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# ST. JOSEPH OF THE SACRED HEART CONVENT,



St Joseph of the Sacred Heart Convent



St Joseph of the Sacred Heart Convent - Early Church Complex

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## Location

Fourteen Mile Road IONA, Cardinia Shire

## Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO35

## Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart Convent, opened in 1914 for the Sisters of the Order of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, is of significance to the Cardinia Shire because it forms a major part of an important Catholic precinct associated with the development of Iona as a prosperous farming district. This prosperity followed the drainage of the Koo-wee-rup Swamp. The former convent represents a disappearing lifestyle, that of a community of resident nuns in a rural hamlet.

## Regional Significance

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996;
Construction dates	1914,
Other Names	Fourteen Mile Road, Iona,
Hermes Number	30128
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

This large timber Queen Anne style former convent is at the corner of Bunyip River Road, with related hedges and garden remnants. Typical of the style, the building has a main hipped roof with projecting half-timbered gabled room bays.

## Physical Conditions

Generally externally original.

## Historical Australian Themes

Historical Themes

3.6 Closer settlement and soldier settlement

3.7 Swamp drainage projects for farmland

5.4 Butter factories, creameries

## Physical Description 2

Associations - Catholic Church; Kempson & Connolly

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