

# HERITAGE PLACE

**NAME OF PLACE:** FORMER HOLY CROSS CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY

**ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE:** 66-100 Dalyston-Glen Forbes Road DALYSTON

**STUDY NUMBER:** 382

**HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:** HO67

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**OTHER NAME/S OF PLACE:** CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** Bass Coast Shire

**PARISH:** PARISH OF WOOLAMAI

**SIGNIFICANCE RATING:** Local



Former Holy Cross Church and Presbytery, 66 Dalyston-Glen Forbes Road, Dalyston

**Image Date:** December 2003

**EXTENT OF LISTING:**

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Heritage Grading

HPD Number 81 HI Number VHR Number

Other Names/s CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY

Precinct Group Number

## Extra Files

Location 66-100 Dalyston-Glen Forbes Road DALYSTON

PARISH OF WOOLAMAI

COUNTY OF MORNINGTON

Planning Authority

Ward Anderson

## Access Description

Map Number 0 Map Scale 1:100000 Latitude Longitude

UMG Zone Easting Northing

Location Validity Spatial Accuracy

## Extent of Listing

Whole allotment. Additionally, the alignment of trees along the road boundary and around the site, including 2 metres beyond the canopy/drip line.

## Published Extent of Listing

Significance Local

## Statement of Significance

The former Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church and presbytery at 66-100 Dalyston-Glen Forbes Road, Dalyston, are of local historic and aesthetic significance. Aesthetically the church is a representative and substantially intact example of a rural church with simple Gothic revival detailing. The church is also notable for its substantially intact interior which features unpainted Oregon board lined walls and ceilings. The former presbytery is a good example of an Edwardian villa, and makes an important contribution to the notion of a church reserve in a rural setting. The aesthetic qualities of the place are further enhanced by the backdrop of mature Monterey Cypresses and the open lawn to the front.

## Gazettal Details

## Permit Exemptions

## Exemptions Policy

## Assessment Against Criteria

AHC A.4 Importance for association with events, developments or cultural phases which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the nation, State, region or community.

AHC C.2 Importance for information contributing to a wider understanding of the history of human occupation of Australia.

AHC D.2 Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of the range of human activities in the Australian environment (including way of life, philosophy, custom, process, land use, function, design or technique. AHC G.1

Importance as a place highly valued by a community for reasons of religious, spiritual, symbolic, cultural, educational, or social associations.

Date Assessed 05/08/2004 Assessed By F Woodhouse

## Comparisons

## Rare Assessment

## Intact Assessment

Good

Include in VHR  Include in RNE  Include in Local Planning Scheme  No Recommendations for Inclusions

## Recommended Management

Continue restoration works.

Investigate original external paint colours when due for a repaint.

Original painted glass windows should be repaired by a stained glass conservator.

Heritage Act Categories

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**Title Details**

**Architectural Style**

Federation/Edwardian Period (1902-c.1918) Carpenter Gothic

Federation/Edwardian Period (1902-c.1918) Art-Nouveau

**Physical Description**

The former church at 66 Dalyston-Glen Forbes Road, Dalyston, is a weatherboard building comprising a porch, nave, sacristy and vestry. Each section has a gabled roof with corrugated galvanised steel cladding and timber finials. The central projecting porch contains a round arched timber-framed painted-glass window and a double-leaf V-jointed timber board door. The side walls contain regular timber-framed round arched windows with non-original hopper lights. Most of the windows contain non-original amber coloured glazing with only a small number of windows retaining the original painted glass. Internally, the church is notable for its unpainted Oregon board lining.

The former Presbytery is a single-storey, double-fronted Edwardian weatherboard villa with a hipped corrugated galvanised steel roof. The asymmetrical front elevation contains a gabled projecting bay flanked by a small, skillion-roofed entry porch with a cast-iron valance. The projecting bay has a timber gable screen with a sunburst motif and also contains two narrow timber-framed, double-hung sash windows with fanlights.

A woven wire fence with timber posts and rails encloses the front boundary of the property. Driveway entrances located at either end of the fence are flanked by brick piers with marble memorial plaques dating from the 1950s. Rows of mature Monterey Cypresses (*Cupressus macrocarpa*) grow along the front and side boundaries. The yard around the former presbytery is separately defined by a woven wire fence with timber posts and rails.

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**Physical Condition and/or Archaeological Potential**

Good

**Usage** Reception centre and residence.

**Associated People**

**Historical Notes**

For over half a century, Dalyston was known as 'Price's Corner' after James Price who owned property behind what is now O'Halloran's Hotel. Dalyston was named Daly's Town on 6 May 1912 after the landowner P J Daly. It has been a farming district since the 1860s, when squatters selected substantial runs. The 'Holy Cross' Roman Catholic Church was built in 1901 on land originally part of Allotment 73A at Woolamai, which was first sold to William Price on 7 November 1898. It was later purchased by Patrick James Daly, and donated to the church by him. The land was formally transferred to the church the following year. A presbytery was erected on land adjacent to the church by a Mr Dean in c.1900. A photograph in the local history of Dalyston shows Archbishop Daniel Mannix at a Confirmation Day at the Church in 1919. The building functioned as a Roman Catholic Church until c.1984 when it was de-consecrated, and the parish moved to San Remo. It is currently used as a reception centre and the former Presbytery became a private residence.

**Historic Themes**

**Thematic Environmental History**

15.1 Religion: Religious observance through Church services and worshipping were an integral part of the experience of settling a new country or town. Most of the main denominational churches were established in the Bass Coast Shire by the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. This Catholic Church was the first church built in Dalyston and remained in use as a church until the 1980s.

**Listings**

**References**

Author	Title	Year	ShelfLocation
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Department of Lands and Survey	Parish Plan of Woolamai, Sheet 2		
Joseph White	One Hundred Years of History	1974	
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**Conservation Plans**