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# Christ Anglican Church

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## Location

2-8 Palmerston Street,BERWICK, Casey City

## Municipality

CASEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO105

## Heritage Listing

Casey City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The Christ Anglican Church complex, comprising the brick church (1876-77 with additions 1888-92), former brick vicarage (1888-92) at 1 Church Street (separately listed in this study), 1904 timber Sunday School and 1958 Parish Hall at 2-8 Palmerston Street, Berwick.

### How is it significant?

The Christ Anglican Church complex is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Casey.

### Why is it significant?

Historically and socially, it is significant as a focus for the Berwick district Anglican community for more than a century. It has importance for its associations with a large number of prominent local families. Particular features of importance include the altar and the leadlight dedication windows. The bell tower, dedicated to important local artist and nurse Jessie Traill is also of interest.

Aesthetically, the church is architecturally significant as a reasonably intact example of an early brick church in the region, with additions over the years reflecting expansion of the local congregation who continue to use the building for its original purpose. It is also notable as the focus of an intact complex of buildings including the Sunday School, Parish Hall and Vicarage, which contribute to its setting.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Casey - Heritage of the City of Berwick, Context Pty Ltd, 1993;
Construction dates	1888, 1904,
Other Names	Christ Church Of England,
Hermes Number	62921
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

Designed in the simple English Neo-Gothic style, the church has a steep pitched corrugated iron roof which dominates the building, with the eaves overhanging to reach the tops of the windows. These simple pointed arch windows have plain brick surrounds with painted upper sections. The red brick walls with alternate stretcher and header courses are supported by buttresses which have been added at different stages. Only one original buttress exists at the right hand side of the porch entrance. The first left and fourth right side buttresses were erected around the 1950s. Recent diagonal buttresses were added in the 1980s to remaining points in the walls. Today the church is located on an 9392 square metre site.

Several of the windows contain stained leadlight and require further research to document their dedications. Metal brackets in the walls indicate internal wall bracing and the foundations appear to be deteriorating, probably due to surface drainage on this sloping site.

## Physical Conditions

Good

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