# UNITING CHURCH COMPLEX



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#### Location

Mirranatwa School Road MIRRANATWA, Southern Grampians Shire

# Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

# **Heritage Listing**

Southern Grampians Shire

## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Mirranatwa Uniting Church complex is located on the south side of the Mirranatwa School Road, beside the Mirranatwa hall and former school. The complex consists of a small symmetrical church in the form of a simple hall of four bays, with a front porch and entrance of the east side. The church is constructed from sawn limestone, and the roofs of the church and porch are gabled with corrugated iron. The first church services were held at Barrahead homestead, owned by Thomas Robertson, later of Skene Homestead near Hamilton. After he left for Hamilton, services were conducted in the local Mirranatwa school. No architect or builder has been associated with the design of the church, constructed in 1961. The building is in good condition, and retains a high degree of integrity to the 1960s period.

#### How is it significant?

The Mirranatwa Uniting Church is of historical and social significance to the community of Mirranatwa and the

Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Mirranatwa Uniting Church is of historical and social significance as the focus for, firstly, the Presbyterian and, subsequently, Uniting Church denominations in the Mirranatwa district and the Victoria Valley generally.

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Construction dates 1960,

Heritage Act Categories

Registered place,

Other Names PRESBYTERIAN (?) CHURCH,

Hermes Number 23402

**Property Number** 

# **Physical Conditions**

The building is in excellent condition.

# **Physical Description 1**

A small symmetrical church in the form of a simple hall of four bays facing northwards. There is a porch at the front with the entrance on the east side. The main roof and porch roof are corrugated iron and gabled. The walls are sawn limestone. The windows, including the small window in the porch have angled heads, simulating the Gothic style. The church is set within a small yard bounded by a low Cyclone wire fence with timber posts. The church is located beside the Mirranatwa hall which was formerly a primary school.

## **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**

Continues as a church

## Integrity

Excellent degree of integrity

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