
St. Augustine's Catholic Church



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Somerville Road,
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Location

73 Somerville Road, YARRAVILLE VIC 3013 - Property No 4087018404

Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

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Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

Statement of Significance

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Architecturally, a late and unadventurous use of an established Catholic church style, but nevertheless the towers are unusual and the side chapels lend visual interest also part of a visually related complex. Historically, a gathering place over a long period.

Heritage Study/Consultant Maribyrnong - City of Footscray Urban Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1989;

Hermes Number 28331

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Physical Description 1

The focus of an extensive complex, the Church's design pays its respects to the stripped red brick Gothic come Byzantine come Romanesque Revival practised by the prolific Catholic designer, A.A. Fritsch, since the 1890s. Of the three stylistic options, the design adopts the last two.

A typical compositional device of a gabled parapet, set between two dissimilarly sized towers, (one, usually spired) is used here but with the eastern tower being only slightly higher than the other and domed.

The towers both have four domed corner piers and the ox-bow parapet between, much in the manner of British Edwardian Freestyle architecture of J. Harrison Townsend. At the base of each is a cemented gablet supported on twin Tuscan column pairs. The focus of the facade, however, is the giant arched window with its tripartite tracery and leaded French-inspired cartouche-like designs. St. Augustine himself stands in the niche below the gable. Beyond the facade, the church is appointed with side chapels and entrance porches of various shapes, providing some visual diversity within the generally cohesive regime.

Integrity

External Integrity

New ramped entry; fence gone (?).

Physical Description 2

Streetscape

Directly complementary to the adjoining presbytery (1906) and to the more distant contemporary red brick school and hall buildings, now separated by the addition of more recent cream brick Moderne styled structures and a multiplicity of fence types.

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