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# ST STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH



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Road\_108\_img01

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## Location

108 HARGREAVES ROAD, EMU CREEK - PROPERTY NUMBER 190878, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO749

## Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

St Stephen's Anglican Church including all the 1888 fabric is significant. The toilets and Sunday School hall are not significant.

### How is it significant?

St Stephens's Anglican Church is of local historic, aesthetic and social significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

### **Why is it significant?**

St Stephen's Anglican Church at Emu Creek is of historical significance for its association with the Anglican church, in particular Archdeacon MacCullagh of St Paul's Bendigo. St Stephen's is historically significant for its associations with the Fox, Beetson, Rundle, Dunn and Cook families whose efforts to secure land and funds, ensured the construction of the church. *Criterion A*

St Stephens is aesthetically significant as a work of the architect E.Mauermann, and contains some unusual variations in design such as the hipped roof forms of the porch and vestry and the square headed windows. *Criterion B*

St Stephen's is of social significance for the Emu Creek community as a place of continuous worship for over 100 years. *Criterion G*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Former Shires of Mclvor and Strathfieldsaye Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2008;
Construction dates	1888,
Architect/Designer	Mauermann, Emil,
Other Names	St Stephen's Church of England,
Hermes Number	32641
Property Number	

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## **Physical Description 1**

St Stephens Anglican Church at Emu Creek is designed in a domestic vernacular style by the architect E.Mauermann who was one of a number of German architects who worked in Bendigo and surrounding areas. Mauermann is a lesser known architect than Vahland and Getzchmann who were dominant in Bendigo; however it is known that up to seven architects were employed in the offices of Vahland and Getzchmann between 1870 and 1880. Mauermann may have been one of these employees who later began his own practice.

The three bay structure is articulated with buttresses and the square headed, four pane windows are unusual in church design. The gable ends have shaped parapets with restrained but elegant brickwork detailing. A simple cross decorates the front gable. The porch and vestry are designed with hipped roofs and integrate well with the main form of the church. The only concession to the Gothic Revival is the pointed arch to the main entry door. St Stephen's is constructed of local red/orange face brickwork that is unadorned. The church appears to have undergone few changes other than repair and maintenance. There are two other buildings on the site that have been designed in complimentary style but are not of interest.

The interior has undergone some renovation with timber lining to one wall. The interior has a coved ceiling with hammerbeam trusses, partially concealed by the ceiling lining. There is some brick paving to the floor. A Sunday School and kitchen have been constructed in complementary style adjacent to the church.

## **Physical Conditions**

Good

## **Integrity**

High

## **Historical Australian Themes**

8 Building community life

8.1 Maintaining spiritual life

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