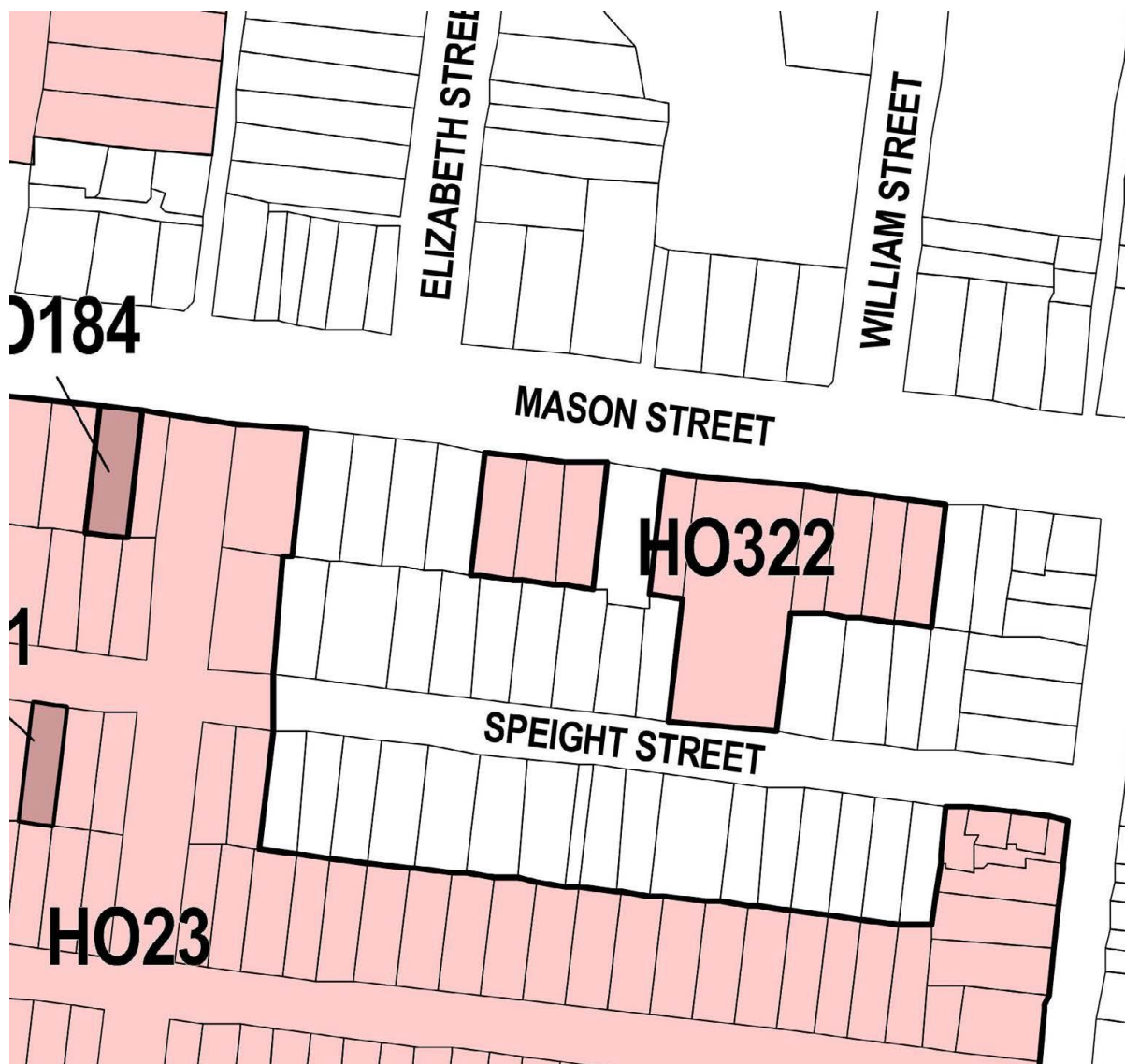


Statement of Significance: The Mason Street Ecclesiastical and Residential Heritage Precinct

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What is significant?

The Mason Street Ecclesiastical and Residential Heritage Precinct is located on the south side of Mason Street in Newport. It comprises the Anglican Christ Church complex at 61 Mason Street, including the former manse at 59 Mason Street, and dwellings to the east and west of the church. Dwellings at 53-57, 63 and 67-71 Mason Street contribute to the significance of the precinct.

How is it significant?

The Mason Street Ecclesiastical and Residential Heritage Precinct, comprising dwellings from the late Victorian period to c. 1930, is of historical, representative and aesthetic significance.

The Christ Church complex at 59-61 Mason Street, Newport, comprising the manse constructed in 1914 and the church designed by Sale & Keage and constructed in 1926-27, is of local historical, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it significant?

The Mason Street Ecclesiastical and Residential Heritage Precinct is historically significant as an early point of community focus within the Municipality. It illustrates the nineteenth century beginnings of the area and the significant development occurring locally following the development of the railway and associated workshops from the late Victorian period to the interwar period. The Christ Church complex is historically significant as one of a number of public buildings that demonstrate the development occurring in Newport from the Victorian to the interwar period, largely as a consequence of the construction of the railway and associated workshops.

Aesthetically, the dwellings in the precinct are generally significant as an intact group of representative builders' designs demonstrating a range of straightforward late-Victorian and early-twentieth-century styles centred on a picturesque Interwar Gothic Church. The Christ Church complex is significant within the municipality as a good example of an austere Interwar Gothic church, which is complemented by an intact manse to its east.

While it appears likely that the church complex, being the central focus of the precinct, is of social value for its strong associations with the Newport community as an important ecclesiastical and community meeting place, this has not been established by direct engagement with stakeholders.

The area is of interest for associations with early landholders such as Simon Kozminski and Ludwig Radinger and local identities such as John Whitwam. Christ Church of 1926-7 is notable for its association with early church leaders including, Revs. Fitzgerald, Thomas Leonard and Macdonnell and with architects, Sale and Keage.

On this basis, the following places within the Mason Street Ecclesiastical and Residential Heritage Precinct contribute to the significance of the precinct:

Number	Address	Description	Grade
53	Mason Street	Weatherboard villa, c.1895	Contributory
55	Mason Street	Weatherboard villa c.1895	Contributory
57	Mason Street	Weatherboard bungalow, c.1920	Contributory
59	Mason Street	Manse, 1914	Significant
61	Mason Street	Anglican Church, 1926-27	Significant
63	Mason Street	Weatherboard bungalow, c. 1930	Contributory
67	Mason Street	Ashlar boarded bungalow, c 1895	Contributory
69	Mason Street	Weatherboard villa, c. 1895	Contributory
71	Mason Street	Weatherboard villa, c. 1895	Contributory

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