Location:
298 Sydney Road, Coburg, Moreland City

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:
Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Number: HO364
Listing Authority: Moreland City

Statement of Significance:
What is significant?
The Baptist Church at the corner of Sydney Road and Hatton Grove, Coburg.

How is it significant?
The Baptist Church at the corner of Sydney Road and Hatton Grove, Coburg is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?
Of historic significance, for its
ongoing association with the Coburg Baptist Church, first formed in 1890. (AHC Criterion G.1)

Of aesthetic significance, as a good example of a church design in the style of Interwar Gothic and is generally intact externally. Also as a good example of a church built to the design of noted local architects Gawler & Drummond. (AHC Criterion F.1)

Description

The Baptist Church on the corner of Sydney Road and Hatton Grove, Coburg is an interpretation of an Interwar Gothic style church and is generally intact externally.

It is a squat red brick building with a deep terracotta tiled gabled roof terminated by red brick parapets to the gable ends. The church is entered at the west end via an unusual red brick narthex which runs north-south across the width of the church and is entered via the south (side) elevation. The gable end of the narthex on the south elevation indicates the entrance to the church. Visually the exterior of the narthex is split equally by two buttresses which extend, via a parapet with a rendered ridge, up the west elevation as an indicative double projecting row of red bricks.

Other features include: simple red brick buttresses, painted timber doors with decorative wrought iron hinges, leadlight windows with timber tracery. All joinery is painted white, including the rafters visible under the eave line. The addition at the rear of the building has the same detailing as the original church (but in a different brick?). Roof materials are pressed metal tiles and likely to be original.

Good

Minor Modifications

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