

Local Heritage Register: Salvation Army Citadel



Methodist Church, opening 1924

Building Name :	Salvation Army Citadel / Methodist Church
Street Address:	50 Gregory Street
Property Description :	Lot 28 on RP716894
Land Area:	2783m ²

Description

The foundation stone for this building was laid in June 1923, after the original church was destroyed in the 1918 cyclone. The new church was named after Charles Green, founder of the Primitive Methodist Church in Mackay.

The first church service was held in Charles Green's home on the cnr of Sydney and Albert Streets. After the Methodist Church amalgamated with the Uniting Church in 1977, the final church service was held on 22 August, 1982. The building was sold to the Salvation Army in September, 1983.

The Building

The building features two end walls of thick rendered masonry which rise to an apex. The steep pitched roof of corrugated galvanised iron meets the walls at a lower level and is step flashed against the parapet so formed.

Inclined buttresses stand all around, as angle buttresses at all corners and wall buttresses down the sides between the windows. The eaves come to the edge of the side buttresses, so visually there is no overhang. The eaves line is low to the ground.

A steep skillion-roofed porch is attached in front, its walls of buttressed rendered masonry.

In front again is a portico with a single large central pointed arched door. Windows are let in the sides only; vertical, rectangular, with Gothic heads.

History

The building at 50 Gregory Street was built in 1923 and was used as the Methodist Church of Mackay for fifty years. The place has historical associations with both the Methodist Church and the Salvation Army, and demonstrates the interwar building boom following the destruction of the 1918 cyclone.

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Methodist Church who used this site from the 1880s through to the 1980s, and the Salvation Army who have had a presence in Mackay since 1886, and an association with the site for over 30 years.



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Statement of Historical Significance

Criteria	Significance
A: Historical significance	The building meets this criterion, due to age and use as the Methodist Church for 50 years. Post amalgamation with the Uniting Church, it was sold to the Salvation Army in 1983. The place has historical associations with both the Methodist Church and the Salvation Army, and is important in demonstrating the Interwar building boom following the destruction of the 1918 cyclone.
B: All aspects of heritage significance	Does not meet this criterion.
C: Scientific significance	Does not meet this criterion.
D: Architectural significance	Does not meet this criterion.
E: Aesthetic /architectural significance	Does not meet this criterion.
F: Aesthetic or other significance	Does not meet this criterion.
G: Social significance	The place is significant for its association with the Methodist Church who used this site from the 1880s through to the 1980s, and the Salvation Army who have had a presence in Mackay since 1886, and the Gregory Street site for over 30 years.
H: Historical significance	Does not meet this criterion.

References:

- Woods, R., 1995, 'Heritage Places Criteria', (ID 29), Mackay City Council
- Telegraph (Brisbane, Qld: 1872 - 1947), Thursday 24 January 1924 (pg. 5)
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