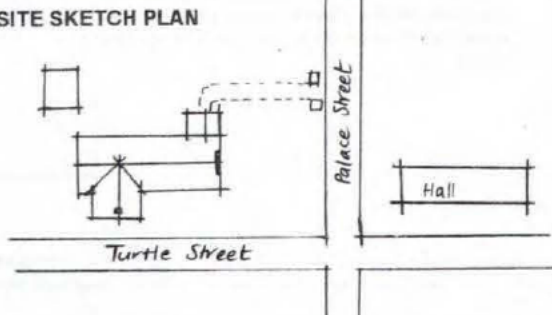




# MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY

## Inventory 1996

### ST MATTHIAS CHURCH - DENMAN

PRESENT NAME <i>St Matthias Anglican Church</i>		REFERENCE No <i>DENM/R005a</i>
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES		PREVIOUS REFERENCE No
		DATE INSPECTED <i>15th February 1996</i>
LOCATION STREET No <i>1-25</i> STREET NAME <i>Palace Street</i> TOWN/SUBURB <i>Denman</i> POSTCODE <i>2328</i> LOCALITY <i>Denman</i> LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA <i>MUSWELLBROOK</i>		SITE SKETCH PLAN 
PRESENT OWNER [REDACTED]	TYPE <i>Church</i>	PROPERTY DETAILS:
		a REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 2107 DP864033
		b SITE AREA 5751 m <sup>2</sup>
		c EXISTING ZONING 5(a) - Special Uses - Church 2(a) - Residential 'A'
CATEGORY <i>Building</i>		MAP REFERENCE '56' 282460E, 6413560N AMG Denman 9033-III-S
SUB CATEGORY <i>Church</i>		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <i>1871-1874</i>		
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER <i>J. Horbury Hunt</i>		
BUILDER <i>Owen Hudson</i>		
PHOTOGRAPH		
		

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**HISTORICAL NOTES**  
  

*Built between 1871 and 1874, this stone church was designed by J. Horbury Hunt, the first of several commissions he had from the White family. According to Professor Freeland, Hunt's biographer, this is an impressive building, its design "almost a hundred years ahead of its time".*

**PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS / DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS**  
  

<b>a ARCH. STYLE</b> <i>Victorian Gothic</i>  <b>b OTHER DETAILS OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE</b>  <b>c MODIFICATIONS</b> <i>New boundary fencing</i>  <b>d CURRENT CONDITIONS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INTACT <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - UNSYMPATHETIC <input type="checkbox"/> ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	<b>MATERIALS:</b> <b>Exterior</b> <i>Stone Walls / Tile Roof</i> <b>Interior</b> <i>Timber truss hardwood roofing.</i> <i>Furniture designed by Hunt. Organ by J.W. Walker &amp; Sons, London.</i>
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**INFORMATION SOURCES**  
  

**WRITTEN**    *Biography of Horbury Hunt by J.M. Freeland "Architect Extraordinary. The Life and Work of John Horbury Hunt" R.A.H.S. Vol. 39 Part 3 1953 p. 134*  
                  *Centenary Souvenir of Denman Parish 1876-1976*

**ORAL**  
**GRAPHIC**

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
  

*Historically the building is of local significance because it represents the establishment of the Church of England in Denman. Aesthetically it is regionally significant for the uniqueness of its composition and because it is an important work in the oeuvre of the region's most significant architect of the late 19th century. Socially the building is of local significance to the parishioners of the Anglican Church in Denman, while scientifically the building is of regional significance; it has the potential to reveal information which could contribute to an understanding of the scale of resources of patrons of the church in the Upper Hunter in the late 19th century and about the size of the Anglican catchment of the time. The church has local rarity but is representative of Hunt's work at a regional level.*