

Heritage Item #

MI Reference: 77 HCWA No: 1842	Place Name: St Nicholas' Anglican Church	Other Name/s: Uniting Church, Methodist Church (fmr)
		Date of Review: October 2021



Address: 4605 Great Eastern Highway, Bakers Hill	Lot No: 61 Property Key: Plan Diagram: Vol Folio: Assess No: A1562
Locality: Bakers Hill	GPS:
Current Use: Church	Original Use(s): Watering place

HERITAGE LISTINGS

Listings:

CONSTRUCTION

Date of Construction: 1933

Architect / Builder:

Architectural Style: Inter-War

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

St Nicholas' Anglican Church, located off Great Eastern Highway in Bakers Hill, is a single storey timber weatherboard building with a corrugated short sheet steel gable roof built in the Inter-War period.

The building is situated in a grass clearing on the northern side of Great Eastern Highway. The building is raised on timber stumps to accommodate the slope of the site. The stumps, bearers and joists are all exposed along the northern elevation.

The building has a simple rectilinear form with timber clad gables to each end. A timber cross sits above the eastern gable. The building has exposed rafters with no gutters. Two double timber doors address the eastern and southern facades with the main entrance being to the east. Timber casement windows address the northern and western elevations with flat tin awnings above.

Attached to the eastern façade is a covered area with a corrugated steel gable roof supported by square timber posts. The covered area has a brick paved floor and a ramp with a steel railing to the northern side supported by a rock embankment. There is dense vegetation along the eastern façade and some additional planting surrounding the remaining sides.

Condition: Good
HISTORICAL
Notes: The Church was built as a Methodist Church in 1933, costing 37 pounds 8s 2d and erected for 6 pounds. An organ (manufactured in 1896) was donated to the church by A and C Smith and family. The money for the church was loaned by Bert Skews, to be repaid at a later date. The building was also used as a schoolroom in the 1950s and it was used for Church of England services between 1950-1980. It then went through a period when it was not used much, but use picked up again and monthly services were held. The Anglican Church purchased the building in 1994, with two services held every month.
Theme: Church, Cathedral or Chapel, Religion
Associations:
Heritage Assessment or Conservation Plan: Conservation Plan – Anglican Churches Northam 2003
Public Access: Yes
SIGNIFICANCE
Level of Integrity: High
Level of Authenticity: High
Statement of Significance:
St Nicholas' Anglican Church is of cultural heritage significance for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The place has aesthetic significance as an example of a small church servicing a rural community. • The place has social significance, demonstrating how church communities grow and shrink over the years. The church was once a Methodist Church, but is now owned by the Anglican Church.
Level of Significance: Considerable
Heritage Category: 2

Additional Photographs	
	
South Façade Source: Municipal Heritage Inventory, 2012	Front verandah Source: Stephen Carrick Architects October 2021



North Façade
Source: Stephen Carrick Architects
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Front Door
Source: Stephen Carrick Architects
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