

Local Heritage Register: St Patrick's Church



St Patrick's Church 1989, Mackay Regional Council

Building Name :	St Patrick's Church
Street Address	12C River Street
Property Description :	Lot 1 on RP700785
Land Area:	1042m ²

Description

Located at the end of Gregory Street on River Street, this imposing Spanish Mission style brick church is a landmark building for the city.

The current St Patrick's Church is the fourth to be constructed on the site and was constructed in 1961-63. It was designed by prominent Mackay architect, Harold Vivian Marsh Brown in the Spanish mission style, and is important in demonstrating the growth of the Catholic Church in Mackay in the twentieth century.

Its immediate predecessor was a wooden structure built

by Charles Porter in 1901 who also constructed the adjacent presbytery. The current church stands impressively directly at the head of Gregory Street and is clearly visible from the city centre.

The site of St Patrick's Church has had a special association with the Catholic community in the Mackay region as a centre of local worship, for over 150 years.



The church constructed by Charles Porter in 1901. Copyright Mackay City Library image 00259

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In 2016 St Patrick's celebrated 150 years of the parish.

Right: St Patricks Church, 2010, Mackay Regional Council



Statement of Historical Significance

Criteria	Significance
A: Historical significance	St Patrick's Church is the fourth to be constructed on the site and was constructed in 1961-63. It was designed by prominent Mackay architect, Harold Brown in the Spanish Mission style, and is important in demonstrating the growth of the Catholic church in Mackay in the twentieth century.
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	The building is positioned in a prominent location along River Street with significant views to the building from Gregory Street.
F: Aesthetic or other significance	Does not meet this criterion.
G: Social significance	The site of St Patrick's Church has had a special association with the Catholic community in the Mackay region as a centre of local worship, for over 150 years.
H: Historical significance	Does not meet this criterion.

References:

- St Patrick's College Newsletter, May 2016, <http://www.stpats.qld.edu.au/index.php/news-events/newsletter>
- Butler, G & Associates, 1994, 'Mackay Region Heritage Pilot Study', page 164, Mackay City Council

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