
Presbyterian Church



HO30 - Church, 302 Barkly Street, Footscray.JPG



28125 300 Barkly Street

Location

300 Barkly Street, FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011 - Property No 2005007200

Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO30

Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

Statement of Significance

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Architecturally, it is the most articulated of the area's bluestone churches, but it is only typical when judged among a large group State-wide. Historically, it has been one of the city's major public buildings.

Extract from the Footscray Urban Conservation Study 1989.

Heritage Study/Consultant Maribyrnong - City of Footscray Urban Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1989;
Construction dates 1886,
Hermes Number 28125
Property Number

Physical Description 1

Like other Footscray churches and particularly the Hyde Street Wesleyan Church, this is of coursed quarry- faced random basalt, with stone dressings (sandstone) and designed in the Early English Gothic Revival mode. However, its multiplicity of window groups (in an implied narthex), buttressing and gabled side-entrance porches, lend it a relatively more ornate quality within this typically restrained style. Diamond pattern leadlight windows are used throughout. Other detailing includes the ornamental wrought-iron gates which close-off both sides of the church, presumably being contemporary with the adjoining hall (same gates) rather than the porches they abut. The gates are nevertheless Edwardian in character.

Beside the church are the Peter Fraser Memorial Hall and the clergyman's residence, both executed in a simple Tudor revival manner, using clinker brickwork. Concrete paving and planting around the church walls appear contemporary with their construction (late 1930s).

Integrity

External Integrity

Stone dressings have been painted and the (presumed) picket fence removed from frontage.

Physical Description 2

Streetscape

Related to the other complex components on either side by style (Medieval period) and siting, the contrasting wall material (brick) is at least balanced. The civic use (and detached form) is echoed in the school further to the east. Otherwise the group is an isolated civic use in a commercial area.

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