

Heritage Citation



Methodist Church (former)

Key details

Also known as	Baptist Church (former)
Addresses	At 41 Deagon Street, Sandgate, Queensland 4017
Type of place	Church
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Style	Free Gothic
Lot plan	L21_RP29134
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — August 2015

Construction	Roof: Terracotta tile; Walls: Timber
People/associations	Rothery and Buchanan (Builder); Walter James Ernest Kerrison (Architect)
Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (D) Representative; (E) Aesthetic; (G) Social; (H) Historical association

This timber framed and weatherboard clad former Methodist Church was designed by W J E Kerrison of Messrs. Cook and Kerrison, architects and constructed in 1939. The former 1920 timber framed and weatherboarded church was moved to the rear at this time and all are now used as a private residence. The former Methodist Church was the centre for Methodist Worship in Sandgate from 1916 until c 1999.

History

The site of the Church was acquired in 1914. In January 1917 a small Sunday school building 'built of dressed hardwood, measuring 24 feet by 16 feet, well ventilated and lighted' was opened on the site. In June 1920 a new church building measuring 35 feet by 25 feet was opened on the site.

Due to the growth of the congregation a new church was commissioned in 1939. This opened on 2 December 1939. It was designed by Mr W J E Kerrison for Messrs. Cook and Kerrison, architects. It was constructed by Mr Rothery and Mr J Buchanan, sen., a senior trustee of the Church. The 1920s church building was moved to the rear of the site re-erected and remodelled as a school hall.

The church was described as consisting of 'four extended gables, artistically finished in small weatherboards with louvre effect' and noted as costing £1500 with seating for 200.

Mr W J E Kerrison, later of Messrs. Cook and Kerrison was an important church architect in the inter-war and post war period, and responsible for a considerable number of church, and other buildings for the Methodist Church.

Description

The 1939 building comprises a single gabled structure with two projecting gables to the sides, with a single storey hipped roof entrance porch structure to the front. It is timber framed with weather boarding under a clay tiles roof. The front gable has a small bell cote. There are casement windows to the porch with diamond lead light detailing, and pairs of timber casements to the side elevations with six panes of colour glass per casement.

To the rear is the former c1920 church, timber framed with weather boarding, with 1939 extensions under a number of hipped and lean-to roofs with corrugated iron. There is a modern hipped roof structure to the rear.

To the street is a c1939 painted timber fence.

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 the center of Methodist worship in Sandgate from c1915, the c1920 and 1938 church buildings illustrate the growth of the Methodist church in this locality.

Representative

CRITERION D

The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class or classes of cultural places

places as a late, inter-war, timber framed and weather boarded church building designed in the vernacular domestic style.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as a pleasing symmetrical design with domestic vernacular detailing of weatherboarding with applied timber framing detailing to the porch.

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 the center for Methodist worship in Sandgate from c 1915 to c 1999.

Historical association

CRITERION H

The place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organization of importance in the city's or local area's history

as an accomplished example of the modest church architecture of W J E Kerrison, who designed many churches for the Methodist Church in the inter-war and post war period.

References

1. *Methodist Times* 7 December 1939 p 5
2. *The Telegraph* 27 November 1939 p 15
3. *The Brisbane Courier* 5 June 1920 p 12

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Note: This citation has been prepared on the basis of evidence available at the time including an external examination of the building. The statement of significance is a summary of the most culturally important aspects of the property based on the available evidence, and may be re-assessed if further information becomes available. The purpose of this citation is to provide an informed evaluation for heritage registration and information. This does not negate the necessity for a thorough conservation study by a qualified practitioner, before any action is taken which may affect its heritage significance.

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