

PLACE IDENTIFICATION FORM

ADDRESS

580 Glenferrie Road

TYPE

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

TITLE

Hawthorn Presbyterian Church.

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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Title

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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 1891-1892, Hall 1883.

Architect George F. Allen

Builder - J. W. Allen (won competition)

Elements -

Church, hall, open land



- ☐ Contributing garden ☐ Original or early hard landscape layout
☐ Landmark tree ☐ 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 ☐

LOCATION: PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
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MMPS ZONE: Residential C
BUILT: 1891-2

HISTORY - The Presbyterian Church was given land by surveyor W.A. Urquhart on the north corner of this Crown allotment in 1864. The first services were held in the Town Hall until the church was completed in 1865.¹ By the time a hall was built in 1883, next door, which matched the church in scale and brick colours; the first church was too small for the increasing congregation. A second church was planned and a competition announced for a design. Architect George F. Allan won in 1891, and local builder J.W. Allen won the tender for its construction.²

The first minister was Reverend Peter Brown³, who lived in a brick house in Burwood and later Glenferrie Road. His successor was Rev. J. Patten⁴, whose manse was next to the church by 1884. Rev. W.G. Maconchie took over, but when he lived across the road. The church was then between Mrs. and Misses Cook's Tintern, and the Presbyterian Sunday School.

DESCRIPTION - A Byzantine revival styled dichrome brick ('black' and red) church, with stucco ornament, a rock-face basalt base, and Marseilles tile roof cladding and finials.

Pronounced, cemented corbel tables follow the eaves of the narthex, the gabled entrance portal and its echo above, in the main roof. Quatrafoil roof venting pierces the panelled stuccoed and gabled tympanum, accompanied by a multi-columnated main window arch, with three lights. A similar arch allows entrance to the raised narthex floor level.

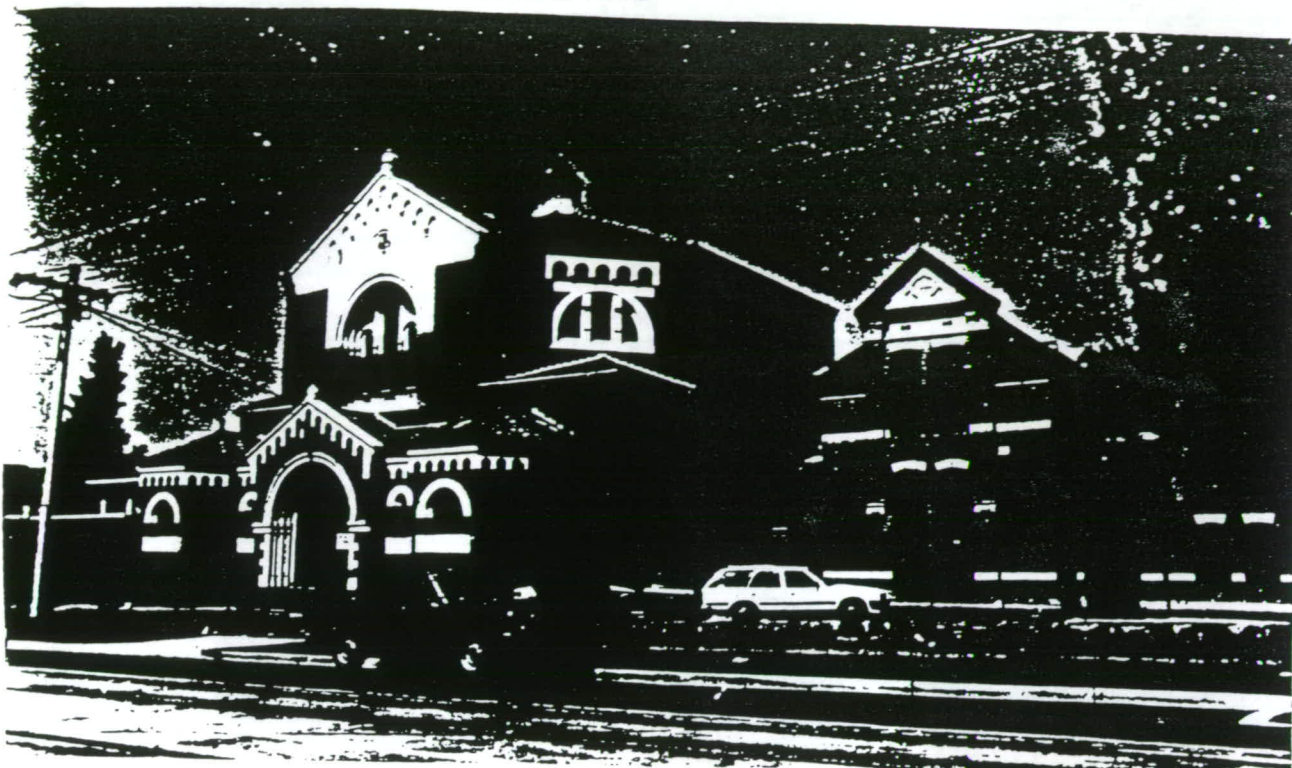
Occuli light the side walls to the church in the flanking bays to a central tripartite window group. The red 'rubber' bricks follow this group in a four course segment-arched band which, elsewhere, is horizontal at the clerestory light sill-height and under the main and secondary eaves.

An octagonal lantern-vent and finial, surmount the octagonal main roof and drum which is skilfully brought to ground by side-shaped forms, both square and faceted.

INTEGRITY - Generally externally original except for loss of the boundary fence (presumably picket).

The church is complemented by an early Sunday School (1883) which is similarly of 'black' bricks, with cream string course bands at sill level and as a plinth. Cream voussoirs and pilaster capitals also decorate the building openings; their basalt sills complementing the quarry face stone footings.

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REFERENCES: (Abbreviations Key: Appendix 5)

1. Smith, p.50
2. H.P. p.73; HKE 10/7/91; ABCN 30/5/1891, p.427;
BEMJ 6/6/91, p.225
3. Smith, p.50; BD 1868-1872; RF 1864; HBI
4. D 1874-1889
5. D 1907

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The main facade is composed of a central, pedimented bay; the gable being achieved in red 'rubber' bricks, and rests on a giant order, adapted Corinthian pilaster pair which is corbelled at mid ground-storey level. Segment arched window pairs are contained by this implied pilaster bay. Transverse slated gable roofs adjoin the main hip roof of the central bay, creating an asymmetrical elevation to Glenferrie Road and shaping the forward section of further wings which extend into the site.

INTEGRITY - Generally externally original.

STREETSCAPE - Both buildings are mutually enhancing but are isolated.

SIGNIFICANCE - Architecturally, this church is a successfully designed, generally original and early example of a rarely used ecclesiastical style in the 19th century, that of the Byzantine revival. It is also enhanced by the more pedestrian but original Sunday School adjoining: of State importance.

Historically - a major public building on one of the older church sites in the area: of local importance.

ENHANCEMENT - Prepare and execute a detailed restoration/maintenance plan which would include a picket fence, or as original, at the frontage.



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Noted:

1932 Session House, at rear, Moderne Romanesque with original internal colours, lights, cover ceilings, paneling and

rubber floor.

See Graeme if more details required.