

Statement of Significance

What is Significant?

St John's Church of England Vicarage (former), built 1888-89, including the mature Peppercorn Tree (*Shinus molle*) at 34 Bakewell Street, Cranbourne is significant.

The non-original alterations and additions are not significant.

How is it Significant?

St. John's Church of England Vicarage (former), including the mature Peppercorn Tree, is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Casey.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, the place is significant as part of the former St John's Anglican Church Complex (now subdivided from the site, and located at 27-31 Childers Street, Cranbourne). The former Vicarage, constructed in 1888-89 as residential accommodation for the incumbent minister of St John's demonstrates the growth, importance and consolidation of the Church of England (the Anglican Church from 1981) within Cranbourne in the late nineteenth century. The tree was likely to have been planted in the late nineteenth or early twentieth century, and with other trees which survive at the adjacent St John's Church, formed part of the broader landscape of the St John's Anglican Church Complex. (Criterion A)

Aesthetically, the Peppercorn Tree is of an outstanding size and demonstrates key characteristics of the species, including massive buttressed trunk, spreading horizontal form and substantial size, clearly visible from Bakewell Street. (Criterion E)