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# SCOT CHURCH MANSE RUINS

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## Location

25 RESERVE AVENUE CAMPBELLFIELD, HUME CITY

## Municipality

HUME CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0017

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO3

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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Data has been updated as a result of the Outer Western Metro Project, Context, March 2010.

### Interpretation of Site

The site comprises the bluestone ruins of the 1850 church manse, now somewhat overgrown by the adjacent trees and bushes. The manse was an essentially rectangular single storey structure, as indicated by its relatively narrow walls, measuring approximately 17 metres by 11 metres in size.

The house would appear to have comprised at least four rooms, probably radiating from a central corridor. A small area of concrete flooring at its western side is evidence of later alteration.

Archaeological Significance	Despite some efforts to stabilise the ruins, they are in poor condition and appear to have been partially cleared to provide vehicular access through their centre. However, this disturbance does not appear to have extended beneath the ground surface where archaeological deposits, including the house foundations, will exist which provide information on the structure's construction and potentially also its occupation
Historical Significance	The Scots Church Manse is of historical significance as one of the oldest church manse buildings in Victoria. Together with the church itself, the manse is significant as part of the third Scots Church site established in Victoria, representing the dominant Scottish population who settled in the area.
Other Names	SCOTS CHURCH MANSE, SCOT UNITING CHURCH,
Hermes Number	8678
Property Number	

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## History

Scots Church was established in Campbellfield on five acres of land donated to the Presbyterian Church by pastoralist Neil Campbell in 1842. In that year a timber church was constructed on this site located on the newly surveyed route of Sydney Road to serve a predominantly Scottish-born congregation. The second minister of the church was Reverend Peter Gunn who remained at the church from 1845 until his death in 1864 and for whom the bluestone manse was built in 1850. Both the manse and the bluestone church, which replaced the original wooden building in 1855, were designed by architect Charles Laing.

In 1908 a new brick manse was constructed to replace the earlier one which had fallen into disrepair. The former manse was abandoned at this time.

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