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# UNITING CHURCH



23455 Copy of 3924 Uniting  
Church Cavendish

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## Location

Scott Street CAVENDISH, Southern Grampians Shire

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 31, 2004

What is Significant?

The Cavendish Uniting Church is located in the north-east corner of Scott and Cameron Streets, Cavendish on the eastern side of the township. It was the second Methodist Church to be built, constructed in 1938 to replace an earlier 1860s structure. The church is rendered brick with a front porch, four bays in the nave and a vestry at the rear. 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, although an architect is likely. The church retains an excellent degree of integrity externally and high degree of integrity internally. It is in excellent condition.

How is it significant?

The Cavendish Uniting Church is of historical, social and architectural significance to the township of Balmoral and the Southern Grampians Shire.

### Why is it Significant?

The Cavendish Uniting Church is of historical significance as an example of the importance of Methodist faith in the township of Cavendish and surrounding areas from the late 1850s. It is of further historical importance as the second church, illustrating a very strong commitment to the church from the congregation in the difficult economic times of the 1930s. The church is of social significance to the township of Cavendish as the focus for Methodists who settled in the township in the mid nineteenth century. It is of architectural significance as an excellent example of a late Interwar Gothic style, used to express religious values. It is of further significance for the range of memorials, and as a comparison with the churches of other denominations in Cavendish.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1938,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	CAVENDISH METHODIST CHURCH,
Hermes Number	23455
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

Excellent

## Physical Description 1

The Uniting Church complex is comprised of two main structures, a church at the corner of Scott and Cameron Streets, in the Interwar Gothic revival style and a hall in the International Moderne Style on the east side. The church is rendered brick with a front porch, four bays in the nave and a vestry at the rear. The porch window has three lights with shallow pointed arches. The windows in the side elevations and vestry are square headed.

## 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/Formal Usage

church

## Integrity

Very high degree of integrity

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