

Heritage Citation



United Protestant Church

Key details

Also known as	St. Paul's Anglican Church
Addresses	At 17 Millers Road, Eight Mile Plains, Queensland 4113
Type of place	Church, Hall
Period	Federation 1890-1914
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L1_RP37382
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — March 2011
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

People/associations

Local Volunteers (Builder)

Criterion for listing

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

The church was built between 1902 and 1904 as a combined effort by volunteers drawn from the Church of England, Catholic, Methodist and Lutheran members of the local community. Each religion was allotted an alternate weekend to use the church to hold its services. This continued until the denomination had built its own separate church building in the district. This building became a community-meeting place, as it was centrally located near the Eight Mile Plains School and the main thoroughfare of Logan Road. Three trustees appointed by the United Protestant Church administered it and eventually this religion became the sole user and it became known as St. Paul's Anglican Church.

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 it is indicative of the growth in the population of the Eight Mile Plains district by the start of the twentieth century.

Rarity

CRITERION B

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

as an example of a small, multi-denominational rural church building constructed by and for the local community.

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

for its connection with an important part of the lives of the successive generations plus the various denominations that have worship in this local church.

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 it is linked to local tradesmen/builders plus various church denominations plus other community groups that utilized the church as a central meeting centre.

References

1. Fletcher, Shirley (church caretaker), telephone interview with historian Chris Robertson, 7 February 1991
 2. Palfrey, Mrs. P. (compiler), *Eight Mile Plains (With Amendments)*, (Brisbane:, 1991)
 3. Sunnybank Historical Society, *Local Areas of Folk History: Coopers Plains-Sunnybank-Runcorn-Kuraby-Eight Mile Plains*
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before any action is taken which may affect its heritage significance.

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