
ST ANDREW'S UNITING CHURCH



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Glenthompson rear 1042



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Location

Memorial Road Glenelg Highway GLENTHOMPSON, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 5, 2004

What is significant?

St Andrew's Uniting (former Presbyterian) Church is located in Memorial Road, Glenthompson at the north-east corner of Wyselaskie (officially misspelled Wylelaski) Street approximately opposite the Post Office. The church was constructed in 1915 and replaced an earlier timber structure. No architect or builder has been linked with its design. The church is a red brick building with cement render details. It has two perpendicular high pitched gable roofs covered with corrugated iron. Although cruciform in plan, its interior is arranged centrally as an auditorium which was typical of Presbyterian churches of the period. There are two entrances, each set within the angles of the nave and transepts. The interiors include a range of memorials, the original pews, fittings such as the altar, podium and decorative works. The church is in good condition and retains a high degree of integrity. There are mid-twentieth century gates in memory of the local Thacker family.

How is it significant?

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

Why is it significant?

St Andrew's Uniting (former Presbyterian) Church is of social significance to the township of Glenthompson as the focus for the strong Presbyterian population who settled the area in the mid to late nineteenth century. Historically, it is significant for its association with the great Presbyterian philanthropist, J. D. Wyselaskie of nearby Narrapumelap and 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.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1915,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
Hermes Number	23385
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The church is in excellent condition.

Physical Description 1

The church is in a version of the Gothic revival style conventional if not old fashioned for its time. The walls are red brick with cement rendered details now painted white. These includes arches, sills, quoins around the main tripartite window, coping stones and pinnacles above the buttresses. The plan is cruciform and is created by a nave and transepts of approximately similar length and a vestry at the rear. Two porches each fill the angles between the nave and transepts. The front doors are paired ledge and brace doors.

The entrance from the street is marked by cream brick piers and wrought iron memorial gates in memory of Mr. and Mrs. F C Thacker and their daughter Lena, donated by their other daughters May, Olive and Mabel. The Thackers are all buried at the Glenthompson cemetery.

Historical Australian Themes

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

Usage/Former Usage

Church

Integrity

High degree of integrity

Physical Description 2

J D Wyselsakie, who donated the land.

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