



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

### Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 01188
2. **NAME** *Church of St Nicholas, Australind* (c.1844; 1915; 1965; 2008)  
**FORMER NAME** Narroway's Cottage; The Little Church; Congregational Church.
3. **LOCATION** Lot 324, Paris Road, Australind
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Lot 324 on Deposited Plan 302294 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 621 Folio 96
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Harvey
6. **OWNER** Diocesan Trustees of Bunbury Incorporated
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	24/02/2009
	Permanent Entry	15/12/2009
• National Trust Classification:	Recorded	11/06/1973
• Town Planning Scheme:		12/11/1996
• Municipal Inventory:	Included	-----
• Register of the National Estate:	Indicative	-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*Church of St Nicholas, Australind* a single-storey timber building with a corrugated zinc coated steel roof set in a landscaped garden, built c.1844 as a residence in the Old Colonial Georgian style and converted to use as a church in 1850, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a substantially intact and rare example of the type of dwelling erected by Australind colonists following their arrival in Western Australia;

the place is a rare example of a colonist's first cottage which has retained its original form rather than becoming part of later extensions;

the place has value as a landmark in Australind due to its continuity of form since the 1840s and function since 1850; together with the adjacent

properties of Upton House and Henton Cottage, the three properties form a significant precinct;

the pews are a good example of colonial church furniture and other items, including altar table, font, and pedestal, and contribute to the aesthetic and historic significance of the place;

the place is closely associated with several families who were significant in the establishment of Australind town, district and the wider Shire of Harvey; prominent among these are the extended family of Marshall Waller Clifton, Chief Commissioner for the Western Australian Company who instigated the settlement at Australind; the place is also associated with John Allnutt who instigated the establishment of the Congregation Church in the former residence and was its first lay reader; and William and Sarah Narroway who resided in the building from 1844 to 1850;

the place is valued by the community of Australind and the surrounding district for its association with the Congregational church from 1850 to 1914 and the Anglican Church from 1914 to the present (2008); and,

the place has potential to reveal information on building techniques used by the European settlers at Australind, representing techniques commonly practised in the 1840s.

The second-hand shop adjacent to *Church of St Nicholas, Australind* and the gardens were not included in this assessment.