

Heritage Citation



Kedron Uniting Church (former)

Key details

Also known as	Kedron Methodist Church
Addresses	At 9 Ninth Avenue, Kedron, Queensland 4031
Type of place	Church, Hall
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Style	Gothic
Lot plan	L436_RP23343; L2_RP165925; L439_RP23343; L441_RP23343; L442_RP23343; L440_RP23343; L1_RP165925; L270_RP899419
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2003 Date of Citation — August 2015

Construction

Roof: Corrugated iron;
Walls: Timber

Criterion for listing

(A) Historical; (B) Rarity; (G) Social

A substantial timber hall used as a church by the Methodist church, opened on 30 May 1926. In 1957 it was relocated on the site to make way for a brick church and was then used solely as a hall. The church and hall were closed and changed to a child care centre in 2000.

History

Methodists first met in Kedron in the Wintergarden Theatre in 1924. At that time the membership was 18. In 1926 a substantial timber and weatherboard church hall was constructed on a site on the corner of Leike Road and Ninth Avenue. The capping ceremony took place on 10 April 1926, with the opening taking place on 30 May 1926. The hall was erected by C F Hawtin, at a cost of £1500 including outlay on furniture. The site for the hall was purchased for £325 in October 1925. The Rev R Dingle of the Lutwyche circuit was the visiting superintendent. In 1927 the membership of the church was 104 growing to 300 by 1929. In 1928 a reed organ was installed.

In 1956 plans were made to replace the building with a new brick church, with an estimated cost of £14,500. The foundation for the new church was laid on July 14, 1957 and opened on February 23, 1958. The existing 1926 church hall was relocated on the site to allow the construction of the new church. It appears that at this time some of the decorative timber detailing to the gable was removed.

The 1957 church and 1926 church hall remained in use until 2000, and subsequently became a childcare centre.

Description

A substantial rectangular timber framed and weatherboard structure with a corrugated iron roof. Gabled roof with a gabled entrance porch projecting to the front elevation. There is a single storey hipped roof extension to the rear. The front gable has a tripartite lancet window, and a pair of single lancet windows either side of the porch. There are single lancet windows to the side elevations. The gable to the porch has applied timber framing details. The building is joined to the 1957 brick church to the north.

Statement of significance

Relevant assessment criteria

This is a place of local heritage significance and meets one or more of the local heritage criteria under the Heritage planning scheme policy of the *Brisbane City Plan 2014*. It is significant because:

Historical

CRITERION A

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the city's or local area's history

as evidence of the establishment and rapid growth of the Methodist church in Kedron, from its first meeting in 1924 to the construction of this substantial building in 1926.

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage

as a substantial timber framed and weather board church hall , with ecclesiastical gothic detailing, dating from 1926.

Social

CRITERION G

The place has a strong or special association with the life or work of a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons

as a demonstration of the strength of the local Methodist, later Uniting Church, community in Kedron from 1926.

References

1. Digitised newspapers and other records. <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper>
2. *The Brisbane Courier* 10 April 1926 p 14
3. *The Brisbane Courier* 31 May 1926 p 10

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