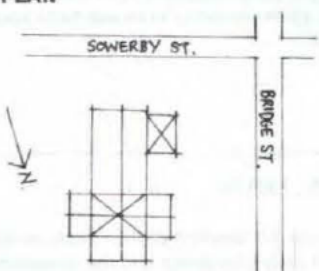




MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY

Inventory 1996

ST JOHNS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - MUSWELLBROOK

<p>PRESENT NAME <i>St Johns Presbyterian Church</i></p> <p>PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES</p>	<p>REFERENCE No <i>MUSW/R019a</i></p> <p>PREVIOUS REFERENCE No</p> <p>DATE INSPECTED <i>18th March 1996</i></p>
<p>LOCATION</p> <p>STREET No STREET NAME <i>Hill Street, north side and mid-way between Bridge and Sowerby Streets</i></p> <p>TOWN/SUBURB <i>Muswellbrook</i> POSTCODE <i>2333</i></p> <p>LOCALITY <i>Muswellbrook</i></p> <p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA <i>MUSWELLBROOK</i></p>	<p>SITE SKETCH PLAN</p> 
<p>PRESENT OWNER</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>TYPE <i>Church</i></p>	<p>PROPERTY DETAILS:</p> <p>a REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION <i>Lot 21 DP828480</i></p> <p>b SITE AREA <i>5391m²</i></p> <p>c EXISTING ZONING <i>5(a) - Special Uses - Church</i></p>
<p>CATEGORY <i>Building</i></p> <p>SUB CATEGORY <i>Church</i></p> <p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <i>1913-15</i></p> <p>ARCHITECT/DESIGNER <i>W.L. Pender - Designer; James Hicks</i></p> <p>BUILDER <i>Barrett and Sons</i></p>	<p>MAP REFERENCE <i>'56' 301220E, 6428480N AMG Muswellbrook 9033-II-N</i></p> 
<p>PHOTOGRAPH</p> 	

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HISTORICAL NOTES

A testimony to the strength of the Presbyterian community in the town, this precinct includes the 1840's church (site selected, July 1843), the manse, and early graveyard and the current church (1913-15). Associated with the first church were several of the district's most significant pioneers, particularly George Bowman, J.H. Keys, T.S. Hall, Ebenezer Hall and Donald McIntyre. The present church was designed by W.L. Pender and is constructed of red brick with a slate roof, decorated Gothic windows, parapets and an ornamented iron and brick fence. The interior is very fine and complex for a Presbyterian Church as it features a double hammer beam roof, a herring bone ceiling and a complete set of stained glass windows. On the west side of the church are the headstones of early Presbyterian pioneers.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS / DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

a ARCH. STYLE Federation Gothic	MATERIALS: Exterior Brick with stone details, slate roof and zinc sheeting to spire. Interior Double hammer beam timber roof with herring bone ceiling.
b OTHER DETAILS OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE Ornamental gothic cast iron and brick fence/entry gates	
c MODIFICATIONS	
d CURRENT CONDITIONS <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INTACT <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - UNSYMPATHETIC <input type="checkbox"/> ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> REPAIRS REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - SYMPATHETIC </div> </div>	

INFORMATION SOURCES

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically the building has local significance representing the development of the Presbyterian Church in the post-railway, boom-period of Muswellbrook. Aesthetically the well-proportioned and detailed tower and spire as well as the expensively-detailed interior, give the building regional rarity and significance. Its local social significance derives from its continuing importance to generations of local Presbyterians, while its local scientific significance relates to its potential to reveal information about the scale and characteristics of Presbyterian worship in the early 19th century in a major upper-Hunter town.