# **Historical Outline of Catholic Church Built 1902**

"Our Lady of Perpetual Help"

Lot 1 DP 1167323 Formally Part of Portion 39 Parish of Foy 484 Bowmans Creek Road Bowmans Creek 2330 NSW







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# The Ball Family "Grenell" Bowman's Creek

• Thomas and Francis Balls, brothers selected the family property at Bowmans Creek in 1865. Their father Thomas Balls came out from Sylesworth in England in 1834 and lived in Branxton as a Shoemaker. England III 100 i and 11 va III Etainton ao a Shoanalari.

- Francis Balls (1837-1895) and family lived in slab hut on the current house site at "Grenell". His brother Thomas and family lived a few hundred metres away now known as "Grenell Cottage". His son John Allan Ball (1876-1932) (Great Grandfather) and wife Lilly Drake married and had 5 children, Norman being the eldest son (Grandfather).
- In 1902 John Allan Ball donated the land and contributed money for the build of the church.
- In 1918 "Grenell" house was built for John Allan Ball and family. Four generations of Ball's have lived there continuously.
- Norman Ball (1903-1971) inherited the property and continued to live there until he moved to "Grenell Park" at Rouchel in 1957. Norman's eldest son Allan Ball (My Father) (1934-2008) lived in "Grenell" house his entire life. My mother continued to live there until 2014 after his death. My Brother Gregory and family currently reside there.
- Wool was the main income in the earlier years until the 1940's. Increase in dingoes prompted the graziers to switch from wool to beef. "Grenell" property ran 400 sheep in the 1940's. The property is now operated by my brother Greg Ball running around 800 head of cattle.
- A Post Office and Telephone Exchange was operated for many years in 1940's and 1950's.





Digital, 2014 "Grenell" and John Allan Ball and Lilly (Drake) Ball with daughter Joan Noble, 1922 at Grenell

• According to my father "the first Catholic church was 100 metres from "Grenell" homestead site on a flat area near to a remaining Pepper corn tree overlooking the lagoon", – it is noted on a Portion sketch of the settlement area but not dedicated on the Parish Plan and in A. Greenhalgh's book Mrs. Hellam describes a church in that general area as below

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A school was becoming essential, Francis and Thomas family's totalled 20 children. By 1877 Thomas requested a teacher to come urgently, we have the school and furniture ready located hundred metres downstream near to the first road crossing of Bowman's Creek. The people of Bowman's Creek were becoming a real community with a school, slab Catholic Church and 2 basic slab huts. By the turn of the century the community needed a new church.

# <u>Catholic Church of Bowman's Creek</u> <u>"Our Lady of Perpetual help" - 1902 – 2010</u>

During 1902 until 2010 the Church operated as Catholic Church, School, Community Meeting Hall, Farm hands and Contractors accommodation, Camping and Cooking shelter for Travelling Stockman, accommodation for St Catherine's College Youth Group, storage shed and camping facilities for the Ball Family.

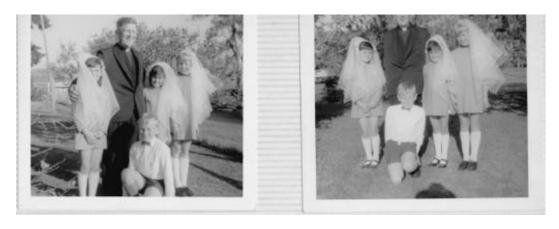
## Catholic Church 1902 – 1973 Mass and Redemption Missions

- Catholic Church of "Our Lady of Perpetual help" opened in 1902 by Bishop James Murray.
- The Church at Bowmans Creek was erected in 1902 on land given by my Great Grandfather John Allan Ball also referred to as Allan Ball in some documents. Neither the first Catholic Church nor this church was built on the dedicated portion. No information can be found as to why they were both built in other locations but it may have been more centrally located to the Marshall, Cooper, Ritter and Sattler families of Bowman's Creek. Also the area dedicated is very close to the creek was quiet soggy in wet times. The site is across Bowman's Creek and access in flood periods impossible for all families.
- From 1902 -1973 church services and community missions took place regularly. The Bowman's Creek families of Balls and Marshalls and over the hill at Campbell's Creek there were the Sattler, Cooper, Ritter and Kingzigs families that were Catholic and combined together for services.
- Mass would be held once a month at Bowman's Creek and locals could rotate between the country Church's each week if dedicated enough. The closest Catholic Church was at Glennies Creek (now in a state of disrepair) and

Ravensworth (now demolished) and the Ball, Coffee, Ritter and Cooper families would go to each other local Church's over the years. Up till closure in the 1970's.

