



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 2356
2. **NAME** *Black Range Church* (1908)
FORMER NAME St Athanasius' Roman Catholic Church
3. **LOCATION** Cnr Oroya & Thaduna Sts, Sandstone
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 244 on Deposited Plan 223094 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 2176 Folio: 505.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Sandstone
6. **OWNER** Shire of Sandstone
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 23/01/2004
Permanent Entry 20/07/2004
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 25/06/1997
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Black Range Church, a timber-framed, corrugated iron-clad auditory-plan church in the Federation Gothic style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a rare surviving example of a timber-framed corrugated iron-clad church lined internally with pressed metal;

the place was constructed as a response to the influx of population to the area following the discovery of gold near Sandstone in 1903, and was an important public building in the mining settlement;

the place was constructed in 1908, only two years after the establishment of Sandstone, to serve the local Catholic population, and was regularly used for Catholic worship until the 1970s; and,

the current use of the place as an interdenominational church provides evidence of trends towards greater ecumenism brought about in the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries by shrinking rural populations and the relaxation of rigid denominational distinctions, and provides a social and religious meeting place in the town.