

Heritage Citation



St Lucia Uniting Church

Key details

Also known as	St Lucia Presbyterian Church
Addresses	At 7 Hawken Drive, St Lucia, Queensland 4067
Type of place	Church
Period	Postwar 1945-1960
Style	Ecclesiastical
Lot plan	L1_RP68358
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2002 Date of Citation — February 2011

Construction

Roof: Tile;
Walls: Face brick

Criterion for listing

(E) Aesthetic; (G) Social

The St Lucia Uniting Church was completed in 1950. In service first as a Presbyterian Church, and after amalgamation in 1975, as a Uniting Church, the building has a longstanding connection with several generations of St Lucia residents who have taken religious instruction and worshiped at the church. The Church is also aesthetically significant.

History

An application was submitted to the Brisbane City Council for a Church in December 1949. Further applications were made during the 1950s and 1960s for additional buildings and extensions to the structures on the property. This includes the construction of a Sunday School Hall in c1961. The growth of the church parallels that of the development of the St Lucia area in the post WWII period.

Description

This is a substantial brick and tile church of Post-War Ecclesiastical design prominently sited on this busy street in St. Lucia. The orange brick western front is oriented northwest, and terminates a vista along Swann Road, seen by vehicle passengers travelling east along this road.

Stylistically the church displays an interesting blend of traditional elements with a simplification of detail and line due probably to the influence of European Modernism prevalent in mid twentieth century architectural thought. The western front is strongly massed and boldly presented to the street, and contrasts pleasingly with the well-protected side walls, with their generous roof overhangs, buttresses and lancet windows.

The quality of brickwork and resolution of detail visible over all the building is very high.

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:

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as it is a large, finely detailed, strongly massed brick church that is prominently located on the street and makes a strong visual impact.

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 it has a longstanding connection with generations of St Lucia residents who have taken religious instruction and worshiped at the church.

Supporting images



L. & D. Keen Pty. Ltd. (photographers) for the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (Queensland Chapter), 'Construction of the St. Lucia Presbyterian Church, Queensland', c.1955-1975, John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland.

References

1. Brisbane City Council Building Card Records
 2. Brisbane City Council Water Supply and Sewerage Maps
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