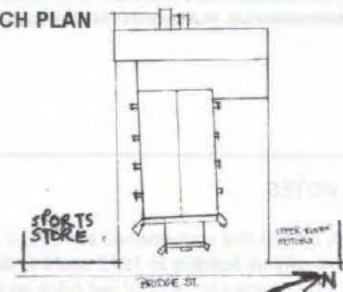



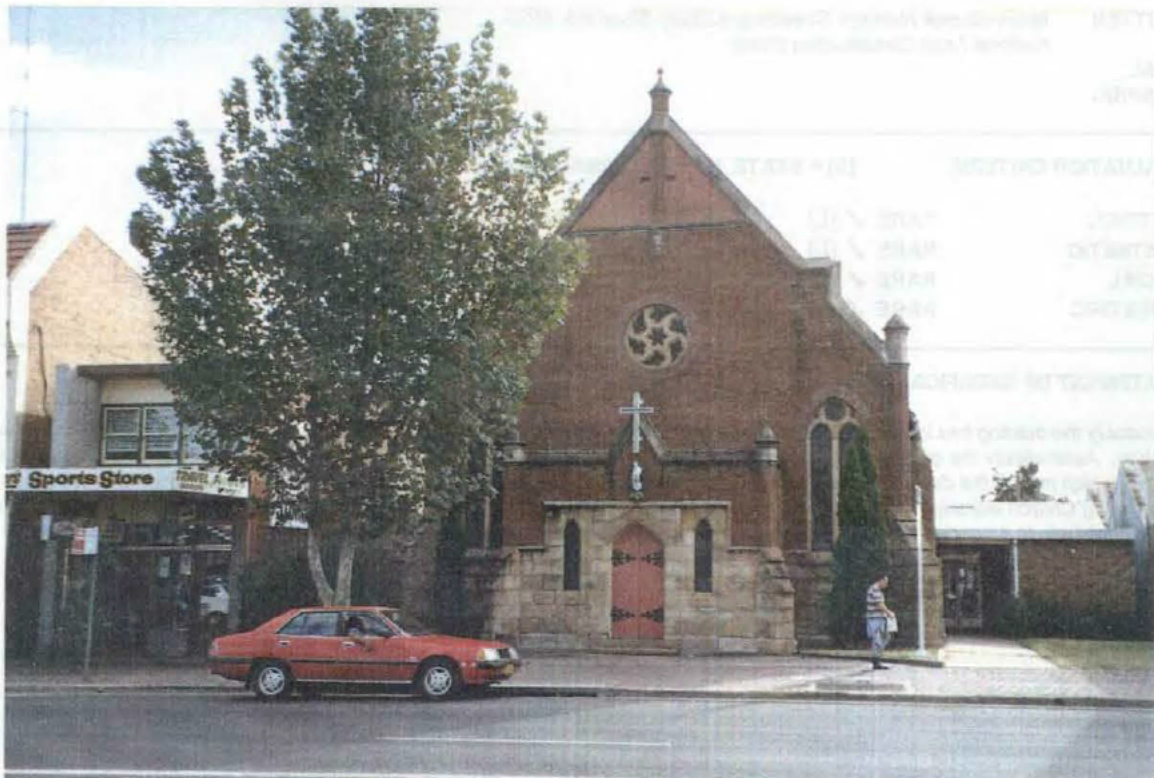
# MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY

## Inventory 1996

### METHODIST CHURCH - BRIDGE STREET - MUSWELLBROOK

PRESENT NAME <i>Upper Hunter Parish Trinity Uniting Church</i>		REFERENCE No <i>MUSWR007</i>
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES <i>Methodist Church</i>		PREVIOUS REFERENCE No
		DATE INSPECTED <i>15th April 1996</i>
LOCATION STREET No <i>110</i> STREET NAME <i>Bridge Street</i> TOWN/SUBURB <i>Muswellbrook</i> POSTCODE <i>2333</i> LOCALITY <i>Muswellbrook</i> LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA <i>MUSWELLBROOK</i>		SITE SKETCH PLAN 
PRESENT OWNER [REDACTED]	TYPE <i>Church</i>	PROPERTY DETAILS:
		a REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION <i>Lot 401 DP816922</i>
		b SITE AREA <i>1655m<sup>2</sup></i>
		c EXISTING ZONING <i>3(a) - General Business</i>
CATEGORY <i>Building</i>		MAP REFERENCE <i>'56' 301000E, 6428300N AMG Muswellbrook 9033-II-N</i>
SUB CATEGORY <i>Church</i>		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <i>1913</i>		
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER <i>Unknown</i>		
BUILDER <i>Mr Armitage, Stonemason</i>		

#### PHOTOGRAPH





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