

## PLACE IDENTIFICATION FORM

## ADDRESS

343-347 Bunwood Road

## TYPE

- ☐ Single Residence      ☐ Multiple Unit Res.  
☐ Shop      ☐ Outbuildings  
☐ Office      ☐ Industrial Building  
☐ Landscape feature      ☐ Public building  
☐ View      ☒ Other Church buildings

TITLE  
Immaculate Conception Church  
and Manresa Presbytery.

## EXISTING DESIGNATION

HBR ☐ GBR ☐ AHC ☐ NT ☐ VAS ☐

## STREETSCAPE LEVEL

1 ☒ 2 ☐ 3 ☐  
 SIGNIFICANT ☐ SIGNIFICANT ☐  
 STREET TREES      KERB & GUTTERS

## GRADING

A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐  
 KEYNOTE BUILDING ☐

## RECOMMENDED FOR

HBR/GBR ☐ AHC ☒ URBAN CONSERVATION AREA ☒  
 VAS ☐ PLANNING SCHEME PROTECTION ☒  
 CULTURAL LANDSCAPE ☐ OTHER ☐

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## THEME

- ☐ Early Settlement  
☐ Mansions  
☐ Victorian Garden Suburb  
☒ Municipal dev.  
☐ 1870s growth  
☐ Garden villas  
☐ Working enclaves  
☒ Commercial Centres  
☐ Edwardian Prosperity  
☐ Interwar Housing  
☐ Flats and Offices

## CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Date (see attached sheets)  
 Architect  
 Builder  
 Elements - Church,  
 Presbytery with outbuildings  
 and extensive gardens



- ☒ Contributing garden      ☐ Original or early hard landscape layout  
☒ Landmark tree (cypress paws) ☒ Original or early fence

## NOTABLE FEATURES/SIGNIFICANCE

See Butler, Upper Hawthorn Study  
 See attached

INTEGRITY      Good ☒  
                     Fair ☐  
                     Poor ☐

CONDITION      Good ☒  
                     Fair ☐  
                     Poor ☐

## CROSS REFERENCED INFORMATION

Associated significant garden ☒  
 Stained glass: Church of Immaculate Conception, Ferguson, Urie and Lyon;  
 Montgomery; Mayer (Munich); Brooks Robinson (M. Lewis, Victorian Churches 1991, p. 73)  
 The site information given above has been determined from external street level inspection.



Date : Presbytery 1882-1883  
 Archt: William J. Ellis

373-374 Burwood Road.  
 Date: Church 1868, 1869, 1892, 1933  
 Archt: Crouch and Wilson (1868-1869)  
 Reed, Smart & Tappin (1891-1892)  
 Fritsch and Fritsch (1913, 1933)



LOCATION: ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
343-7 BURWOOD ROAD,  
MMPS ZONE: Light Industrial  
BUILT: 1868-9, 1892, 1933

HISTORY - Designed by Crouch and Wilson, the R.C. Church of the Immaculate Conception was commenced during 1868 and opened October 1869, on land donated by Michael Lynch.<sup>1</sup> It was planned to hold almost 1000 worshippers.<sup>2</sup> During the 1870s, Father Nolan was in charge, but within a decade the growing congregation warranted the appointment of two ministers, Oliver Daly and Peter O'Flinn (sometimes O'Flynn) to share the duties.<sup>3</sup>

The Church was for years the only place of worship, apart from St. Josephs, for Roman Catholics over a wide area. The Hon. Sir John O'Shanassy, of Burke Road, Camberwell was a member of the congregation. His son donated the front gates of Tara to the Church after Sir John's death.<sup>4</sup>

The Church remained without a spire or the north east tower, neither were the double gables to the transept completed. Completion of the spire was achieved by architects, Fritsch and Fritsch in 1933 and the sacristies in 1913. A scalloped profile wooden picket fence once surrounded the complex; this having been replaced by the present iron picket fence also in 1933,<sup>5</sup> preparatory work for this was carried out by architects Reed, Smart and Tappin, in 1891-2, when the choir, chancel

and belfry part of the tower were built. The west transept and crossing skylight were completed later.

