
Holy Trinity Orthodox Church (Former St Cuthberts Church of England)



Church



Gate entry to church

Location

42A Nicholson Street BRUNSWICK EAST, MERRI-BEK CITY

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO561

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 12, 2023

What is significant?

The Holy Trinity Orthodox Church (Former St Cuthberts Church of England) at 42A Nicholson Street, Brunswick East, is significant. The style, form and materiality of the Free Gothic and Arts and Crafts church is significant, as well as the associated landscaping and brick fence.

How is it significant?

The Holy Trinity Orthodox Church (Former St Cuthberts Church of England) is of aesthetic and social significance, to the City of Moreland. It is also significant for its association with the works of church architect, Louis R. Williams.

Why is it significant?

The Holy Trinity Orthodox Church (Former St Cuthberts Church of England) has strong aesthetic significance as a Free Gothic and Arts and Crafts church designed by prominent architect, Louis R. Williams. The church features striking details such as a reinforced cement crucifix affixed to the brickwork and a castellated tower offset by 45 degrees from the rest of the building. (Criterion D)

The Holy Trinity Orthodox Church is significant for its associations with the Brunswick East community and the broader Serbian Orthodox community as an important religious meeting place. (Criterion G) The church is as an example of the work of notable church architect, Louis R. Williams. It is one of a large number of Anglican churches in Victoria designed by Williams between the 1920s and 1950s, and one of 130 churches of his design in Australia. (Criterion H)

Heritage Study/Consultant Moreland Heritage Nominations Study, Extent Heritage, 2022;

Construction dates 1931,

Architect/Designer Williams, Louis R,

Hermes Number 206827

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The Holy Trinity Orthodox Church is located on a prominent corner site at the intersection of Nicholson Street and Glenlyon Road. The church design is inspired from a mixture of Free Gothic and Arts and Crafts, as well as elements commonly found in castle design. The church is a substantial red brick construction with a recently replaced gable terracotta tile roof, two projecting roofs to the north and south, and a castellated tower housing church bells, louvered openings and a large arched timber entry door. Above the door is a painted biblical scene. Timber windows are in the tracery arched style with modern screens over the top which have been retrofitted to the arch. The western elevation includes a large reinforced concrete Celtic style crucifix on the brickwork.

The church is surrounded by a well-kept European style garden containing plantings such as roses, hedges and cedars. Several garden beds have been provided adjacent to the church building itself and are constructed of matching red brick. The property is bound by a brick fence which matches the brick to the church. It is topped with a metal palisade fencing painted black. An entry gate, located on the south west corner of the site, is also metal palisade.

To the east of the church is a two-storey red brick building with a black tile roof, aluminium windows and several arched features to the facade fronting Noel Street. Based on the style and materials, it appears to have been built in the 1970s.

To the north of the church is a single-storey building which was most likely constructed post 2000s. It has been constructed in red brick with multiple gable end features provided along all elevations. Windows are black metal framed and the roof is provided in grey Colourbond.

The church building, landscaping, fencing and additional buildings are very well kept and in good condition. The site presents well to the street.

Integrity

- Window screens
- Tiles and guttering replaced
- Addition of 1970s building fronting Noel Street
- Addition of post 2000s building fronting Nicholson Street
- Murals - internal and above front entrance

The church building and fencing has been retained, with changes to the site, including alteration of church elements and addition of new buildings, undertaken in a sympathetic manner. The site retains a high level of integrity.

Physical Conditions

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