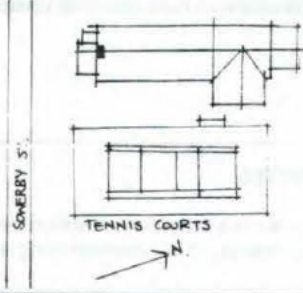




# MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY

## Inventory 1996

### FORMER ST JOHNS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - MUSWELLBROOK

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| PRESENT NAME <i>Former St Johns Presbyterian Church</i>   |                    | REFERENCE No <i>MUSWR019b</i>   |
| PREVIOUS/OTHER NAME <i>St Johns Presbyterian Church</i>   |                    | PREVIOUS REFERENCE No   |
|   |                    | DATE INSPECTED <i>8th March 1996</i>  |
| LOCATION<br><br>STREET No <b>STREET NAME</b> <i>Hill Street, north side between Bridge and Sowerby Streets</i><br><br>TOWN/SUBURB <i>Muswellbrook</i> POSTCODE <i>2333</i><br><br>LOCALITY <i>Muswellbrook</i><br><br>LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA <i>MUSWELLBROOK</i> |                    | SITE SKETCH PLAN<br><br>   |
| PRESENT OWNER<br>[REDACTED]   | TYPE <i>Church</i> | PROPERTY DETAILS:<br>a REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION<br><i>Lot 21 DP828480</i><br><br>b SITE AREA <i>5391m<sup>2</sup></i><br><br>c EXISTING ZONING <i>5(a) - Special Uses - Church</i> |
| CATEGORY <i>Building</i>  |                    | MAP REFERENCE <i>'56' 301220E, 6428460N AMG Muswellbrook 9033-II-N</i><br><br>                  |
| SUB CATEGORY <i>Church</i>  |                    |   |
| DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <i>1840's</i>  |                    |   |
| ARCHITECT/DESIGNER <i>Unknown</i>   |                    |   |
| BUILDER <i>Unknown</i>  |                    |   |
| PHOTOGRAPH<br>  |                    |   |



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**HISTORICAL NOTES**  
  

*The former St Johns is a three bay rendered brick and lined building, with an ashlar base and a galvanised iron roof, featuring diagonal buttresses set on splays. It is a rare surviving example of the simple Presbyterian Churches of that period.*

**PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS / DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS**  
  

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| <b>a ARCH. STYLE</b> <i>Victorian Georgian</i>  | <b>MATERIALS:</b> <i>Exterior Stone, galvanised iron roof, stone stairs to entry vestibule.</i> |
| <b>b OTHER DETAILS OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE</b> <i>Small stone bellcote</i>   |   |
| <b>c MODIFICATIONS</b> <i>"Victorian" lamp standard. Steel tube handrail to front stairs. Rear extensions.</i>  |   |
| <b>d CURRENT CONDITIONS</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>INTACT</b><br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>ALTERED - UNSYMPATHETIC</b><br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:</b> <i>Unattractive rendered brick extensions to rear of Church.</i> </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>REPAIRS REQUIRED</b><br/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>ALTERED - SYMPATHETIC</b> </div> </div> |   |

**INFORMATION SOURCES**  
  

**WRITTEN** *Muswellbrook Historical Society*  
*"Centenary History of the Presbyterian Church in NSW", J. Cameron, Angus and Robertson, 1905.*

**ORAL**  
**GRAPHIC**

| EVALUATION CRITERIA | (S) = STATE (R) = REGIONAL (L) = LOCAL       |  |
|---------------------|--|--|
| HISTORIC            | RARE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (R) | REPRESENTATIVE <input type="checkbox"/>                |
| AESTHETIC           | RARE <input type="checkbox"/>                | REPRESENTATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (R) |
| SOCIAL              | RARE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (L) | REPRESENTATIVE <input type="checkbox"/>                |
| SCIENTIFIC          | RARE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (R) | REPRESENTATIVE <input type="checkbox"/>                |

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
  

*Historically this building has regional rarity and significance: it represents the earliest surviving evidence of a major centre for Presbyterian worship in the Upper Hunter Valley. Socially the building shares local significance with the more recent church building. Scientifically it is of regional significance for its potential to reveal information about the Presbyterian catchment in the earliest years of settlement in the Upper Hunter and its style of worship.*