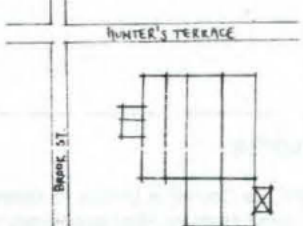

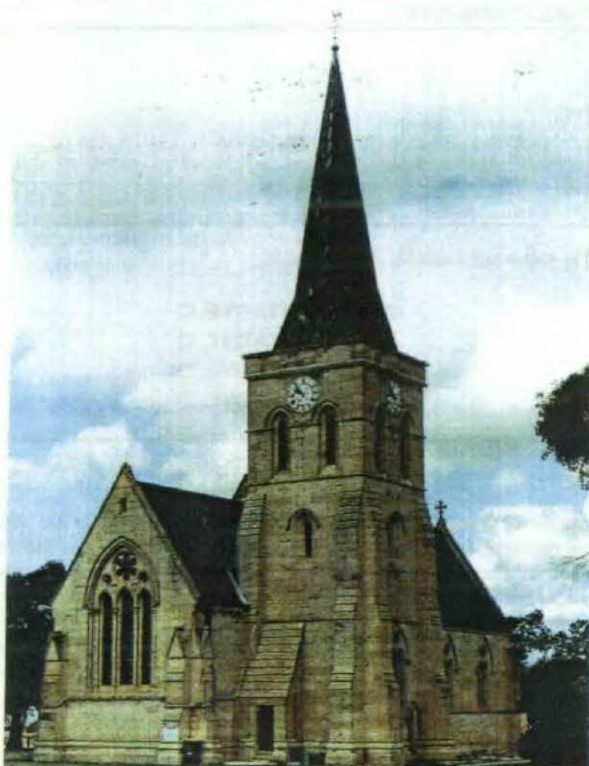


# MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY

## Inventory 1996

### ST ALBANS ANGLICAN CHURCH - LOWER BROOK STREET - MUSWELLBROOK

<p><b>PRESENT NAME</b> <i>St Albans Anglican Church</i></p> <p><b>PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES</b></p>	<p><b>REFERENCE No</b> <i>MUSW/R001a</i></p> <p><b>PREVIOUS REFERENCE No</b></p> <p><b>DATE INSPECTED</b> <i>15th February 1996</i></p>
<p><b>LOCATION</b></p> <p><b>STREET No</b> <b>STREET NAME</b> <i>Brook Street (cnr Hunter's Terrace)</i></p> <p><b>TOWN/SUBURB</b> <i>Muswellbrook</i> <b>POSTCODE</b> <i>2333</i></p> <p><b>LOCALITY</b> <i>Muswellbrook</i></p> <p><b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA</b> <i>MUSWELLBROOK</i></p>	<p><b>SITE SKETCH PLAN</b></p> 
<p><b>PRESENT OWNER</b></p> <p><b>TYPE</b> <i>Church</i></p>	<p><b>PROPERTY DETAILS:</b></p> <p><b>a REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION</b> <i>Psh Rowan County Durham Lots 17-20 S6 DP758740</i></p> <p><b>b SITE AREA</b> <i>6279m<sup>2</sup></i></p> <p><b>c EXISTING ZONING</b> <i>5(a) - Special Uses - Church</i></p>
<p><b>CATEGORY</b> <i>Building</i></p> <p><b>SUB CATEGORY</b> <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION</b> <i>1864-69</i></p> <p><b>ARCHITECT/DESIGNER</b> <i>Sir George Gilbert Scot</i></p> <p><b>BUILDER</b> <i>Black &amp; Son</i></p>	<p><b>MAP REFERENCE</b> <i>'56' 300840E, 6428300N AMG Muswellbrook 9033-II-N</i></p> 
<p><b>PHOTOGRAPH</b></p> 	



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**HISTORICAL NOTES**  
  

Erected 1864-69, the Church is unique to Australia, being the only one known to have been designed by Sir George Gilbert Scot and executed in this country. John Horbury Hunt supervised and detailed the building including gothic stone walls, a slate roof and a square north-east tower make up the exterior of this imposing building, but there is much more to see inside, from the roof, with its varying scissor truss and collar vaulting and polychrome decoration, to the floor of Minton and Holins tiles and all that lies between. Some of the 'between' includes the following: a complete set of stained glass windows by Howard Bros. of Frome, Somerset, England; a four bay nave with south aisle and arcade; limestone reredos designed by Pirie and Clyne of Aberdeen, Scotland and carved by an Englishman, Harry Hemes; the 1868 organ; original oak pews and a nine shafted carved stone font. (Note: The original St Albans Church was constructed of brick and built by Captain Scott of 'Bengalla' using convict labour. It was built in 1843 and was located opposite the present church).

**PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS / DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS**  
  

<b>a ARCH. STYLE</b> <i>English Victorian Gothic Revival</i>	<b>MATERIALS:</b> <i>Exterior Stone and slate roof and copper spire</i>
<b>b OTHER DETAILS OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE</b> <i>Bellcote and original gothic design timber picket fence. Freestanding timber belltower. Mature 19th century plantings.</i>	
<b>c MODIFICATIONS</b> <i>Stone entrance gate posts</i>	
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**INFORMATION SOURCES**  
  

<b>WRITTEN</b>	<i>National Trust Classification Sheet Muswellbrook Historical Society</i>
<b>ORAL</b>	
<b>GRAPHIC</b>	<i>National Trust Classification Sheet</i>

**EVALUATION CRITERIA**      (S) = STATE (R) = REGIONAL (L) = LOCAL  
  

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
  

Historically the Church is of significance to the region for being the major centre for Anglican worship in the mid-19th century and for one hundred and thirty years. It is an indication of the regional significance of the town of Muswellbrook over that time. Aesthetically the Church has state rarity for being the only example of a famous English Architect's interpretation of the style in Australia - and for the collaboration between that Architect and the Hunter region's most famous 19th century Architect. Socially the Church has regional significance for playing a central role in the spiritual lives of generations of district residents. Its scale indicates the size of its congregational catchment. Scientifically the building and its curtilage have state significance for their potential to reveal information about the role of internationally-recognised craftsmen in the design of major ecclesiastical buildings in the 19th century and about the skills of two major Architects of the period.