- Redemption priest included Father Purcell, Father Peters, Father Flatly, later Monsignor Flatly, and a priest that sounded like Father Childadee according to Aunty Betty Ball. At Mass my Aunty Edna Stuart would play the organ, Aunty Kathleen Deaves and Betty would sing hymns.
- Great Grandfather (John Allan Ball) purchased the organ and Great Uncle (Thomas Ball – John Allan's Brother) made the Alter with silk lining Aunty Betty tells.
- The priest was paid by the locals Wally Marshall and Katy Hope, neighbours along Marshalls road. Betty Ball tells me that the locals would always pay the priest at the end of service and the Ball family provide food and shelter for him and horses. Norman Ball was the Treasurer for the Church for more than 30 years (1930 -1956) and had kept records during that period. Betty is in possession of that book and it is accessible.
- A few times a year Redemption priests would practice Benediction for many hours at a time and it was Aunty Betty's job to keep the kerosene lights pumped and alight.
- The priests would reside in the church and at "Grenell" house from 1902 until early 1970's. Teachings and missions would last for a week at a time. Aunty Betty Ball resident of "Grenell" house from 1942 said that everyone would practice Benediction in the morning and the priest would come to the house for a big breakfast and Betty's mother would pack them lunch. The priests would then return to the Church for the days praying and back to the house for evening meals and conversation. The Ball family owned a Pianola and may have even relaxed over a few songs.
- My Aunty Betty Ball is still alive and lives at Rouchel. She was born in 1942 and lived at "Grenell" until 1957. She went to mass regularly with sisters Edna, Betty Pam, Joy and Kathleen. Edna would play the organ and Kathleen and Betty would sing the hymns. All of them boarded at to St. Catherine College in Singleton from the age of 6. The girls helped clean brass lamps, candlesticks and floors before mass with their mother and neighbour Katy Hope.
- Basic kitchen and washing facilities were at the rear of the church under a leanto shelter near to the tank. The priests had an old washtub attached to tank stand at side of church. Horses used with sulky and horseback would need to be secured, fed and sheltered at rear of the church. A long drop toilet was approximately 25 metres from the church and was used up to 1990, my Father demolished the structure after that time but parts remain on the creek bank.
- Originally a picket fence was built around the church, remains of fence post cut at ground level still exist
- Four generations of the Balls attended mass for over 60 years. In 1964 My brother and 1968 my sister both made their first communion there with Father Flatly doing the service, lunch and photo shoot was followed at "Grenell"





Instamatic, Black & White, 1968 Family photo Album

### Robyn Sattler, Father Flatley, Paul Coffee, Michelle Sattler and Suella Ball

Alton Greenhalgh researched the Bowman's Creek Church of 1902 in depth. His book *Time's subject: the story of Goorangoola, a small community in the Hunter Valley of New South Wales, 1839-1939* by A.J. Greenhalgh, Published Roseville, NSW 1982. Greenhalgh has uncovered two mysteries associated with the Church and describes them below-

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There are two mysteries about the old Catholic Church at Bowman's Creek. Not only were there no deeds, but there appear to be lew records. It was in the Museveilbrook Parish, for it was closer to that centre, but the roads were so bad and the hills so steep that Museveilbrook could seldom get s priest to the church. So, Singleton, or even Jerry's Plains, seems to have fulfilled this function, though, it appears, with some reluctance. This divided authority probably explains the missing records.

The second mystery about Bowman's Creek Cetholics was told to me by a charming Catholic priest at Singleton who himself was seeking

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indomnation it appears that there are two records of schiams in the Catholic Church in all Australia, and one of these schiams was at Boxman's Creek. And no one now knows for sure what it was about, interest some old high priest, back in Ireland, told a meny tale or two, and the incident is recorded there. The schipm was almost certainly not promailly doctrinal, though a rebeil presbytery of some kind was formed and it excluded the priest. But which priest? And why? Perhaps the reluctance to include Bowman's Creek in a parish had several reasons for there were certainly some wild, reckless, headstrong men there, though some very devout women also.

