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# ST ANDREW'S UNITING CHURCH



St Andrew's Uniting Church,  
80 High Street, Axedale



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## Location

80 HIGH STREET, AXEDALE - PROPERTY NUMBER 196728, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO55

## Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - September 30, 2023

### What is significant?

St Andrew's Uniting (former Presbyterian) church including all the 1868 fabric and the 1962 porch is significant.

### How is it significant?

St Andrew's Uniting Church is locally significant to the City of Greater Bendigo.

### Why is it significant?

St Andrew's Uniting Church is of historical significance for its association with the early Scots Presbyterians in the district and in particular with the Rev. David Renton of the Charge of Heathcote. St Andrew's is tangible evidence of the presence of the Scottish Presbyterians as one of the dominant immigrant groups in the Axedale district. It is of historical significance as one of the three remaining churches in Axedale, demonstrating the former sectarian divide between Catholics and Protestants. *Criterion A*

St Andrew's is of aesthetic significance for its demonstration of the principal elements of the Primitive Gothic style, including the steeply gabled roof, porch, and pointed arch windows. St Andrew's demonstrates the use of local building materials in the form of bluestone quarried at Nathaniel Ingham's Axedale quarry. *Criterion E*

St Andrew's is of social significance for the Axedale community as a place of continuous worship for over 140 years. *Criterion G*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Former Shires of Mclvor and Strathfieldsaye Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2008;
Construction dates	1868,
Other Names	Presbyterian Church (former),
Hermes Number	32576
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

St Andrews Church is designed in the Primitive Gothic style and constructed in 1868. Elements of the style include the use of gable roofs and pointed arched windows. Often there is a small round window or oculus that becomes a feature of the gable end, as is the case for St Andrew's. Variations to the style include whether a porch has been attached to one end, and whether the entry is to the side or end of the porch. St Andrew's church adopts the more common form with a gable roofed porch attached to one end and the entry on the side. Variations in building materials are evident across the Bendigo region and the Axedale church is constructed of bluestone in a coursed and snecked rubble. Bluestone is very difficult to shape into dressings or mouldings and generally other types of stone or brick was used for this purpose. The stone used around window and door openings at St Andrew's has been painted. Other variations in the Primitive Gothic style include the treatment of the eaves. At St Andrew's the end walls form parapets which become horizontal at the junction of the roof and wall. The porch was added in matching style in 1962 and constructed of bluestone from a demolished building.

The interior has a timber lined ceiling with exposed scissor trussed roof structure and contains furniture including timber pews. The timber floor has been removed and concrete poured in its place.

## Physical Conditions

Good

## **Integrity**

High

## **Historical Australian Themes**

8 Building Community Life

8.1 Maintaining spiritual life

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