

NAME: Chapel and Outbuilding, 1 McLaren Flat Road, KANGARILLA

PLACE NO.: Local, HID 24489

CURRENT USE:	Chapel with outbuilding
FORMER USE:	Chapel with outbuilding
DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION:	1858 with 1883 additions, later additions to outbuilding. Gravestones dating from mid-19 th century.
LOCATION:	1 McLaren Flat Road, KANGARILLA
LAND DESCRIPTION:	CT 5832/446, Section 875, Hundred of Kuitpo
OWNER:	The Synod of South Australia
REGISTER STATUS:	Local, HID 5134



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DESCRIPTION:

C.1858 chapel with c.1883 transept additions, constructed of sandstone rubble with render dating to various periods. Corrugated steel roof with painted timber bargeboards. Gothic pointed arch casement windows to chapel and transept. Lean-to additions to western elevation.

Early outbuilding masonry walls constructed of sandstone rubble with later timber additions forming storage facilities. Original timber hitching posts located to northern boundary wall.

Mid to late 19th century gravestones, formerly located to southern cemetery are now located to northern boundary.

It is recommended that the Kangarilla Uniting Church, 1 McLaren Flat Road, Kangarilla be retained on the Heritage Register as a Local Heritage place.

A delineation of significant historic fabric is provided in the Extent of Listing.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

The Kangarilla Uniting Church is of significance as an early local landmark, meeting place and place of worship for the district.

The Kangarilla Uniting Church's surviving outbuilding walls, hitching posts and surviving gravestones, now included in the updated listing, are representative of developments of the township from the mid-19th century.

RELEVANT CRITERIA (As defined in Section 67(1) of the PDI Act 2016):

(a) The Kangarilla Uniting Church, outbuilding & gravestones display historical, economic or social themes that are of importance to the local area as a significant, early ecclesiastical building for the local district.

(c) The Kangarilla Uniting Church, outbuilding & gravestones have played an important part in the lives of local residents, being a prominent local place of worship since the 1850s and a cemetery for a number of prominent early settlers for the district.

(f) The Kangarilla Uniting Church is a notable landmark for the area, being a prominently located and significant early building for the district since the mid-19th century.

RELEVANT HISTORIC THEMES:

Theme 3: Society, Religion and Education in the Southern Vales

3.5 Religious life

BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

Sited on land conveyed by John Bottrill of 'Scaldwell Farm' in 1853, the current Kangarilla Uniting Church chapel (formerly the Kangarilla Wesleyan chapel) was constructed in 1858, replacing an earlier 1856 building which had collapsed by 1857. Tenders to masons, builders and others for the 'Erection of stone walls of New Wesleyan Chapel, Kangarilla, Eyre's Flat' were quickly advertised by September 1857; the new building was opened by February 1859, completed at the cost of £250. A 'neat' transept was added in 1883, doubling the size of the building at the cost of £300.

Several early outbuilding masonry walls remain on the site, with later timber additions now comprising storage facilities. Original timber hitching posts have survived to the extended northern boundary wall.

An associated cemetery, reputedly located beneath landscaped gardens to the southern portion of the site, included a number of mid to late 19th century gravestones relating to prominent early settlers in the district. It is understood that these gravestones were removed, placed into storage and later repositioned to their current position adjoining the northern boundary in the early 1990s. An anonymous aboriginal grave dating to 1874 has also been previously recorded.

EXTENT OF LISTING:

External form and materials of the c.1858 chapel with later additions. Form and materials of early outbuilding masonry walls, timber hitching posts and 19th century gravestones.

REFERENCES:

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Site of heritage elements at 1 McLaren Flat Road, Kangarilla; (1) chapel (2) outbuilding and hitching wall; (3) relocated early gravestones (Planning SA SAPPa)

CURRENT IMAGES:



Outbuilding wall at 1 McLaren Flat Road, Kangarilla (GGA, 2021)



(left) early masonry outbuilding with later timber additions; (right) original hitching post to outbuilding wall (GGA, 2021).



Mid-19th century gravestones, repositioned to current location in the early 1990s (GGA, 2021).