DESCRIPTION - Two different designs were pictured in 1868: one without the eastern transept double gable and north tower. Pursuing the other design, a rubble basalt structure was built with Tasmanian freestone dressings. In a decorated mode of Gothic architecture with geometric tracery to a major south facing window above a gabled porch: the major part of the church following the traditional nave with clerestory lighting over buttresses side aisles. The asymmetrical spired bell tower placement, combined with the machiolated tower with gablets, at the north corner, and the individually designed transept gable provide a successfully picturesque placement of masses and shapes along the Burwood and Glenferrie Road frontages. Comparison may be made to the following stone churches with asymmetrically placed towers: St. Lukes, St. Georges Road, Fitzroy (1879-81); Scots Church, Collins St. Melbourne (1873-4); St. Ignatius, Church St. Richmond; St. Patricks, Wangaratta (1865-71) and St. Mary's, West Melbourne (1891-1900).

INTEGRITY - Iron cresting is gone from the ridge; and the crossing light is intrusive to the original design; generally original.<sup>6</sup>

STREETSCAPE - The major part of a group of medieval revival styled buildings extending along Burwood Road (precinct 4:10).

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343-7 Burwood Road,

MMPS ZONE:

BUILT:

SIGNIFICANCE - Architecturally one of the more successful, early and original examples of a small number of asymmetrically towered, stone Gothic Revival Churches in the state, designed by the prolific architects, Crouch and Wilson, also a major part of an important Medieval styled group of high regional importance. Historically, the largest and earliest church in Hawthorn possessing a large parish area, extending beyond the city: of regional importance.

ENHANCEMENT - Preserve and maintain; repaint trim and joinery in original colours.

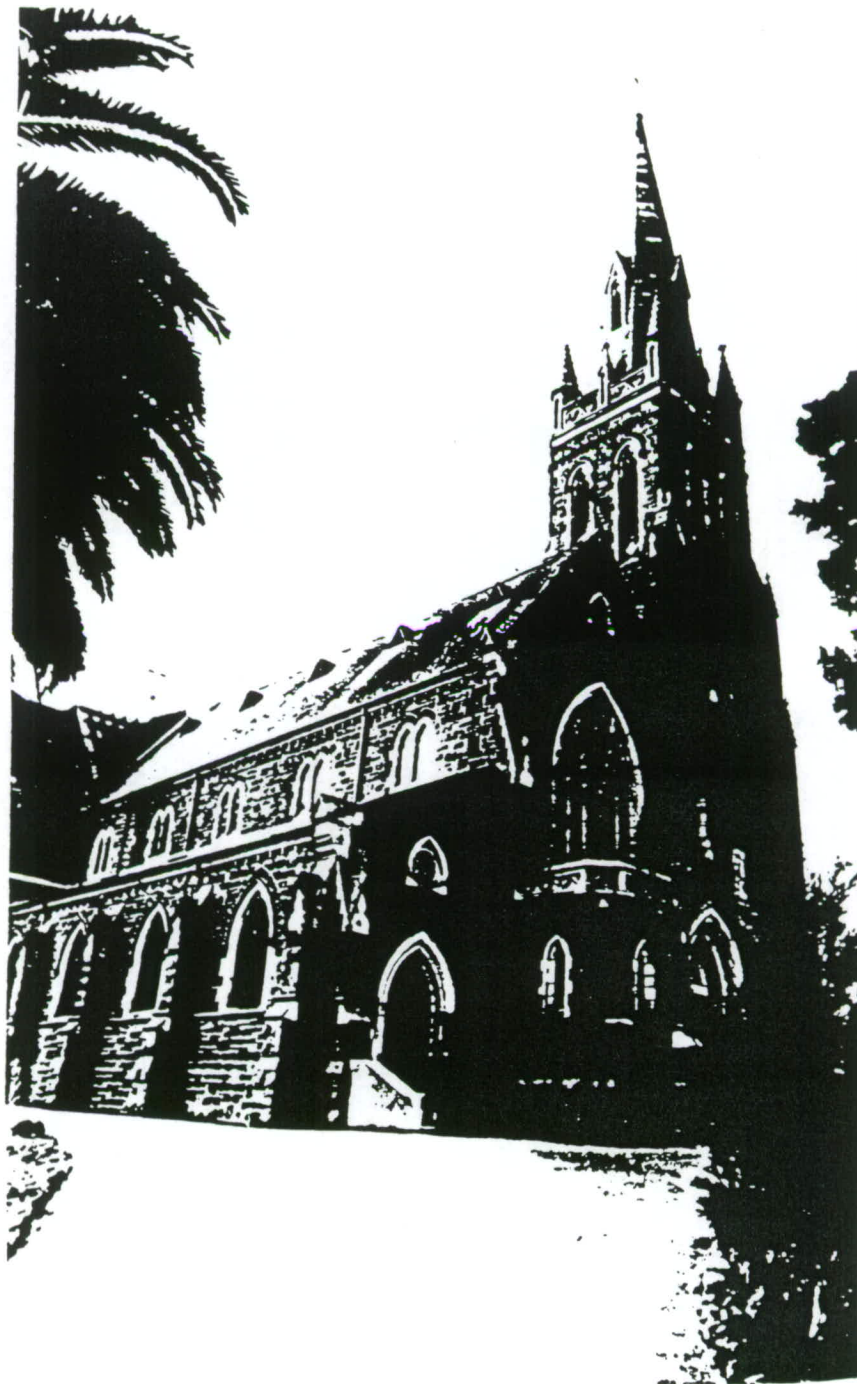
REFERENCES: (Abbreviations Key: Appendix 5)

