

Koch used the Gothic style in his church work. He only designed the Lutheran Church and Manse at Doncaster but also the Parsonage (1890) next door to the East Melbourne Lutheran Church of which he was a member. An important member of Melbourne's German community, Koch was mayor of Richmond and President of the Royal Victorian Institute of Architects in 1903-1904. He ceased practice in 1913 to concentrate on his hobbies of carpentry, cabinetmaking and inventing. Koch died at Hawthorn and is buried in the Boroondara Cemetery.⁴⁰⁵

A hall was built behind the church in 1932 for use as a Sunday School and meeting place for church groups. It was designed by the architect, PW Murfett. In 1956, extensive alterations were made to the sanctuary of the church comprising relocation of the organ to the choir gallery, and modification and relocation of the pulpit against the south wall. Most of the original furniture was repolished. Following these renovations, the church was rededicated on 26 May 1957⁴⁰⁶

A new larger hall and kindergarten was completed in 1976 designed by the architect, V. Ziersch, and built with a high proportion of voluntary labour under the supervision of the builder, G. Orgell.⁴⁰⁷

Of State historical significance as a rare church design by the great domestic, commercial and public building architect, JAB Koch. One of the few remaining 19th century buildings in Doncaster and of importance for its associations with the local German farming community. It is one of three historic places (church, manse and cemetery) associated with that community.

Trinity Lutheran Church Manse
53 Victoria Street, Doncaster.

Lutheran Church records confirm that the brick Lutheran Church Manse at Doncaster was completed and dedicated on Whit Monday, 31 May 1909. It was designed by the architect, JAB Koch, and built at a cost of about 750 pounds. It stands next to the Trinity Lutheran Church, also designed by Koch⁴⁰⁸

The site was donated in 1907 by Miss Mary Fromhold, a member of the congregation and of the local German farming community. The notable architect, Koch, was commissioned to draw up the plans for the residence and to call tenders for its construction. The dedication ceremony was held in the church, followed by a celebratory function in the Doncaster Athenaeum Hall.⁴⁰⁹

⁴⁰⁵ *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, vol. 9, pp. 632-633.

⁴⁰⁶ Haacke and Postlethwaite, pp. 33-34.

⁴⁰⁷ Haacke and Postlethwaite, pp. 33-34.

⁴⁰⁸ Haacke and Postlethwaite, pp. 27-28.

⁴⁰⁹ Haacke and Postlethwaite, pp. 27-28.

The Lutheran Manse, which remains substantially intact, had a laundry and toilet added to the rear in 1957. An extension to the kitchen in the form of a family room was added in 1977. Later, in 1989, there was a major refurbishment of the building.⁴¹⁰

Early Lutheran pastors who occupied the Manse included Richard Held(1908-1912),Gottlieb Hegelau(1912-1915),Albrecht Fehlberg(1915-1920),John Simpfendorfer(1920-1947),and Philipp Schereu(1948-1954).⁴¹¹

Of local historical significance as one of a pair of buildings designed by JAB Koch for Doncaster's German community, and one of three historic places (church,manse and cemetery)associated with that community, and constructed specifically for that community.

House

286 Warrandyte Rd.,Warrandyte.

A year after his brother, George Adams, orchardist, built his house at 298 Warrandyte Road, the home of Frank Adams, orchardist, was constructed in 1919-20 at 286 Warrandyte Road.⁴¹² Both properties were on land in the Crystal Brook Estate farmed by the brothers during the First World War period.⁴¹³ Frank acquired additional land, like his brother, by the mid-1920s,⁴¹⁴ when this section of Warrandyte Road formed part of an extensive orcharding district.⁴¹⁵

Of local significance as one of a group of three houses associated with orcharding that remain in this section of Warrandyte Road.

House

298 Warrandyte Road,Warrandyte.

George Adams, orchardist,was rated in 1918-19 for a new house on his land in the Crystal Brooks Estate at Warrandyte.⁴¹⁶ The house was on land on the south side of Warrandyte Road owned by the orchardists, Frank and George Adams during the First World War period.⁴¹⁷ George's house on 15 acres was completed by 1920.⁴¹⁸

⁴¹⁰ Haacke and Postlethwaite,p.33.

⁴¹¹ Haacke and Postlethwaite,p.6.

⁴¹² Shire of Doncaster RB 1919-20 Templestowe Riding No.2(NAV 36 pounds).

⁴¹³ Shire of Doncaster RB 1916-17 Templestowe Riding No.2(NAV 12 pounds).

⁴¹⁴ Context Pty Ltd,p.79.

⁴¹⁵ *Ringwood*,Military Survey prep.Australian Section Imperial General Staff,June 1922.

⁴¹⁶ Shire of Doncaster RB 1918-19 Templestowe Riding No.2(NAV 12 pounds).

⁴¹⁷ Shire of Doncaster RB 1916-17 Templestowe Riding No.1.