

Victorian Heritage Database Report
Eastern Cemetery Chapel

Location:

127-189 Ormond Road, GEE LONG EAST VIC 3219 - Property No 217135

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Number: HO1101

Listing Authority: Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance:

C Listed - Local Significance

EASTERN CEMETERY CHAPEL

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Eastern Cemetery Chapel, 114 Ormond Road, East Geelong, has significance as an important legacy of the Roman Catholic Church section of the Eastern Cemetery, as a memorial to the Venerable Archdeacon, P.J. Slattery who died in 1903. The chapel also has significance as an intact example of an unusual Federation Eclectic Neo-Romanesque and Gothic style. Built in 1903 to a design by the Geelong architect W.A. Tombs, the chapel appears to be in good condition and of high integrity.

The Eastern Cemetery Chapel at 114 Ormond Road is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of an unusual Federation Eclectic Neo-Romanesque and Gothic style. These qualities include the simple steeply pitched roof form, together with the parapeted gabled ends surmounted by cement rendered Celtic crosses and flanked by domed hexagonal pinnacles with blind cement rendered arcades and crowning finials. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the unpainted red brick wall construction, cement rendered dressing, galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, single storey height, symmetrical composition, unpainted brick buttresses with cement rendered copings, pointed windows (including the windows in the gable ends) with cement rendered drip moulds above, scrolled cement rendered coping in the gable ends, cement rendered and pointed door opening with rectangular label moulds and double vertical boarded timber doors, quoinwork about the gable end windows and doorway, rendered bands and rectangular ventilators high in the gable ends, projecting brick plinths at the base walls, and the rectangular stone tablet with the memorial inscription to Archdeacon P.J. Slattery. The 18 monumentas forming a semi-circle nearby and representing other prelates also contribute to the significance of the place.

The Eastern Cemetery Chapel at 114 Ormond Road is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with the Roman Catholic section of the Eastern Cemetery, and particularly with Archdeacon P.J. Slattery, who

died in 1903. The chapel is a memorial to Archdeacon Slattery, having been built soon after his death in 1903 to a design by W.A. Tombs, Geelong architect.

The Eastern Cemetery Chapel at 114 Ormond Road is socially significant at a LOCAL level. It is recognised and highly valued by sections of the Geelong community for religious reasons.

Overall, the Eastern Cemetery Chapel at 114 Ormond Road is of LOCAL significance.

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Description

DESCRIPTION

The Eastern Cemetery Chapel, 141 Ormond Road, East Geelong, is set within the early Roman Catholic section of the Eastern Cemetery. The rear of the building is surrounded by a semi-circular configuration of stone monuments

The symmetrical, single storey, unpainted red brick, Federation Eclectic Neo-Romanesque and Gothic styled Eastern Cemetery Chapel is characterised by a simple steeply pitched roof form clad in galvanised corrugated steel, together with parapeted gabled ends surmounted by cement rendered Celtic crosses and flanked by domed hexagonal pinnacles with blind cement rendered arcades and crowning finials. Other early features include the unpainted brick buttresses with cement rendered copings, pointed windows (including the windows in the gable ends) with cement rendered drip moulds above, scrolled cement rendered coping in the gable ends, and the cement rendered and pointed door opening with rectangular label moulds and double vertical boarded timber doors. Above the main entrance is a rectangular stone tablet that reads: "Erected to the Memory of the Venerable Archdeacon, P.J. Slattery D.D.V.G. Born in Nenagh, Tipperary, 17 March, 1830, Died in Geelong 21 June, 1903. R.I.P."

Other early decorative features of the design include the quoinwork about the gable end windows and doorway, rendered bands and rectangular ventilators high in the gable ends and the projecting brick plinths at the base walls.

Another Church building of similar design and construction is St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Brook Street, Sunbury, designed by H.W. and F.B. Tompkins in 1904.

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Architect / Designer	
Municipality	GREATER GEELONG CITY

Other names	
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