

# SECOND CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST



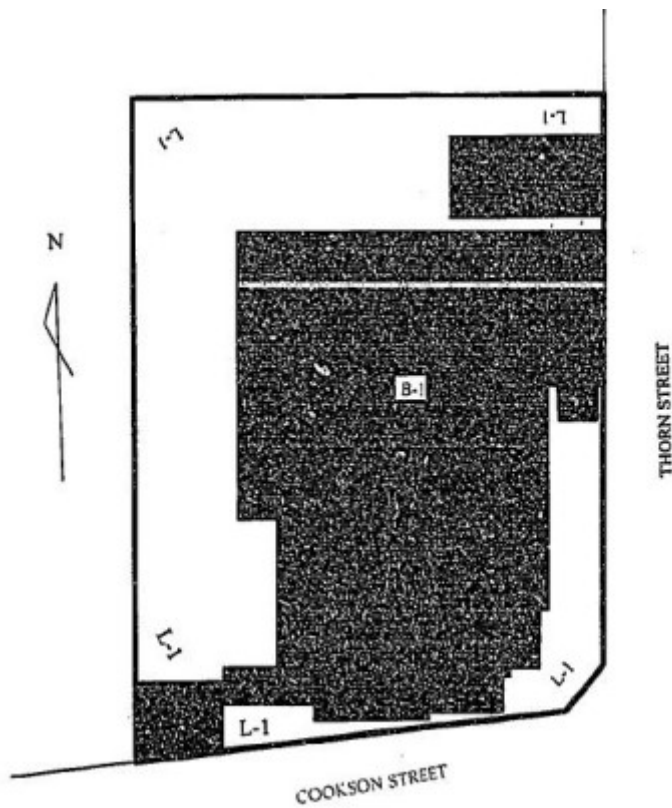
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1 second church of christ scientist camberwell front view



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## Location

41 COOKSON STREET CAMBERWELL, BOROONDARA CITY

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## **Level of significance**

Registered

## **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H1196

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO34

## **VHR Registration**

July 25, 1996

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - May 11, 1999

The Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Camberwell was designed in the Moderne-Classical manner in 1937 by the architectural firm, Bates Smart & McCutcheon. The building, designed with overlapping cuboids of banded, cream brickwork with patterned brick cornices, uses geometric massing to achieve a monumental form. The building comprises a Sunday school at ground level, administration at the rear and the church at the first floor level.

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The Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Camberwell is of architectural significance as an excellent example of a building in the Moderne-classical manner. A recipient of the royal Victorian institute of architecture (RVIA) award in 1938, the building was influential in the architectural profession and is an important early example of the union between religious worship and Modernistic styling. The building, with its limited ornamentation, was at the vanguard of church architectural styling. Churches within the state generally employed eclectic styling until the post Second World War period and the Second Church of Christ, Scientist therefore represents an early and significant break with traditional stylistic concerns in church architecture. The Christian Scientist movement, which began as an offshoot of Protestant religions, has established a dedication to modern architectural imagery worldwide. The church believes that a pure architectural design reflects the philosophical basis of the faith. The building, with its resolved design and skilful execution, demonstrates the influence of northern European and American architecture on Australian designs. The Second Church of Christ, Scientist is an excellent example of the work of the distinguished architectural firm, Bates Smart & McCutcheon and is important as being the first building outside of the city of Melbourne to receive a RVIA award.

[Source: Report to the Minister.]

## **Permit Exemptions**

### **General Exemptions:**

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates	1937,
Architect/Designer	Bates Smart & McCutcheon,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	2382
Property Number	

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## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF THE VICTORIAN HERITAGE REGISTER

Under Section 18 of the **Heritage Act 1995** the Executive Director amends the Heritage Register by including Heritage Register Number 1196:

Second Church of Christ, Scientist  
41 Cookson Street  
Camberwell  
City of Boroondara  
Heritage Place Category.

To the extent of:

1. To the extent of all of the building known as the Second Church of Christ, Scientist marked B-1 on Plan 602012 endorsed by the Chair, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
2. All of the land marked L1 on Plan 602012 endorsed by the Chair, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council being land described in Certificate of Title Volume 5844 Folio 673.  
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G29 25 July 1996 p.1923]

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>