



**HERITAGE
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REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 01358
2. **NAME** *Uniting Church, Katanning* (Church, 1906; Vestry and Schoolroom, 1920; Memorial Hall, 1956; Hall, 1980)
FORMER NAMES Scots' Church (1906-26); Presbyterian Church (1926-77)
3. **LOCATION** Lot 3 and 82, Taylor Street, Katanning
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 1. Lot 3 on Diagram 51923 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1470 Folio 72
 2. Portion of Lot 82 on Plan 309 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 528 Folio 198as shown on Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing 1358 prepared by Whelans
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Katanning
6. **OWNER**
 1. Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust WA
 2. Katanning Road Board
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Permanent Entry	11/07/2008
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		09/01/1998
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	25/01/1996
• Uniting Church Inventory	Recommended RHP	01/10/1996
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Uniting Church, Katanning, a brick church with a corrugated iron roof designed in the Federation Gothic style, completed 1906, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a rare example in Western Australia of a church in Federation Gothic style, with its substantial crenellated tower and tall zinc-clad spire the only such known example;

the crenellated tower, tall zinc-clad spire and large three-lancet window with quatrefoil and flanking trefoils are unusual features that make the place a distinctive landmark, enhanced by the clear view lines afforded to the building by the railway reserve;

the church exemplifies the design skill of its well known architect, F.W. Burwell, the expertise of its builder, Alexander Thomson (later MLA and MLC), and the skill of plumber Charles Mitchell in construction of the spire;

the church is one of a number of substantial Federation period buildings in Katanning, which give the town its unique character, and is part of a precinct of complementary heritage buildings in close proximity to the town centre; and

the place is highly valued by the community of Katanning and the Great Southern Region for social, religious, spiritual and aesthetic reasons.

The jarrah timber weatherboard extension, built as the Vestry and Schoolroom in 1920, has minimal significance. The jarrah timber weatherboard and cement sheet hall of 1956, directly to the rear of the church, has little significance. The red brick hall, kitchen and entrance patio on the east corner is considered intrusive.