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20061. St Edmund's Anglican Church

Section 6 Block 4

THARWA

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61. Saint Edmund's Anglican Church, Tharwa [V145]¹

Location

Block 4, Section 6, Tharwa as identified in Figure 61 and indicated on the Territory Plan Map by the Heritage Places Register Overlay H61

Features Intrinsic To The Heritage Significance Of The Place

The features intrinsic to the heritage significance of the place are:

- a) the church building, and within the building:
 - i) three Gothic styled windows;
 - ii) the high pitched corrugated roof surmounted on each end by a simple white cross;
 - iii) radiata pine flooring;
 - iv) internal tongue and groove kauri pine walls;
 - v) 14 celery top pine pews;
 - vi) altar;
 - vii) the sanctuary chair;
 - viii) altar rails;
 - ix) the mahogany lectern;
 - x) the Victorian ash book rest;
 - xi) the cedar font with original china bowl; and
 - xii) organ; and
- b) the church yard.

Statement Of Significance

St Edmund's is the only Anglican church within the ACT constructed in the 'Carpenter Gothic' style of the Federation period. The style is carried through to the detailing of interior furniture and fittings and the church has retained its original rural village setting.

St Edmund's is historically significant for its continuous association with the Anglican community of the Tharwa district since 1908, and demonstrates the social prominence of religion in rural village life during the early twentieth century.

St Edmund's has strong associations with local families of the district, reflected in many former parishioners being memorialised within the church.

Specific Requirements

In accordance with s54(1) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991* the following requirements are identified as essential to the conservation of the heritage significance of this place. These requirements are prepared to implement the following conservation policy for the place:

The place shall be conserved and appropriately maintained as a church in a landscape setting consistent with its heritage significance.

- i) **Church Building**
 - a) Minor internal and external alterations and changes to the building may be permitted where the proposed works will not adversely affect the significance of the place.
- ii) **Landscape**
 - a) The open spaces within the church grounds, which contribute to the rural landscape character of the place, shall be retained and maintained.

¹ [V145: Added to Heritage Places Register 14/09/2000 (Variation Number 145)]

- b) Construction of new landscape elements in the place shall only be permitted where the new elements do not adversely affect the landscape setting of the place.

iii) Demolition

- a) Subject to (iii)(b) demolition shall not be permitted, other than in exceptional circumstances, including circumstances in which the building or structure is structurally unsound and beyond economic repair or where there are significant public health and safety reasons to warrant demolition. Demolition shall not be permitted unless there is no prudent and feasible alternative.
- b) The demolition of original built fabric shall only be permitted in the context of sympathetic alteration and additions.

FIGURE 61: SAINT EDMUND'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, THARWA

