

MOUNT COTTON: St Paul's Lutheran Church

Street Address	1257-1259 Mount Cotton Road, Mount Cotton
GPS/RPD	Lot 1 RP69724
Place Type	Built



Red-e-map (RCC, 2016).



St Paul's Lutheran Church, Mount Cotton (RCC, 2012).

Condition	Good	Integrity	Good
Statutory Listings	Local Heritage Place		
Non-Statutory Listings	No current listing		
Inspection Date	09/12/2016		

Historical Context

The original St Paul's Lutheran Church was built in 1875 in the vicinity of Wuduru and Mount Cotton Roads.[1] The land for the church was purchased by Pastor Hausmann and totalled 10 acres.[2]

The original church was built by members of the community in a traditional north German style with hand-made brick nogging in a timber frame that had been axe-dressed and fixed with wooden pegs.[3] By the 20th century, the original church could not hold the growing numbers of congregants that were attending the services and was also in a state of disrepair.[4]

Preparations for a new church began in the 1940s and construction began in 1951.[5] The last church service held in the original church building was on Palm Sunday in 1951 before it was demolished. President Lohe dedicated the new church site on 11 November 1951.[6]

Physical Description

This low set, timber framed church is an unusual composition of contrasting forms. The main church building has a steep pitch roof with Gothic style windows (lancet shaped) to the side walls and a bank of three to the main gable end. The main building is set on low timber stumps and includes a rear gable projection with side entry. A distinctive tower abuts the main church building to the east of the entrance and rises high above the gable ridge. The tower has a five panel high window in the matching lancet shape. The top of the tower has a balustrade of sandblasted glass panels with clear glass crosses. A large timber cross stands as the pinnacle to the tower. The front of the church has been extended with an additional flat roof section wrapping around the front and side of the main church which abuts the tower. The front and side sections for this extension are built on a concrete base.

The whole structure is clad in timber weatherboards. A decorative cross is positioned on the end gable. There is a concrete entry stair with metal handrail to the front entry. The grounds are simply landscaped and include a columbarium wall as well as a plaque within the grounds that acknowledges the pioneer settlement of the area in the early 1870s and the erection of the first Lutheran Church in 1875.

Statement of Significance

St Paul's Lutheran Church retains local significance in this area, particularly for the Mount Cotton Lutheran community. Historically, the parish has maintained a presence since 1875, servicing a thriving Lutheran population and reveals the extent and growth of Christian denominations in the area from this time. The new church's development in 1951 further illustrates the historical development of the Lutheran faith in the Redlands area and has remained in continuous use since its construction. It is valued by the local Lutheran community.

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Criteria A	The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region's history.
St Pauls' Church is demonstrative of the evolution of the Lutheran Church's presence in Redlands, beginning with the first St Paul's Lutheran Church in 1875. This building was replaced with the existing building in the early 1950s, albeit in a different location. This building remains locally important as it demonstrates the growth of the Lutheran community in Mount Cotton from 1875 and the expanded congregational needs that existed by the mid twentieth century with the building of the new church.	
Criteria E	The place is important to the region because of its aesthetic significance.
St Paul's Church, although altered and extended, is a prominent building with its distinctive tower and Gothic style windows. It makes a positive contribution to the locality. St Paul's Church, Mount Cotton State School and the nearby Mount Cotton Community Hall form an attractive group of buildings within the Mount Cotton Township.	
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.
St Paul's Church has a special association with the local Lutheran community, as it was the first Lutheran parish in the region to service the large population of worshippers in 1875. The church remains associated with the local Lutheran community, as it has been in continuous use since its construction in 1951, replacing the original church in the same year.	

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

References
<p>[1] Mary Howells, "Mount Cotton – A Brief History," Redland City Council, 2006, p. 2.</p> <p>[2] Barry Kidd, <i>Redlands Illustrated History</i> (Jackson & O'Sullivan: Brisbane, 1979), p. 68.</p> <p>[3] Queensland Heritage Register, "Carbrook Lutheran Cemetery" https://environment.ehp.qld.gov.au/heritage-register/detail/?id=601660 Accessed 29/01/2017.</p> <p>[4] Howells, "Mount Cotton," p. 3.</p> <p>[5] Kidd, <i>Redlands Illustrated History</i>, p. 68.</p> <p>[6] Ibid.</p>



Former St Paul's Lutheran Church, Mount Cotton (Carbrook).