



National Trust Appeal for the Restoration of the Tower of Auburn Uniting Church, Hawthorn

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NATIONAL TRUST APPEAL FOR THE RESTORATION OF

Auburn Uniting Church Tower



Auburn Uniting Church has been a part of the history and life of Hawthorn since 1889. Its majestic tower, visible from all around, is one of its most notable features. The church complex, designed by architect Alfred Dunn in the Lombardic Romanesque style, is rare in containing a complete, intact and authentic set of church buildings.

Open to all, Auburn Uniting Church is valued by its congregation, its local community and by visitors. Its unique qualities have been recognised, with its accession to the Victorian Heritage Register and its classification by the National Trust. Its tower, as well as being a landmark by day and (since 2003) by night, is open to the public annually, and to small groups by appointment. It offers panoramic views of Melbourne, from the Dandenongs to the Westgate Bridge, and from Kew to Caulfield.



Since 1889, 120 years of Melbourne weather have taken their toll, and the 32 distinctive wrought iron columns surrounding the observation deck are now in serious need of restoration and re-painting. Health and safety considerations now dictate that this work requires temporary scaffolding, screening and ventilation. Advantage will be taken of the scaffolding to carry out repairs to the cement render above and below the columns.



On 21 March 2010, the President of the Friends, Ted Baillieu MP, launched the National Trust Tower Restoration Appeal, which seeks to raise \$85,000 to complete this work as soon as possible. We invite members of the Friends of the Auburn Tower, our neighbours and the community of Hawthorn and district, and all those who love this historic building, to join us in making a contribution which you can afford.

Donations to the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) are allowable as deductions for income tax purposes. A receipt will be provided.

The tower can't stand on its own. It needs your support!