
ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH (FORMER)



52601 St Peters Church
Bridgewater 117

Location

19 BRIDGEWATER FIRE STATION ROAD, CAPE BRIDGEWATER, GLENELG SHIRE

Municipality

GLENELG SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Glenelg Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

St. Peter's Anglican Church (former) is a small sandstone church, located at the end of Bridgewater Fire Station Road. The church was constructed between 1883-1884, as a result of lobbying by the congregation and the Reverend Allnutt to establish an Anglican Church in the area. The area was predominately Presbyterian and Methodist, so such a fine church was somewhat unusual. There was obviously much community support for the establishment of the church; the land was donated by Kennedy, a nearby landholder, and the stone was quarried for free at Mount Pleasant, owned by the Kittson family. The church was designed gratis by the ecclesiastical architect, Mr. Casselli of Ballarat, who designed many significant buildings throughout Victoria in the nineteenth century. The building contractors were a local firm, Messrs. Benson and Hardie. The church retains a high degree of integrity externally, and is in good condition.

How is it significant?

St. Peters Anglican Church is of historical and architectural significance to the Shire of Glenelg.

Why is it significant?

St. Peters Anglican Church is of architectural significance because it demonstrates the use of the English Gothic style to express specific Anglican values. It acts as a comparison with the churches of other denominations in the Bridgewater area. Of further architectural significance is the association with Ballarat architect Casselli, and the use of the unusual depressed pointed arch openings. It is of historical significance as a representation of the role and position the Anglican Church and its congregation had in the community for nearly one hundred years.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Glenelg - Glenelg Shire Heritage Study Part One, Carlotta Kellaway, David Rhodes Mandy Jean, 2002; Glenelg - Glenelg Heritage Study Stage Two (a), Heritage Matters, 2006;
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Usage/Former Usage

Used for short term holiday accommodation

Physical Description 1

The church is ashlar stone and built in the Early English Gothic style with a cruciform plan including a porch and a polygonal apse. The nave is two bays long, each divided by simple buttresses and with buttresses at the angles of the porch and the apse. The steep 60-degree pitched roofs are clad with corrugated galvanised iron. The building is aligned north-south. The National Trust citation notes 'The building is unusual for its depressed pointed arch openings and has a handsome boarded ceiling on hammer beam trusses.' (Lewis, ed., 1991, p. 141.) There are other subtle and well-crafted Gothic details. Some walls have been rendered and other sections of the stonework have spalled. The interiors have been modified to convert the building into holiday accommodation.

Physical Conditions

Good

Historical Australian Themes

7. GOVERNING

7.6.12: Conserving Australia's heritage

8. DEVELOPING AUSTRALIA'S CULTURAL LIFE

8.3: Going on holiday

8.6: Worshipping

8.6.1: Worshipping together

8.6.2: Maintaining religious traditions and ceremonies

8.6.3: Founding Australian religious institutions

8.6.4: Making places for worship

8.6.5: Evangelising

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