



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES - ASSESSMENT DOCUMENTATION

11. ASSESSMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The criteria adopted by the Heritage Council in November 1996 have been used to determine the cultural heritage significance of the place.

The wording of this document has been adapted from Former Seventh Day Adventist Church, Bookara Conservation Plan with amendments and/or additions by HCWA staff and the Register Committee.

PRINCIPAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORIC THEME(S)

- 6.5 Educating people in remote places
- 8.6.1 Worshipping together
- 8.6.4 Making places for worship

HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA THEME(S)

- 402 Education and science
- 406 Religion

11.1 AESTHETIC VALUE*

Seventh Day Adventist Church (fmr) is a simple church constructed in locally quarried stone in the Victorian Georgian style, in a pastoral setting, which marks the southern end of the wider Greenough Flats historic precinct. (Criteria 1.1 & 1.3)

Seventh Day Adventist Church (fmr) is one of the remaining elements of the historic Bookara locality, and together with the other buildings of the area characterised by similar building materials and forms, and collectively forms a significant cultural landscape. (Criterion 1.4)

11.2. HISTORIC VALUE

Seventh Day Adventist Church (fmr) was first Seventh Day Adventist church to be constructed in Western Australia, representing an important stage in the evolution of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in the State. (Criterion 2.2)

The construction of *Seventh Day Adventist Church (fmr)* in 1905 reflected the high local concentration of Seventh Day Adventists, the strong influence of their faith in the Bookara community, and their optimism in the future of their church, for what was, at the time, not a widely practised denomination within Western Australia. As one of the first public buildings in the area, it is

* For consistency, all references to architectural style are taken from Apperly, Richard; Irving, Robert and Reynolds, Peter *A Pictorial Guide to Identifying Australian Architecture: Styles and Terms from 1788 to the Present*, Angus & Robertson, North Ryde, 1989.

also indicative of the pioneering and leadership role that churches often took within local communities. (Criterion 2.2)

The construction of *Seventh Day Adventist Church (fmr)* in 1905 and its later vestibule addition in 1941 reflected the continuing prosperity of the region and the continuing importance of the church within the community. The closure of *Seventh Day Adventist Church (fmr)* in 1954 is indicative of the decline of the small rural community of Bookara, reflecting the situation that occurred in many small wheat-growing areas in Western Australia. (Criterion 2.2)

Seventh Day Adventist Church (fmr) has a strong association with many of the pioneering families within the wider Greenough region, including the Hollingsworth, Edwards and Stokes families, who were the founding practitioners of the Seventh Day Adventist faith in the region. Mary Hollingsworth donated the land for the construction of a church in 1902. (Criterion 2.3)

11. 3. SCIENTIFIC VALUE

11. 4. SOCIAL VALUE

The importance and value of religion and its rituals to society is reflected through the decision of the Bookara Seventh Day Adventist church community to build and maintain their own church building between 1905 and 1954. The social value of *Seventh Day Adventist Church (fmr)* is further evidenced by its inclusion in the Shire of Irwin's Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places. (Criterion 4.1)

12. DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE

12. 1. RARITY

12. 2 REPRESENTATIVENESS

Seventh Day Adventist Church (fmr) is representative of a simple single roomed church building which is a common feature in rural areas. (Criterion 6.2)

12. 3 CONDITION

Seventh Day Adventist Church (fmr) is in a derelict state.

The entry vestibule has been stripped of its cladding, cracking has occurred in the original walls as a result of movement and areas of stonework and plaster have deteriorated due to the cracking, vandalism and moisture ingress. All window sashes are missing and the existing frames have deteriorated through exposure to the elements. The roof and gutters are in poor condition, and the timber floor and structure have been partly removed and most of the items of joinery removed.

12. 4 INTEGRITY

Seventh Day Adventist Church (fmr) retains a moderate degree of integrity. The place was constructed as a church in 1905, and although used briefly as a

school and having remained unoccupied since 1954, could be returned to use as a church with only restoration work required.

12.5 AUTHENTICITY

Overall, *Seventh Day Adventist Church (fmr)* retains a low to moderate degree of authenticity. The remaining fabric is authentic, being extant from the original 1905 building and the 1941 addition, although nearly all of the remaining fabric has suffered damage through pilfering, vandalism or decay.

13. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

Key sections of the supporting evidence have been taken from 'Former Seventh Day Adventist Church Building, Bookara' Conservation Plan, prepared for the owner, Jennifer Zalmstra, by Eastman & Poletti Architects Pty Ltd, in January 2002.

Key sections used: 1.0 Documentary Evidence (p4-35), 2.0 Physical Evidence (p36-54), 3.0 Analysis of Documentary and Physical Evidence (p55-61), 5.4 Schedule of Items (p69).

13.1 DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

For a discussion of the Documentary Evidence, refer to 'Former Seventh Day Adventist Church Building, Bookara' Conservation Plan, prepared for the owner, Jennifer Zalmstra, by Eastman & Poletti Architects Pty Ltd, in January 2002.

13.2 PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

For a discussion of the Physical Evidence, refer to 'Former Seventh Day Adventist Church Building, Bookara' Conservation Plan, prepared for the owner, Jennifer Zalmstra, by Eastman & Poletti Architects Pty Ltd, in January 2002.

13.3 COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

For a Comparative Analysis, refer to 'Former Seventh Day Adventist Church Building, Bookara' Conservation Plan, prepared for the owner, Jennifer Zalmstra, by Eastman & Poletti Architects Pty Ltd, in January 2002.

13.4 KEY REFERENCES

'Former Seventh Day Adventist Church Building, Bookara' Conservation Plan, prepared for the owner, Jennifer Zalmstra, by Eastman & Poletti Architects Pty Ltd, in January 2002.

13.5 FURTHER RESEARCH