This latter mystery has been mentioned, despite the lack of detail, laccause it gives added weight to the argument that the Melee people at Goorangoola were intensely individualistic by character as well as out of the necessity of their remote valleys. To rebet, even for a trivial reason, against the whole authority of the Catholic Church shows very signoclastic tendencies that must have arisen in character and temperament since they did not arise in philosophical or ecclesiastical leanings. These were stiff-necked people, wilful and self-opinionated. They were obviously not willing to subject thermselves to outside judgements by church or state in personal affairs.

The three events described show that the selectors had achieved a sufficient mastery over their environment by around 1880 that there were very small surpluses. There was food in plenty, at least in good measure, on the subsistence side, and there was cash enough to meet sayments due to the Government on their farms and to provide a simple education for their children. The erection of churches gave them both recessary legal and religious sanctions in christenings, manages and burials is a conversient local building, and it brought nearer an otherworkdly shield against the mysterious forces of the universe. The Governgoola people began to feel the assurance of the self-sufficient. When a policemen was stationed amongst them, they felt even more sure of themselves.

On 6.5.1885 a Goorangoola observer wrote to the Argue "Now en have well painted houses, and nicely laid out farms. What was it 20 years ago? A wilderness. Now we have a church, a school, a police station."

With these attributes of civilisation the little community was obviously pleased with mult. Beyond the ramperts of its hills, it felt secure.

- Schism at Bowman's Creek Catholic Church does sound like an interesting story.
- With only two Schisms in Australia's history is very significant to the local community.

## **Builder of Catholic Church "Our Lady of Perpetual help" 1902**

- My Great Grandfather, William Schmierer on my Mother side of the family built the Church, he was a reputable builder and contracted to build many homes and churches in the area of Goorangoola, Greenland's and Bowman's Creek. Charlie Schmierer is his grandson. He built the Schmierer home and also built my mothers childhood home in Dawson's Hill area around 1890-1896. Both my uncles Trevor and Ron Jurd still live there and confirmed that Great Grandfather Schmierer did build the Church.
- Betty Ball also confirmed that William Schmierer built the Church and had a band of builders that worked with him for weeks at end.
- William also built a Church at Goorangoola in 1889, A.Greenhalgh writes in his book;

## Church used as a School for Bowmans Creek

Other churches were built. George Lethbridge gave the land and Bridgman's Anglican Church was built in 1886. In 1889 there was a suggestion to build a combination Methodist Church and community hall at Goorangoola. Canvassing began in September 1889 with Henry Archinal, Simon Richards (Jnr.), and Gavan Richards collecting £20. In December Wm. Schmierer (Jnr) and Henry Haling contracted to erect the building in three months for £59 10 - On 10.5 1890 the Argus reported "Goorangoola is holding a high holiday to celebrate the opening of the hall" with Henry Archinal presiding. Its opening had problems too. A terrific downpour flooded the creeks and people could not get to the opening dance on the Saturday night, while Rev. Williams was caught in a flood on the Paterson River, so he could not make the first service on the Sunday. This building was in use until 1973, when the Anglican and Methodist people agreed to share the one building as they had all along shared the St Columba's cemetery for their dead. day - Cueday school

It was used for a school for several years then for a Church. Edna Kichards was a Governess at the Church when it was used as a school." My Father Allan Ball provided this information to Joy Poole, Principal for Mt Pleasant Public Schools and published in *Two Valleys – The Big Post – that turns people to either of the Two Valleys*, Department of Education, Bicentenary Grant, Mt Pleasant Public School, Principal Joy Poole, September, 1988.

### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH - BOWMANS CREEK

The Catholic Church called Our Lady of Perpetual Help, opened in 1902 by Bishop James Murray.

The Catholic Church at Bowmans Creek was erected on land given by Mr Allan Ball in 1902. It was built by William Schmierer. It was used for a school for several years then for a Church, No masses have been celebrated in the Church for the last 15 years. The Church has been maintained and recently restored to it's original condition.

Edna Richards was a Governess at the Church when it was used as a school.

 The publication *Two Valleys – The Big Post – that turns people to either of the Two Valleys* describes the strong community social network and connection to place and people, Churches, Local Schools and Dance Hall brought the community together to share food stories, yarns. Unfortunately most Community Halls, Schools and Churches in this area have had extensive storm damage, termites or been unused and not maintained, eventually falling down or demolished by landholders or been dismantled for timbers sold for next to nothing. The loss of place, community and living history has been and still is a great loss to our community over the last 35 years in the Singleton LGA generally, particularly the rural areas.

