

Monday, 8 September 2025

To: Heritage Branch  
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Emailed to: heritage@des.qld.gov.au

**Subject: Submission on the nomination of St Matthews Church Mundingburra to the Queensland Heritage Register**

Dear Heritage Branch,  
The Queensland Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects (Institute) welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission regarding the nomination of St Matthews Church Mundingburra to the Queensland Heritage Register.

As the peak professional body representing architects in Queensland, the Institute is committed to the conservation and recognition of places of cultural heritage significance. We have reviewed the nomination and support the inclusion of the place into the State Heritage Register.

The reasons for our support are as follows:

1. It is an important post WWII church and memorial built to commemorate the fallen in WWII as well as being an important example of post-WWII modernist design – Criterion A
2. St Matthews demonstrates the principal characteristics of post-World War II church architecture built on traditional liturgy but in a Modernist style– Criterion D
3. St Matthews won one of only two awards handed out by the Queensland Chapter of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (Australian Institute of Architects) in 1960 – Criterion E
4. The architects Lund, Hutton, Newell, Black and Paulsen were a highly regarded Queensland firm who had a history of ecclesiastic buildings in the modern style in the 1950s and 1960s – Criterion H

Should the place not be heritage listed by the State, it is recommended that Townsville City Council be requested to add the church to its local heritage register.

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this important process and welcome further consultation as the assessment progresses. Please do not hesitate to contact us should further information be required.

Kind regards,



Caroline Stalker  
Queensland Chapter President  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Heritage Register Number (HRN): 650287 St Matthew's Anglican Church Mundingburra, cnr Bowen & Carmody Street and 6 Carmody Street, Hermit Park.**

Docomomo Australia makes the following submission in support for the nomination of the St Matthew's Anglican church into the Queensland Heritage Register.

St Matthew's Anglican Church Mundingburra is undoubtable of state significance for its architectural qualities and is a highly significant example of church design in the development of modern church architecture in Queensland.

This is demonstrated by the reception of the building when it opened as an exemplar of Queensland architecture. In 1957 *Cross-Section*, a newsletter published by the Department of Architecture at the University of Melbourne, featured this building and described it as "pointedly independent of irrelevant influence, old or overseas" and noted that its design "had the enthusiastic support of North Qland's Bishop, & generous praise from Archbishop Halse, so it should not remain an isolated example." (*Cross-Section*, no.56 (June 1957), 2).

The church was also featured in *Architecture in Australia*, various church history publications, by the Queensland chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects and was included in major surveys of Australian architecture of the period by (Sydney-based) architectural historians (most notably Jennifer Taylor and Peter Freeland). The building was also awarded a Queensland Chapter of the Institute of Architects award in 1959/1960.

As nominated by the applicant, we believe this church meets the thresholds for listing under criteria A, D and F.

We also suggest the heritage branch and the Queensland heritage Council consider criteria E and H. The publications and awards gained provide substantive support for criterion E. As the work of Ian Alexander Black FRAIA (1923–1966) of Ford Hutton and Newell (the Brisbane and Townsville based practice that became Lund Hutton Newell Black and Paulsen) criterion H should be considered.

Yours faithfully

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I write to confirm my support for the nomination of the St Matthew's Anglican church into the Queensland Heritage Register. This late-1950s church building is highly significant at the local and the state level.

I also write to provide further information for the department's and the heritage council's consideration of this nomination. This information has been collated with reference to my doctoral dissertation entitled 'Communities of Faith: Modern church architecture in Queensland 1945-1977', which show cased this building in chapter 3. While the dissertation is not public available, I can also share that a monograph will be available late-November this year as *Constructing Faith in the Antipodes: Modern Church Architecture in Queensland 1945-1977* (Leuven University Press, KADOC Artes Series). St Matthews is the feature church of chapter 3 in this forthcoming publication.

During my research I have sourced and referenced the following for this church:

- *Cross-Section*, no.56 June 1957
- *Architecture in Australia*, April-June 1958 pp46-47
- *Buildings of Queensland*, 1959, p35
- *RAIA 1961-62 Year Book* p30
- *Cross-Section*, no.113 March 1962
- *RAIA Qld Chapter Centreline*, Dec 1966
- Freeland, J.M. *Architecture in Australia: a history*. Melbourne: F.W. Cheshire Publishing Pty Ltd., 1968, pp289-290

- Taylor, J. *Australian Architecture Since 1960* (Sydney: The Law Book Co., 1986) p117
- Hampson, A, 1987 (dissertation)
- UQFL211 *Lund Hutton Ryan Morton Collection*
- Moore 2001 (dissertation)
- *Shevill*, Ian Watton Allnutt. *Half Time*. Brisbane: Jacaranda Press, 1966.

In 2018 I visited the Anglican Diocese of North Queensland archives and viewed the following references, which I have also cited within my research:

- drawings (Louis Williams, Ford Hutton & Newell, Black & Company, Green & Illman Architects)
- Your Anglican Church, The Parish of St. Matthew Mundingburra (funds canvass booklet)
- St. Matthew's Parish Mundingburra 1902-1982 Outline of Growth
- *The Diocese of North Queensland Centenary Book 1878-1978*
- Fraser, Ross (ed), *NQ 1878-1958, 80 Years of Anglican Progress*
- Rowland, E.C. *The Tropics for Christ: Being a history of the Diocese of North Queensland*. Townsville: Diocese of North Queensland, 1960.
- *St Matthew's Church 1902-2002 Centenary Booklet*

This church may have gained two Queensland RAIA awards: the Country Award in 1959; and the Meritorious Architecture Award Dec 1960. I have found references to both in published literature of the time. On this basis, I would encourage the department to also consider if this church thresholds for criterion E.

I visited the church myself in 2018, during my North Queensland doctoral fieldwork. It was in good conditional and high intact (except for the removed free-standing tower).

Thanks in advance for your consideration of this submission and the accompanying information.

Kind regards,



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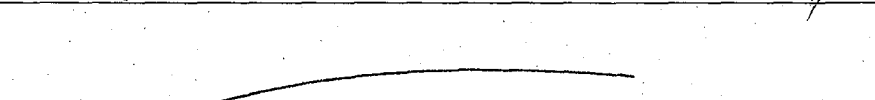
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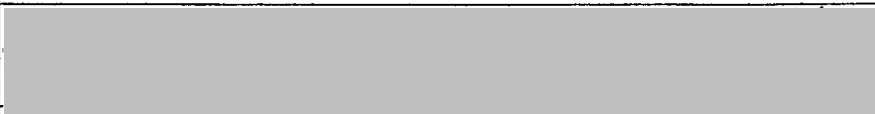

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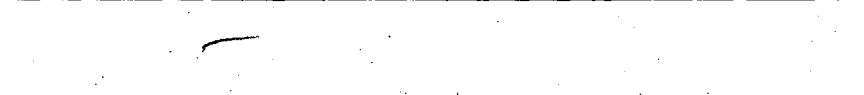
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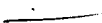
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