ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Location

1 Burgundy Street HEIDELBERG, Banyule City

Municipality

BANYULE CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0197

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO14

Heritage Listing

Banyule City

Statement of Significance

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SIGNIFICANCE: St John's Church of England, Burgundy Street, Heidelberg is of state architectural and historical significance. The building is an important, very early church, one of the earliest surviving buildings in Heidelberg and in Victoria, pre-dating Separation and the gold rush. Architecturally, it is a distinctively detailed Early English Gothic style church, characterised by buttresses, lancet windows with hood mouldings, castellated tower and

large oculus.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Banyule - Banyule Heritage Study, Allum Lovell & Associates, 1999; Banyule - Heidelberg Conservation Study, Graeme Butler and Associates, 1985;
Construction dates	1849,
Architect/Designer	Cox, George Reilly, Purchas & Sawyer,
Other Names	1 Burgundy Street, Heidelberg,
Hermes Number	31169
Property Number	

Physical Description 2

Property Description - Warringal-Permanent Reserve 1869, Crown Allottment 15-18/9, Warringal Village

Usage/Former Usage

Original Use: Church

Current Use: Church

Physical Description 1

BUILDING:

St John's Church is a simple Gothic style church comprising a gabled nave, without aisles, a narthex below the west tower and a sanctuary and vestry at the east end. The narthex was extended on each side of the tower and the sanctuary was opened into a new side chapel in 1965. The original church is of brick construction on a bluestone rubble plinth. The brickwork is covered with a thin render coating which has been painted. The roof is slated and contains small gable vents, and the roof drains to galvanised steel quad section eaves gutters. The gable parapets are fitted with galvanised sheet steel cappings. The nave has simple lancet windows. The nave and sanctuary stained glass windows date from the 1890s and later.The notable stained glass windows are by Fergusson and Urie, Brooks Robinson, W. Montgomery and Napier Waller. LANDSCAPE: The landscape around the churchyard is dominated by large trees, many of which are associated, as is the church, with the early history of the area. A number of Algerian Oak (Quercus canariensis) are located on the east side of the church, as is a mature Pinoak (Quercus palustris). Coniferous species include Italian Cypress (Cupressus sempervirens) to the north-east, a Himalayan Cedar (Cedrus deodara) at the entrance to the site, and a particularly notable Bhutan Cypress (Cupressus torulosa) located at the front (west) of the church. This is perhaps the most mature tree on the site.

These large trees provide a fitting setting for the notable church, reflecting the early history of the Warringal Village. They tie the area into the surrounding landscape of Heidelberg Park, which is dominated by similar, large trees.

Physical Conditions

Good

Intactness

Fair

Historical Australian Themes

The first sale of township allotments in the Warringal Village Reserve took place in August 1845. The block bounded by Jika, Vine and Burgundy Streets was sold in 1846, with land reserved for the Church of England. The local Church of England was dominated by the large landowners of the Heidelberg district and St John's Anglican Church was the first of the large churches to be constructed, enhancing Heidelberg's English village atmosphere.

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