



Centennial Park - Jubilee Chapel



The Jubilee Chapel complex was developed to accommodate multi-denominational funeral services. The complex includes three dedication chapels of varying size, 'gathering' spaces for visitors and crematorium facilities.

The chapels are arranged as contemplative sanctuaries, with the exterior excluded from view. Chapels are top lit to emphasise verticality and make use of natural, subdued lighting. A curved colonnade wraps around the chapels, emphasising the contemplative symbolism of the place. The colonnade encloses an external slate paved courtyard - featuring fountains and wisteria covered trellises.

The considered arrangement of the chapels and the gathering and courtyard spaces provide a progressive and reassuring experience for the visitor, responding to their emotional state and the solemnity of the function of the place.

The Jubilee Chapel is a well-executed local example of 1980s Post-Modern style architecture. The design references and reinterprets historical architectural precedents, to provide a building of recognisable meaning and association for visitors. Archetypal elements such as the column, pyramid, the colonnade, cubes and a tower are combined in an honest and inventive manner, creating a building imbued with symbolic integrity and spatial interest.

DETAILS:

Location

760 Goodwood Road, Pasadena

Architect

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Date

1987

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