

Street Address	228-234 Gordon Road, Redland Bay
GPS/RPD	Lot 1 on RP30547 and Lot 1 on RP30550
Place Type	Built



Red-e-map (RCC, 2016).



Former Methodist Church, Redland Bay (AHS, 2016).

Condition	Good	Integrity	Fair
Statutory Listings	Local Heritage Place		
Non-Statutory Listings	No current listing		
Inspection Date	20/01/2016		

Historical Context

Redland Bay was a farming settlement from the 1860s. Sugar was initially grown, followed by fruit and vegetable crops. Notable families that established agricultural settlements in the area included the Fielding, Dart, Moore, Slawson and Collins families.[1]

The Redland Bay Methodist Church (now Uniting Church) opened in March 1885 on land donated by William Dart. Prior to the church's construction, the first Methodist church services and the Sunday School was held in William Dart's home.[2] In 1915, the parsonage was constructed, and in 1922 a Sunday school hall was added.[3] At the jubilee celebrations of the church in March 1935, Rev. J. A. Pratt, the president of the church's governing body (the Methodist Conference), dedicated a new wing in the building.[4] Pioneers of the Redland Bay area who lived in the district for more than 50 years were present at the jubilee celebrations.[5]

The Uniting Church in Australia formed on 22 June 1977, combining congregations from the Methodist Church of Australasia, the Presbyterian Church of Australia, and churches of the Congregational Union of Australia. The foundation for the new Uniting Church is the Basis of Union document, which states beliefs and functions of the church. It was after this amalgamation that the church in Redland Bay converted from the Methodist Church to the Uniting Church.[6]

The original church building survives on the site. However, the Sunday school building has been removed and replaced with a new church building and extensions. The original church building is the only building that is of local historical significance.

Physical Description

The church building itself is a low set timber framed church, with new extensions attached which have been made in various stages over its history. It has steep pitched gable roofs with unusual diagonal boarding to the underside of its overhanging eaves.

Statement of Significance

The Redland Bay Uniting Church holds local significance for the community as it embodies historical and cultural features of Redland Bay. Constructed in 1885 during a period of economic prosperity and population growth in the Redlands, the church is representative of the early development of the Methodist Church in the locality. Furthermore, it reflects the importance of religious institutions to the local community as it has remained in continuous use throughout its history. Families of early settlers are associated with the church and remain active in the congregation.

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

The Redland Bay Methodist Church is significant in demonstrating the pattern of population growth during early stages of European settlement. The church was constructed in 1885 in response to the increasing Methodist population in the broader Redlands area. The extensions made throughout the church's history are evidence of the need to accommodate greater numbers of congregants and to provide better venues for church functions in these various periods.

Criteria G	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.
The Uniting (Methodist) Church in Redland Bay has a strong continuing association with the local community. Families of early European settlers to the area were still active in church life at the time of its jubilee a continued connection with the Methodist population of Redland Bay results through the site and its continuous use.	

Primary Themes	
8.0 Creating Social and Cultural Institutions	8.01 Worshipping and religious institutions

References	
<p>[1] Mary Howells, "Places of the Redlands: Redland Bay," Redland Shire Council, 2000, p. 2-4.</p> <p>[2] Woods and Bagot, Inventory of Heritage Places, "228-234 Gordon Road, Redland Bay," 1995.</p> <p>[3] Redland City Council, "Timeline: Redland Bay," 2006, p. 2.</p> <p>[4] The Courier Mail, 18 March 1935, p. 14.</p> <p>[5] Ibid., 25 March 1935, p. 17.</p> <p>[6] Uniting Church in Australia, "Our History," http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/multicultural-ministry/about/history/, 2017.</p>	



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Methodist Church, Redland Bay (c. 1924).