

Statement of Cultural Significance for The Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Strathalbyn

UNDERSTAND SIGNIFICANCE

1

UNDERSTAND THE PLACE

Define the place and its extent
Investigate the place: its history, use, associations, fabric
Articles 5-7, 12, 26

ADDRESS: 1 Chapel Street, Strathalbyn

EXTENT: CT 5827/951; Church, car park, modern hall and surrounding garden.

HISTORY: This substantial church building was constructed in 1913 to the design of Albert S and Frank Conrad, Architects.

EXTENT OF HERITAGE LISTING: The whole of the church building dating from 1913. The original post and pipe fence no longer exists.

DESCRIPTION AND FABRIC: It displays elements of Arts and Crafts Gothic style with pointed arch windows, heavy buttressing to the tapered tower, (bluestone?) granite plinth and base to corner tower, and rock faced Macclesfield pink marble walls. The surrounds to the door and window openings are flat rendered and painted. Albert S Conrad had previously designed a number of buildings for the Roman Catholic Church, including Ss Peter and Paul, Gawler, the Archbishop's house and also the additions to Christian Brothers College in Adelaide.

INTERIOR: describe the interior eg raked ceilings, heritage pews, stained glass windows, marble altar, stations of the cross, paint colours, floor coverings.

USE: The Church of the Good Shepherd is the main church in the Strathalbyn parish which was established in 1906. Roman Catholic services had previously been held in the building which had served as Bonnar's school in Rowe Street, until this church was constructed. Masses continue to be held weekly throughout the year, attended by up to 20 people on Saturdays and 40 on Sundays. Weddings, baptisms and funerals are held in the church. The Church is also accessible to parishioners for private prayer.

ASSOCIATIONS: (connections that exist between people and a place, including social and spiritual values and cultural responsibilities)

2

ASSESS CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Assess all values using relevant criteria
Develop a statement of significance
Article 26

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE: The Strathalbyn Roman Catholic Church is a significant early twentieth century building in a prominent position in the town, and is indicative of the consolidation of Roman Catholic worship in the district during this period. This Church is located within the proposed Central Strathalbyn Historic (Conservation) Zone.

RELEVANT CRITERIA: (Under Section 23(4) of the Development Act 1993):

(a) The Catholic Church in Strathalbyn displays historical and social themes that are of importance to the town as it is indicative of the growth and development of the Roman Catholic Congregation in the town in the early twentieth century.

(d) The Church displays aesthetic merit and design characteristics of significance to the local area as it is a notable element of architecture within the town and of distinctive form and materials, designed by notable Adelaide architect, Albert S Conrad.

(f) The Roman Catholic Church with its tall tower and high gables is located at the top of Chapel Street and is a notable landmark on the eastern side of the town.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL VALUE: The church continues to provide an appropriate setting for the spiritual support and development of the Catholic community of Strathalbyn and the surrounding area.

RELEVANT CRITERIA: (Under Section 23(4) of the Development Act 1993):

(c) The Roman Catholic Church has played an important part in the lives of local residents who have worshipped and undertaken social activities with and through the Church.

STATEMENT OF SOCIAL VALUE: provide an assessment of this value.

RELEVANT CRITERIA: name the criteria used to develop this statement of value

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Describe the significance of this site.

DEVELOP POLICY

3 IDENTIFY ALL FACTORS AND ISSUES

Identify obligations arising from significance
Identify future needs, resources, opportunities and constraints, and condition
Articles 6,12

Appropriate heating and cooling to ensure reasonable comfort of those inside the church for a period of approximately 1-2 hours, twice per week.

4 DEVELOP POLICY

Articles 6-13, 26

5 PREPARE A MANAGEMENT PLAN

Define priorities, resources, responsibilities and timing
Develop implementation actions
Articles 14-28

MANAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY

6 IMPLEMENT THE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Articles 26-34

7 MONITOR THE RESULTS AND REVIEW THE PLAN

Article 26