

Item Details

Name

St Andrews Uniting Church

SHR/LEP/S170

LEP #

Address

62 Garfield Road East 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: 1

Street No	Street Name	Suburb/Town/Postcode	Local Govt. Area	LALC	Parish	County	Electorate	Address Type
62	Garfield Road East	RIVERSTONE/NSW/2765	Blacktown	Unknown	St Matthew	Cumberland	Unknown	Primary Address

Significance

Statement Of Significance

This building served as the focus of Presbyterian worship in Riverstone from 1884. Since 1967 it has been the place of Presbyterian and Methodist and later Uniting Church worship. St Andrew's Uniting Church is a good example of a rural Victorian Carpenter Gothic Style church.

This is a rare example of a church used by both Presbyterian and Methodist congregations prior to the establishment of the Uniting Church in Australia.

Criteria a)

Historical Significance

St Andrews Uniting Church is of local historical significance as a key community element in the development of the town centre of Riverstone. The Church also has historic significance as an early recognition of the combined congregations of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches which ultimately became the Uniting Church.

Criteria c)

Aesthetic/Technical Significance

St Andrews Uniting Church is a good example of a rural Victorian Carpenter Gothic Church. It retains this significance despite being relocated. The church also has an aesthetic contribution to the town centre streetscape as a major historic community building.

As an 1884 structure is one of the oldest weatherboard church structures in the district.

Criteria d)

Social/Cultural Significance

This building served as the focus of Presbyterian worship in Riverstone from 1884. Since 1967 it has been the place of Presbyterian and Methodist and later Uniting Church worship.

Criteria f)

Rarity

This is a rare example of a church used by both Presbyterian and Methodist congregations prior to the establishment of the Uniting Church in Australia.

Integrity/Intactness

High

Owners

Records Retrieved: 0

Organisation	Stakeholder Category	Date Ownership Updated
No Results Found		

Description

Designer **Builder/Maker**

Physical Description **Updated**

A simple Gothic weatherboard church with gable ended galvanised iron roof and entrance porch to the street.

A later c 1970 hall is located to the east of the building.

Physical Condition **Updated 12/16/2015**

Good

Modifications And Dates

Relocated to present site in 1913.

Hall converted to a Child Care Centre 2013

Further Comments

Current Use

Church

Former Use

Church

Listings

Listings

			Records Retrieved: 2		
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	179	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

Presbyterian services at Riverstone were first held in 1882 in a cottage (the home of John Greig) at Garfield Road East. The present weatherboard church was built in 1884 on three allotments purchased for the church in Regent Street.

In 1913 the church was relocated to the present site. The church was recognised as "St Andrews Presbyterian Church" in 1935, initially as a Mission Station of the Richmond church district and then of the Ebenezer Pitt Town Congregation. Prior to 1935 it had been recognised as a preaching station of the Windsor Congregation.

In 1946 St Andrews was recognised as its own Session of the Presbyterian Church and purchased a Manse for a student minister.

The Presbyterian and Methodist congregations at Riverstone combined in 1967, well before the establishment of the Uniting Church in Australia, and the first ordained minister was appointed in 1970.

The Church became formally part of the Uniting Church in 1978 as part of the Blacktown Parish, and in 1998 again became an independent Uniting Congregation when the Uniting Church moved to recognise individual congregations as opposed to parishes. The Church retained an ordained minister until 2008.

Historic Themes

Records Retrieved: 3

National Theme	State Theme	Local Theme
9. Phases of Life	Birth and Death	Unknown
8. Culture	Religion	Unknown
4. Settlement	Towns, suburbs and villages	Unknown

Recommended Management

Management Summary

Management

Records Retrieved: 0

Management Category	Management Name	Date Updated
No Results Found		

Report/Study

Heritage Studies

Records Retrieved: 5

Report/Study Name	Report/Study Code	Report/Study Type	Report/Study Year	Organisation	Author
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 & Associates in association with Max Kelly and Elizabeth Vines
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 Pty Ltd

Reference & Internet Links

References

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Type	Author	Year	Title	Link
Written	Riverstone Uniting Church	2015	Histry of the Riverstone Congregation	
Written	Clive Lucas Stapleton & Partners	1998	Riverstone Release Area - European Heritage Study	

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