

Irwin Shire Council

Municipal Inventory Place Record

Place Details **Place Number:** 002 **Category:** 1A **HCWA No:** 1240
TPS No: 03 **Assessment Date:** 05/08/1997 **Last Revision Date:** 30/07/2004

Name:

Former Name: Seventh Day Adventist Church

Type of Place: Church

Address: Cnr. Brand Highway & Bookara East Road

Map Reference BOOKARA NW 1:25000

Locality Name: Bookara

Area of Site:

GPS Northing:

GPS Easting:

Photograph

Date of Photograph: 22/07/2004

Source: G.W.Grundy



North elevation of church

Ownership

Owner: C. B. & J. M. Zalmstra

Owner Phone/Fax:

Address: PO Box 31, Geraldton, 6531

Site Details

Lot/Locn: Pt Loc 738 Lot 16

Diagram/Plan: P22583

Vol/Folio: 2136/60.

Reserve:

Purpose:

Assess No: 5613

Vesting:

Occupied: No

Occupier:

PubAccess: No

Lease:

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Heritage Places on 16 December 2003 (on a permanent basis). In April 2004 the owners received a federally funded heritage conservation grant and plan to repair the stonework and reroof the building. (Source: IDHS records, letter from Seventh Day Adventist Church, Perth, HCWA Database, email from J. Zalmstra, Bookara Seventh Day Adventist Church Conservation Plan)

Chronology Entries

1905 The first Seventh Day Adventist Church was built at Bookara on land donated by the Hollingsworth family.

Irwin District Historical Society Records

Historic Theme(s)

HCWA	AHC
406 Religion	8.6.1 Worshipping together
104 Land allocation and subdivision	8.6.2 Maintaining religious traditions and ceremonies
	8.6.3 Founding Australian religious institutions

Statement of Significance

Seventh Day Adventist Church (fmr), constructed in locally quarried stone and corrugated iron in the Victorian Georgian style, is of cultural heritage significance for the following reasons: notwithstanding its derelict state, the place was the first Seventh Day Adventist church to be constructed in Western Australia; the place is one of the remaining components of the historic Bookara locality, marking the southern edge of the Greenough Flats historic precinct, and together with the other buildings of the area characterised by similar building materials and forms, collectively forms a significant cultural landscape; the construction of the place 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 practiced denomination within Western Australia; the construction of the place in 1905 and its later vestibule addition in 1941 reflected the continuing prosperity of the Bookara region and the continuing importance of the place within the community. Its closure in 1956 is a reflection of the decline of the small rural community of Bookara; and the place 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 members of the Seventh Day Adventist congregation in the Bookara region.

Management Category: 1A

PERMANENT ENTRY ON THE STATE REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES.
Highest level of protection appropriate. Provide maximum incentives under the Town Planning Scheme with encouragement to the owner to conserve the significance of the place. Prepare a floor plan and photographically record the place prior to any redevelopment.

Other Listings

NTWA - Classified; 10/10/1983
Shire of Irwin - Town Planning Scheme (03); 10/03/1998
HCWA - State Heritage Register (Interim); 27/06/2003
HCWA - State Heritage Register (Permanent); 16/12/2003

Supporting Information

IDHS Records
AHC Reference 009671 01-02, Nominated 30/5/1984
HCWA Database No.1240
Bookara Seventh Day Adventist Church Conservation Plan, Bruce Sherwood, Eastman, Poletti, Sherwood Architects.

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Additional Photographs

Date of Photograph: 22/07/2004 IR002-1

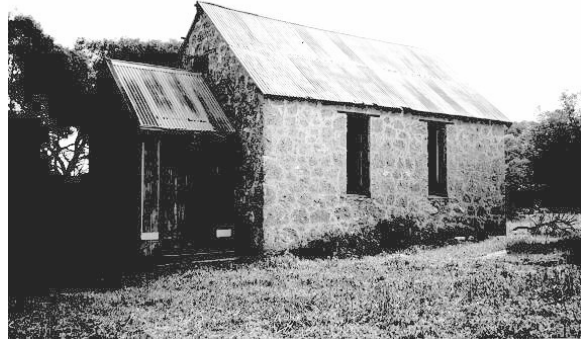
Source: G.W.Grundy



South and west elevations of church

Date of Photograph: 5/08/1997 IR002-2

Source: Suba & Grundy



South and west elevations of church