1. SBS 2.7.69 not finished;  
SBS 1.10.69
2. IAN 16/5168, p.4f
3. D 1874  
D 1884
4. BS 18.6.86
5. MUAI - Roman Catholic Diocesan Historical Commission Collection;  
NT FN 3751, 3861;  
RVIAJ 7.1933
6. Australasian Sketcher, 16.5.68



LOCATION:

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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LOCATION: MANRESA, PRESBYTERY, CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
343-7 BURWOOD ROAD,  
MMPS ZONE: Light Industrial  
BUILT: 1882-3

HISTORY - Designed by architects, William J. Ellis and built in 1882-3 for about 2000 pounds, this residence housed the Revs. Cahill and O'Flynn, P. O'Marley and the Rev. G. Buckeridge in the 1890s. The early 1900s still included O'Flynn among the church's servants with the Revs. O'Dempsey, T. Brown, and T. Claffey.<sup>1</sup>

DESCRIPTION - An asymmetrically planned, two storey polychrome brick residence with a two level cast iron verandah and a steeply gabled, slated roof. Radiating voussoirs to the pointed arch openings in red and cream, contrast against the Hawthorn 'Blacks' body brickwork with its horizontal cream string coursing and diaper filler patterns, in the medieval manner, cladding a form similar to English houses of the 14th and 15th century. Iron balustrade friezes are in a Gothic pattern, verandah columns are coupled and possess early English capitals. The leadlight stair-hall window is notable.

The garden contains mature species of Cypress and Canary Island Date Palms, possibly from landscaping early this century; with random scoria rockeries and asphalt paving which appears to have once merged with that of the former E.S.&A. Bank on the west. A cast iron lamp standard exists in the yard.

Comparable non-secular residences would be the Camberwell presbytery, and the Sacred Heart Convent, Malvern.

INTEGRITY - Generally original except for the addition of an intrusive timber clad bay to the west elevation; specimens recently removed from garden; some of verandah roof cladding replaced with fibreglass.<sup>2</sup>

STREETSCAPE - Contributing part of a medieval revival styled precinct, (4:10).

SIGNIFICANCE - Architecturally an added to but otherwise generally original example of a relatively uncommon residential form and style (Medieval revival, cast iron verandah combination) which contributes to a similarly style civic and commercial precinct and retains an early landscape setting: of high regional importance. Historically, the first Catholic Presbytery and ecclesiastical residence in the general area: of local interest.

ENHANCEMENT - Remove addition on west; repaint trim and verandah as original or typical; maintain garden's character.

