



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES - ASSESSMENT DOCUMENTATION

## 11. ASSESSMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The criteria adopted by the Heritage Council in September, 1991 have been used to determine the cultural heritage significance of the place.

### 11.1 AESTHETIC VALUE

*St Luke's Church, Cemetery and Belfry* provides a picturesque silhouette in its graveyard setting, which is enhanced by the mature cypress trees and the free standing belfry. The place is a landmark in the town centre because of its setting and style of architecture. (Criteria 1.1, 1.3)

*St Luke's Church, Cemetery and Belfry* illustrates a vernacular style of architecture which has Gothic elements and demonstrates an adaptation of English design built to suit local materials and building methods. Constructed of local stone, it contributes to the aesthetic quality of the environs through the use of materials reflecting the nature of the landscape. (Criterion 1.3)

### 11.2. HISTORIC VALUE

*St Luke's Church, Cemetery and Belfry* was the first purpose built place of worship in Gingin. It was built in response to the community's demand for a permanent religious facility and reflects the determination of the local community to consolidate the township of Gingin. The place was also used as the venue for Gingin's first school. (Criterion 2.1)

*St Luke's Church, Cemetery and Belfry* has value for its continuous use as a purpose built religious facility and is reflective of religious practise over the past 135 years. (Criterion 2.1)

*St Luke's Church, Cemetery and Belfry* has a close association with prominent members of the Gingin community, particularly the initial European land holders, the Buckingham family, and the religious leader, Reverend George James Bostock. The graveyard, adjacent to the church, contains the graves of many European settlers of the Gingin district. (Criterion 2.3)

### 11.3. SCIENTIFIC VALUE

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### 11.4. SOCIAL VALUE

*St Luke's Church, Cemetery and Belfry* is highly valued by the community for its religious associations. The place is a site of commemoration of the settlers of the district. (Criterion 4.1)

Due to its continuous use as a place for religious worship and community activities, *St Luke's Church, Cemetery and Belfry* has a strong association with the social development of the Gingin district and the Gingin parish. (Criterion 4.1)

*St Luke's Church, Cemetery and Belfry* contributes to the community's sense of place as a reminder of the mid-nineteenth century development of the Gingin district and the role of religion in that development. (Criterion 4.2)

## **12. DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE**

### **12. 1. RARITY**

*St Luke's Church, Cemetery and Belfry* is an uncommon example of a mid-nineteenth century church set in a surrounding cemetery. (Criterion 5.1)

### **12. 2 REPRESENTATIVENESS**

*St Luke's Church, Cemetery and Belfry* is representative of the style and materials of church construction in the mid-nineteenth century in Western Australia. Its simple structure, and the execution of its construction and detailing, demonstrate building processes using local materials. (Criterion 6.1)

*St Luke's Church, Cemetery and Belfry* has the potential to yield information that contributes to the understanding of the values and customs of the European inhabitants of the Gingin district in the mid-nineteenth century, and the role of religion in their lives. (Criterion 6.2 )

### **12. 3 CONDITION**

Although spalling has damaged the lower course of stonework, and structural movement has caused cracking above and below most openings. *St Luke's Church, Cemetery and Belfry* is in fair condition.

Detailed considerations of condition may be found in the report by Hocking Planning and Architecture Pty. Ltd. 'Heritage Assessment and Conservation Policy for the St Luke's Church cnr Brockman and Weld Streets, Gingin' (prepared for the St Luke's Restoration Committee, June 1995).

This plan has been received by the St Luke's Restoration Committee and is currently being used as the basis for implementation of conservation works to the place.

### **12. 4 INTEGRITY**

*St Luke's Church, Cemetery and Belfry* continues to be used as a place of worship and retains a high degree of integrity.

Integrity is addressed in detail in the report by Hocking Planning and Architecture Pty. Ltd. 'Heritage Assessment and Conservation Policy for the St Luke's Church cnr Brockman and Weld Streets, Gingin' (prepared for the St Luke's Restoration Committee, June 1995).

### **12. 5 AUTHENTICITY**

There have been some alterations and changes in functional and physical requirements in over a century of use which are evident in the church, including the replacement of the original pressed and enamelled windows in the east wall; nevertheless, *St Luke's Church, Cemetery and Belfry* has a high degree of authenticity.

For more detail refer to the report by Hocking Planning and Architecture Pty. Ltd. 'Heritage Assessment and Conservation Policy for the St Luke's Church cnr Brockman and Weld Streets, Gingin' (prepared for the St Luke's Restoration Committee, June 1995).

### **13. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE**

Attached are key sections of the supporting evidence prepared by Hocking Planning and Architecture Pty. Ltd. 'Heritage Assessment and Conservation Policy for the St Luke's Church cnr Brockman and Weld Streets, Gingin' (prepared for the St Luke's Restoration Committee, June 1995).

#### **13.1 DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE**

For a detailed discussion of the documentary evidence, refer to the report by Hocking Planning and Architecture Pty. Ltd. 'Heritage Assessment and Conservation Policy for the St Luke's Church cnr Brockman and Weld Streets, Gingin' (prepared for the St Luke's Restoration Committee, June 1995).

#### **13.2 PHYSICAL EVIDENCE**

For a detailed discussion of the physical evidence, refer to the report by Hocking Planning and Architecture Pty. Ltd. 'Heritage Assessment and Conservation Policy for the St Luke's Church cnr Brockman and Weld Streets, Gingin' (prepared for the St Luke's Restoration Committee, June 1995).

#### **13.3 REFERENCES**

Hocking Planning and Architecture Pty. Ltd. 'Heritage Assessment and Conservation Policy for the St Luke's Church cnr Brockman and Weld Streets, Gingin' (prepared for the St Luke's Restoration Committee, June 1995).