

Item Details

Name

St Pauls Anglican Church

SHR/LEP/S170

LEP #

Address

19 Elizabeth Street RIVERSTONE NSW 2765

Local Govt Area

Blacktown

Local Aboriginal Land Council

Unknown



Item Type

Built

Group/Collection

Religion

Category

Church

All Addresses

Addresses

Records Retrieved: 2

Street No	Street Name	Suburb/Town/Postcode	Local Govt. Area	LALC	Parish	County	Electorate	Address Type
40	Hunter Street	RIVERSTONE/NSW/2765	Blacktown	Unknown			Unknown	Alternate Address
19	Elizabeth Street	RIVERSTONE/NSW/2765	Blacktown	Unknown			Unknown	Primary Address

Significance

Statement Of Significance

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Criteria b)

Historical Association

Significance

The additions to the church were signed off by Cyril Blackett who continued his father Edmund Blackett's significant church design practice into the late Victorian period. The memorials within the church are associated with significant founding settlers of the Riverstone district including John Schofields, after whom Schofields is named.

Criteria c)

Aesthetic/Technical Significance

St Paul's Anglican Church is a good example of a rural church with elements of the Victorian Gothic style as well as the associated visual marker for the Hoop Pine. It retains much of its original character and detailing including original brickwork, steeply pitched roof and narrow arched windows.

The relocated hall from Parklea is a typical example of an Edwardian church hall and is highly intact.

Criteria d)

Social/Cultural Significance

St Paul's Anglican Church is of importance for its service to the local community since 1885.

Criteria e)

Research Potential

The site may reveal the remains of an early rectory within the rear section of the property.

Integrity/Intactness

High

Owners

Records Retrieved: 0

Organisation	Stakeholder Category	Date Ownership Updated
No Results Found		

Description

Designer	Builder/Maker
Messrs Blacktett (brothers)	R. Dunston

Physical Description

Updated

Simple buttressed gothic style church constructed in brick and sandstone. An entrance porch is located at the western end. The church sanctuary was constructed c 1890 designed by Cyril Blackett and the floor plans for this addition are displayed in the church.

The interior and exterior are significantly intact and representative of the Victorian gothic style.

The church contains memorial plaques including that of John Schofields, and Mr Vaughan, as well as dedicated stained glass windows.

The site also contains a small timber gabled framed church hall of c1900 construction including timber internal lining to the walls and coffer.

There is a mature Hoop Pine on the site possibly associated with a former rectory that no longer remains.

Other buildings on the site include a substantial Brick church hall fronting Elizabeth Street (the largest building on the site) which was constructed in 1963, and a modern brick veneer church rectory on the Hunter Street frontage.

The site runs through from Elizabeth Street to Hunter Street

Physical Condition

Updated 12/10/2015

The brick church Building is in reasonable condition and highly intact. Some settlement cracking is occurring at the front and rear of the church.

The rear timber hall is in poor condition showing with interior linings loose and cracked.

Modifications And Dates

Church sanctuary added c 1890 - Cyrill Blackett.

C 1900 church hall moved to site prior to 1950's, and relocated within the site c 1960 for the construction of the main brick hall.

Main brick hall added to the site 1963.

Current rectory built c 1980's.

Further Comments

Current Use

Church

Former Use

Church

Listings

Listings

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Heritage Listing	Listing Title	Listing Number	Gazette Date	Gazette Number	Gazette Page
Local Environmental Plan	Amend No 143		4/12/2002 12:00:00 AM	72	2262
Local Environmental Plan	Blacktown Local Environmental Plan 2015	173	7/7/2015 12:00:00 AM	430	

Procedures/Exemptions

Records Retrieved: 0

Section of Act	Description	Title	Comments	Action Date	Outcome
No Results Found					

History

Historical Notes or Provenance

Updated

The foundation stone was laid on 12 November 1884 by Mrs James Richards. The first service was held on 7 March 1885.

In 1903 the vestry and chancel with stained glass windows of the saviour, St. Peter and St. Paul were added in memory of Arthur Faviell of Warrawong. The additions were designed by Arthur Blackett of Alneau Glen, Vineyard. They were also signed off by Cyrill Blackett, son of Edmund Blackett who continued his practice.

In 1911 the porch was added which housed the original bell from the Riverstone Farm. The bell had been donated by John Schofield.

In the 1950's the timber hall (c 1900 construction) was moved to the site from Parklea. It was moved again further into the site when the new church hall was built in 1963.

Historic Themes

Records Retrieved: 4

National Theme	State Theme	Local Theme
9. Phases of Life	Persons	Pioneers and social pressures/Settlement in the 19th Century
9. Phases of Life	Birth and Death	Unknown
8. Culture	Religion	Unknown
4. Settlement	Towns, suburbs and villages	Settlement in the 19th Century

Recommended Management

Management Summary

Management

Records Retrieved: 0

Management Category	Management Name	Date Updated
No Results Found		

Report/Study

Heritage Studies

Records Retrieved: 6

Report/Study Name	Report/Study Code	Report/Study Type	Report/Study Year	Organisation	Author
In House Heritage Items Review			2009		Margaret Fallon
Blacktown Heritage Study			1995		(not stated)
Blacktown Heritage Study			1988		Jonathan Falk Planning Consultants in association with Rodney Jensen and Assoc.s
Heritage Study of the North Western sector of Sydney			1984		Howard Tanner and Associates
Heritage Study of the North Western Sector of Sydney			1984		Howard Tanner & Associates in association with Max Kelly and Elizabeth Vines
Heritage Study of the North Western Sector of Sydney			1984		Howard Tanner & Associates Pty Ltd

Reference & Internet Links

References

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