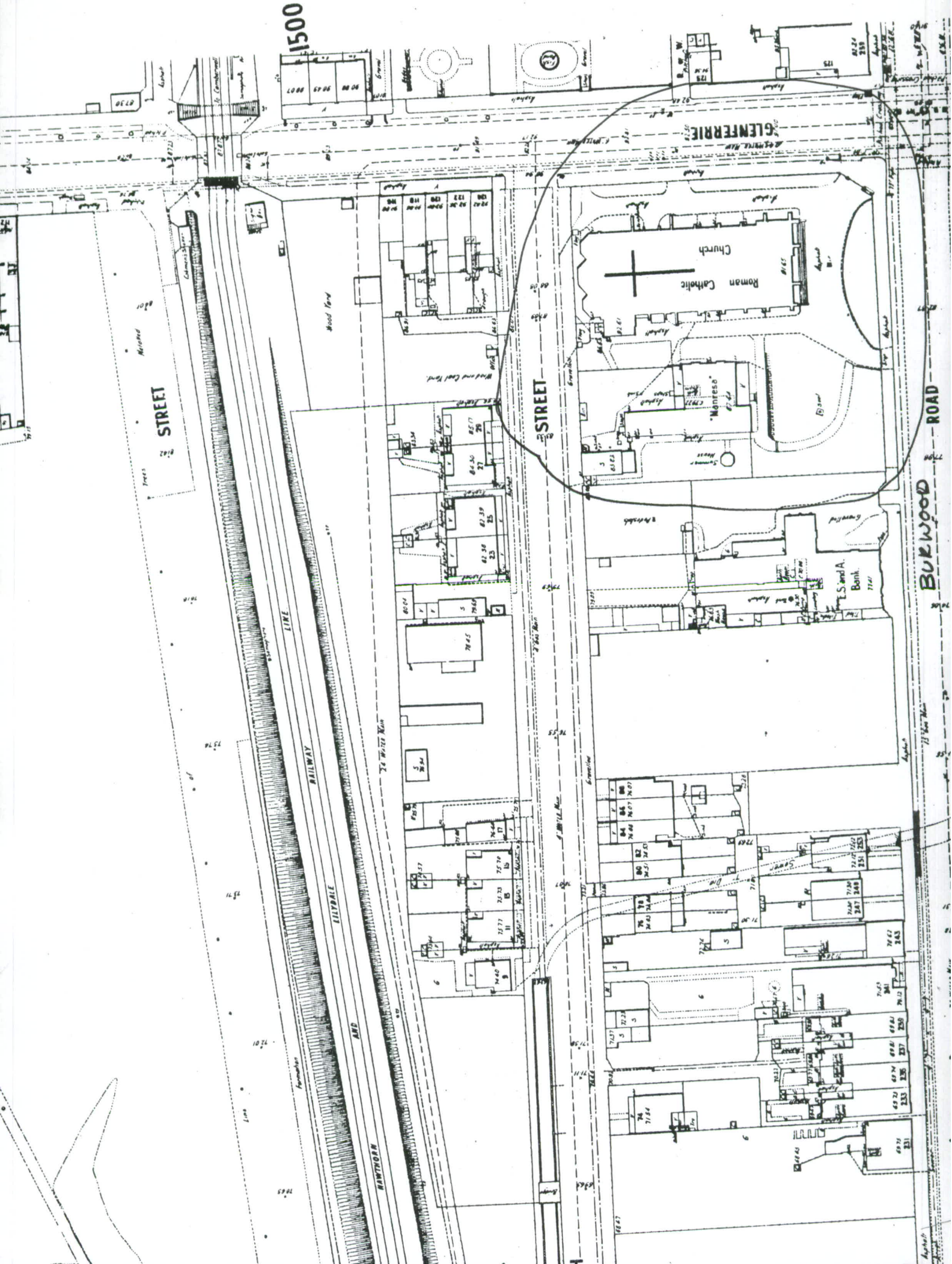




REFERENCES: (Abbreviations Key: Appendix 5)

1. D 1888;  
D 1897;  
D 1907;  
Phillips, Alfred, Church of the Immaculate Conception: 1869-1969
2. Some of the Fruits of Fifty Years, (Melb. 1897)







## PLACE IDENTIFICATION FORM - PRIVATE GARDENS

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Hawthorn

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Church and Manresa Presbytery

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STREETSCAPE LEVEL 1 [ X ] 2 [ ] 3 [ ]

