

William Carey Chapel Statement of Significance August 2020

Heritage Place:	349 Barkers Road (part) Kew	PS ref no:	HO808
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What is significant?

'The William Carey Chapel' and its immediate grounds, 349 Barkers Road (off Daniell Place), Kew are significant to the City of Boroondara. The chapel is a post-war example of ecclesiastical building at a denominational school dedicated to the memory of alumnus lost to war. Designed by architects Cecil R. and Graham F. Lyons Pty Ltd, it possesses a high level of architectural integrity.

The William Carey Memorial, a bronze bas relief image mounted on a boulder to commemorate the school's namesake is a contributory landscape element.

How is it significant?

'The William Carey Chapel' is of local historical, architectural and aesthetic significance to the City of Boroondara.

Why is it significant?

'The William Carey Chapel' (1969-71) is of historical significance as it is representative of an established pattern of construction of architect-designed memorial chapels at denominational schools. This document is an incorporated document in the Boroondara Planning Scheme pursuant to section 6(2)(j) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*

schools, immediately following both World Wars, and the associated losses inflicted upon those school communities by such conflicts in the City of Boroondara. (Criterion A)

'The William Carey Chapel' is a significant example of ecclesiastical architecture that is representative of the design ethos, optimism and architectural modernisation expressed in post-war period. The design features honesty of structure and material, clean lines and an overall sense of innovation in design characteristic of this period. The entire chapel complex is of aesthetic significance as a complete example of largely intact building, complete with memorial sculpture. (Criteria D & E)

'The William Carey Chapel' is of social significance for its associations with the memory of former school alumni, known as 'Old Grammarians', lost in World War II and ongoing connections with the wider Carey Baptist Grammar School community. The site on which the chapel is constructed, and the chapel itself, have remained in the continuous occupation of Carey Baptist Grammar School, since the construction of the chapel in 1969-71, and these strong associations continue today. (Criterion G)

Primary source

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