

MUNICIPAL HERITAGE INVENTORY
PLACE RECORD FORM

LGA Place No: 046

Uniting Church

Other Names

Methodist Church

HCWA Number



LOCATION

Street Number

Lot Number

Street Name

Suburb

Cnr Parkin Street and Florence Street
Rockingham

LAND TITLE INFORMATION

Reserve Number, Lot/Location Number, Plan/Diagram, Vol/Folio

SITE ACCESS

DESCRIPTION

Place Type

Individual Building or Group

Construction Date

1940

Date Source

Foundation Stone

Construction Materials

Common brick, terracotta tile

Architectural Period

Inter-War



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USE

Original Use

RELIGIOUS - Church, Cathedral or Chapel

Present Use

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Other Use

DESCRIPTION NOTES

Condition

Integrity

Authenticity

A single storey face-brick church with a steeply pitched gable tile roof and a projecting entry porch located on the north side. The church features regularly spaced engaged brick piers along the east and west elevations and vertically proportioned Gothic arch windows. Foundation stones are located either side of the entry porch. A single-storey fibro extension is located to the rear of the place. The brick and tile presbytery is located to the west of the church.

HISTORICAL NOTES

In 1939, about the same time that the Anglican Church was trying to establish a permanent presence in the district, the Methodist Church was engaged in a similar endeavour. Sunday School had already been held in the minister's home since 1932, and a monthly service conducted there by a Baptist minister, Reverend Aldis. From time to time, ministers of other denominations also assisted in holding these services. On occasions when the numbers of attendees was too large, services were held in the home of J. Stone, and, later, in the Agricultural Hall.

To facilitate the building of a church, donations were gathered in. George Grigg provided two blocks of land as the site for a church and manse; J. Stone advanced the money to begin construction; and Reverend Jules Johnston, the Church's first Minister, accepted no stipend for the first two years of his incumbency. The construction of the Church was completed in 1941 and a manse built in 1946. Three years later, the Church changed from a Home Mission station to a circuit, indicating that it was then self-supporting.

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SIGNIFICANCE

Statement of Significance

Aesthetic Value: the place is a pleasing example of a modest Inter-War Gothic style church dating from the 1940s

Historic Value: the place is associated with George Grigg, a local builder who provided the land for the church, J. Stone, who advanced the money to pay for the church, and Reverend Jules Johnson, the first minister of the church

Social Value: the place is valued by the community as a long-standing venue for religious congregation and worship, and continues to be used as such

MANAGEMENT

Management Category B

ASSOCIATIONS

Associations
Association Type

HERITAGE LISTINGS

City of Rockingham Municipal Inventory, Adopted