GRADING A [ ] B [ ] C [ X ] D [ ] E [ ]

RECOMMENDED FOR HBR [ ] AHC [ ] SIGNIFICANT TREE REG. [ ] PSP [ X ]  
CULTURAL LANDSCAPE [ ] URBAN CONSERVATION AREA [ X ]

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## THEME

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## DETAILS

Date Church 1868, 1869, 1892, 1933  
Presbytery 1882-83

## Designer

## Layout/Structures

Pair of Cupressus sempervirens at gate to church on corner of Burwood Road and Glenferrie Road, another further along Glenferrie Road. Further pair at entrance to "Manresa". Large Canary Island Date Palm in garden, privet hedge along front fence. Layout may be original.

## NOTABLE FEATURES/SIGNIFICANCE

Requires further investigation.

|           |          |           |          |
|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| INTEGRITY | Good [X] | CONDITION | Good [ ] |
|           | Fair [ ] |           | Fair [ ] |
|           | Poor [ ] |           | Poor [ ] |
|           |          |           | Unclear  |

## ALTERATIONS

## CROSS REFERENCED INFORMATION

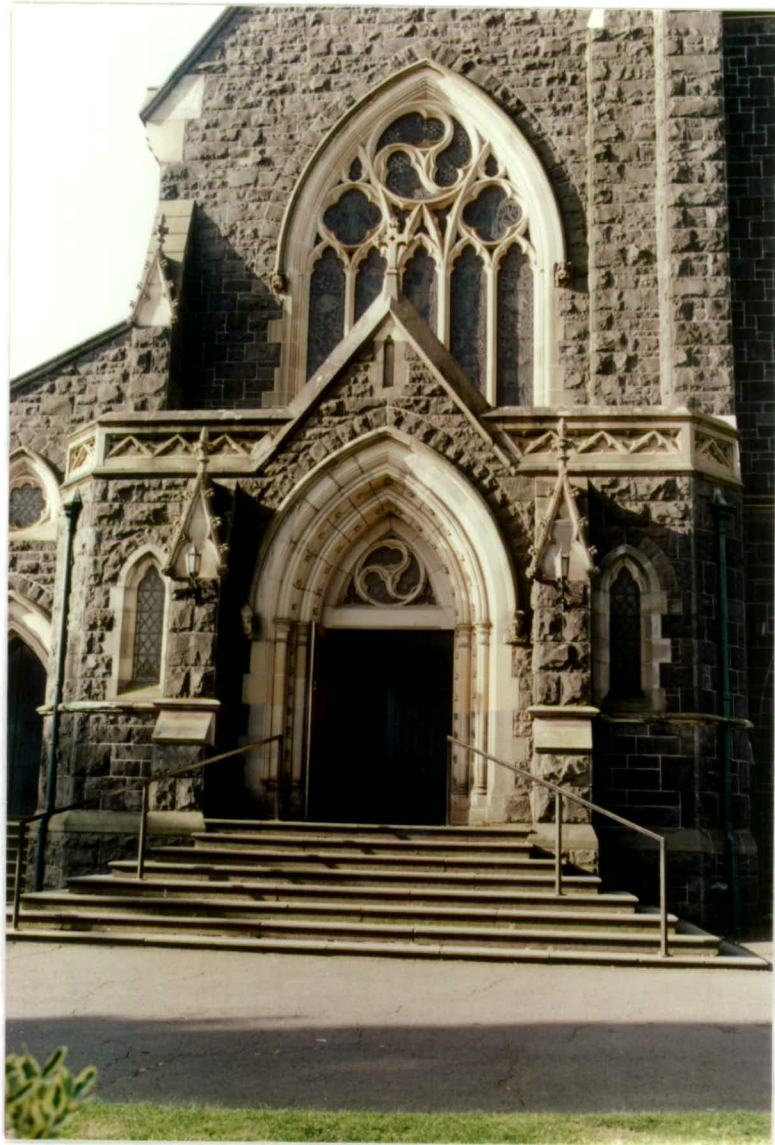
Associated Structures [ X ]

As the gardens were only surveyed from the front footpath, all assessments are incomplete and hence provisional. The scope of the study did not permit garden access which would be a pre-requisite for a more complete assessment.



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