

# WELLINGTON POINT: St James Anglican Church

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| <b>Street Address</b> | 17-19 Station Street, Wellington Point |
| <b>GPS/RPD</b>        | Lot 118 SP138750                       |
| <b>Place Type</b>     | Built                                  |



Red-e-map (RCC, 2016).



St James' Anglican Church, Wellington Point (AHS, 2016).

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| <b>Condition</b>              | Very Good            | <b>Integrity</b> | Good |
| <b>Statutory Listings</b>     | Local Heritage Place |                  |      |
| <b>Non-Statutory Listings</b> | No current listing   |                  |      |
| <b>Inspection Date</b>        | 02/12/2016           |                  |      |

## Historical Context

The church currently known as St James' Anglican Church at 17-19 Station Street was built in 1889. It was originally known as St George's Church of England, which serviced Redland Bay in the parish of Cleveland. The church was designed by the architect John Buckeridge who was the Diocesan architect for Brisbane.[2]

The church was initially built on an acre of land in Redland Bay.[3] In 1913 it was moved to its current address in Wellington Point on Station Street, due to the efforts of a Miss O'Connell of Whepstead. This land was then owned by James Willard who donated it to the church.[4]

The church was dedicated at the new Wellington Point site in 1913 by Archdeacon H. F. Le Fanu, with a large number of residents in attendance. The church has undergone minor changes in line with liturgical needs. In 1959 a committee was established in order to raise funds to erect a church hall at this location which survives on the site alongside the church.[5]

## Physical Description

St James' Anglican Church is a modest timber framed church with rendered exterior walls. The steeply pitched gable roof is clad with painted corrugated iron. A smaller gable roof shelters the entry porch. The eaves overhand and are supported by curved timber brackets. The curved timber detailing is repeated in the main gable and the arch to the entry porch. The wall to the main gable is clad in chamfer boards. Timber crosses are fixed to the main and entry gables. It is set in a large lot in a suburban street parallel with the train line. The entry opens to the west, at a right angle to the street.

The site is landscaped with lawn and low shrubs. The site includes the hall which was built in 1959.

## Statement of Significance

St James' Anglican Church remains a locally significant place in Wellington Point through its historical value and its enduring connection with the local Anglican community. The church was originally constructed at Redland Bay in 1889, reflecting the building styles of the period, but later moved to Wellington Point in 1913. The building is a unique and intact example of a timber framed church in the local area. The church has a special association with its local community of congregants as evidenced by its continuous use as an Anglican church. Despite being removed from its original context, the church still represents a relatively unaltered example of an 1880s church in the broader Redland area. Furthermore, the building is representative of the character of development in Wellington Point from the early twentieth century.

## Criteria A

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region's history.

St James' Anglican Church is historically significant in as a surviving 1880s timber framed church, demonstrated in the early fabric and continued use. The church is one of many Christian denomination churches that was built during this time in Redland Bay and later moved to Wellington Point on land donated by James Willard, an important figure in the development of Wellington Point.

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| <b>Criteria B</b>   | The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the region's cultural heritage.   |
| St James' Anglican Church holds aesthetic qualities which result from its setting; with a wide street frontage and the distinctive form, materials and detailing. The church remains an intact example of a 1880s church building, despite being removed from its original context in 1913. The church site also includes a hall.   |  |
| <b>Criteria G</b>   | The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons important to the region. |
| St James' Anglican Church has a strong association with the local Anglican community as a place of religious ceremony demonstrated by the continuous use as a place of worship. The church is significant for the Anglican population in this area as a remaining connection to the history of its use over the 20th century at Wellington Point. Although it was originally built in Redland Bay, the church is spiritually significant for the local Wellington Point Anglican community. |  |
| <b>Primary Themes</b>   |  |
| 8.0 Creating Social and Cultural Institutions   | 8.01 Worshipping and religious institutions  |

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| <b>References</b>   |
| [1] Queensland Places, Mount Cotton ( <a href="http://queenslandplaces.com.au/mount-cotton">http://queenslandplaces.com.au/mount-cotton</a> ), accessed 28/01/2017.<br>[2] Anglican Parish of Waterloo Bay, "A Short History of St. James' Church, Wellington Point," <a href="http://www.apwb.net/our-church/a-short-history-of-st-james-church-wellington-point">http://www.apwb.net/our-church/a-short-history-of-st-james-church-wellington-point</a> , 2016.<br>[3] Woods and Bagot, Inventory of Heritage Places, "17-19 Station Street, Wellington Point," 2012.<br>[4] "A Short History of St. James' Church," 2016.<br>[5] Ibid. |