY NUMBER 198651, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO713

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Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

How is it significant?

Why is it significant?

The former Lockwood church has high architectural significance for its historic association with the innovative architect, Robert Alexander Love, who pioneered the introduction of the cavity wall system into Victoria and Australia from America. The building is one of only four examples of churches that Love designed with cavity wall construction, each having a slightly different cavity wall construction design.

The former Lockwood church has high historic significance for its historic association with the Lockwood State School, No 744, also designed by R. A. Love with cavity wall construction system.

The former Lockwood church is significant in exhibiting good design and aesthetic features as a small rural bi-chrome church designed in a rudimentary Gothic style, surrounded by a stand of mature local gum trees.

The former Lockwood church is significant as a rare example of a small rural church designed in a highly innovative way with a double brick cavity, by R. A. Love, one of the most interesting provincial architects that worked on the goldfields, who designed some of the largest landmark churches in the region. This is a rare surviving example of one of his smaller rural churches.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Heritage Advisor report, City of Greater Bendigo, 2016;
Construction dates	1862, 1872,
Architect/Designer	Love, Robert Alexander,
Other Names	Chapel of Ease,
Hermes Number	164184
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The small bi-chrome brick church was built beside the North Lockwood State School No744 in 1872. Both buildings were designed by local architect, Robert Alexander Love. The four bay double buttressed brick church

with west facing entry porch is designed in the rudimentary Gothic style, with pointed arched windows and doors with deep sills. The entry porch is accessed by two massive Harcourt granite steps. A rendered cartouche is fixed to entry gable wall, reading A.D. 1872. A side rear arched entry has been bricked up. The steeply pitched corrugated iron metal gable roof has four cast iron vents and a narrow brick arched window vents in each end gable wall. There is a large triple arched stained glass window in the rear wall which was located above the altar with a large brilliantly coloured stained glass. The interior has varnished tongue and groove angled ceilings with decorative queen posts and collar ties. The walls are simple white painted render lit by series of narrow stained glass windows, each a different colour. The floor is varnished tongue and groove Baltic pine boards. The altar section is raised with three steps. The internal furnishings have since been removed and the room is lit by two fluorescent tubular lights suspended from the collar ties.

The building displays unusual double cavity walls construction and is structural sound. Some windows have been broken and bats have been able to access the interior of the building through these broken windows and the roof vents. There is cracking in the upper walls at the north east and south west corner showing some settlement around the buttresses, and according to Mike Butcher, some deformation in the rafters. There is also some interior cracking around the window reveals, but the exterior brick work is in good condition.

The parcel of land on which the former Church is located is used as the school playground, the building itself has been used by the Lockwood Primary School since the 1920s. It is now used as a storage area.

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