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• The Churches, Schools and Halls listed above all operated in this community and I have very fond memories of all the Halls and Churches in this area. I attended Mt Pleasant School and final year concerts where held at Mt Olive Hall

- Dances at Mt Olive and Carrowbrook Halls as well as Christmas Tree Gatherings at Goorangoola and Mt Olive where large community events that brought people together from all over the Hunter
- My mother showed me the Goorangoola Methodist Church in 1972 and explained how she went to school there with all her local friends, cousins and brothers for Primary School years. At that time it still had school tables with ink holders. Valuable and tangible information then, now lost for others.
- Bush Schools Past and Present of Patrick Plains, Singleton Historical Society and Museum Inc. Published Newy and Beath Printers Pty Limited, 1990 explains with references from Archives Office of N.S.W. Bowmans Creek School depicts the difficulties of isolation in the early 1900's. Problems keeping a school continuously open full-time or even part-time. The original school was located downstream about 1km from the Church. See insert below

### BOWMAN'S CREEK

A Provisional School was established at Bowman's Creek in October, 1877, following a visit by the School Inspector of the Maitland district as the following letter shows:-

Memorandum of Inspector to the Secretary. — Proposed School at Bowman's Creek.

"I have visited Bowman's Creek and am of the opinion that the school site is central and the school house commodious and raisable, and that there are sufficient children (22) living within three miles of the school site to warrant the establishment of a Provisional School as applied for.

It is most probable that an average attendance of at least 15 children will for some time be maintained, but should that average be not maintained. I think the school could be continued as a Half-Time School in connexion with one that could be opened at Sandy Creek or Limestone Creek

I beg leave to recommend therefore that the usual aid be granted upon these conditions: 1. That the local committee give a written promise to provide 4 suitable desks and 4 forms (9 ft long), 20 happen, 1 book press or set of shelves; 2. That they provide our offices and stater butt; 3. That they guarantee to secure an average attendance of at least 15 children of not less than 5 years of age.

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14th August, 1877.

In a note dated September 6, 1877, Mr Thomas Balls states: "For I have all the furniture ready in the School House and I hope you will send us a seacher as soon as you can

There was no accommodation at the school house for a teacher but he/she could be boarded at any of the local houses and was lodged with W.K. Balls at 10/- per week.

The school was a wooden building, shingled and boarded.

There were 22 children aged from 4-13 years. Ten were the children of Mr and Mrs Thos. Balls (Roman Catholic); four were the children of Mr and Mrs Kinzig; four were the children of Mr and Mrs Marshall (Roman Catholic); Lucy Franks: Sarah and John Lawrence (Church of England).

The first teacher was Miss Jane Lynch, aged 19, of Wollombi, unmarried, untrained but had been a Papil Teacher at Wollombi for two years.

On January 12, 1880 Miss Lynch was succeeded by Miss Brigid O'Donnelli (Roman Catholic) of Belltrees, aged 18 years. She had trained for one month at a small school at Murrarandi. £4 was allowed for costs incurred while training and this amount was to be refunded if her training was not completed.

By 1882 Miss Margaret McGrath was the teacher at Bosenan's Creek, an application dated December 1, 1882 made by Margaret, for a rail pass to be used during the school holidays, was refused.

In July 1885, Miss Margaret McGinley was the teacher and in June 1885 it was decided that Bowman's Creek was to be worked as a Half-Time School with North Ravenovorth; Miss Mary Richards being appointed teacher on May 30, 1885. She applied for forage allowance for her horse as she had to travel from her parents home at St. Clair. Approval was given for the allowance on October 2, 1885. Miss Richards resigned on October 30, 1886.

The next teacher at the school appears to be Mr Aaron Joseph Dransfield, who on May 23, 1887 applied for fora allowance for his horse. At this time it seems that Bowman's Creek and Cross Creek were Half-Time schools, 10 miles apart and visited each week by Mr Dransfield.

Mr Dransfield had considerable trouble with some of his pupils as the following letter dated October 13, 1887, indicator:

> To Mr G.C. Long Esq. Inspector of Schools,

" broke into You will remember that some children named " Bowman's Creek school and stole some chalk and that you spoke to them and told them not to come in again.

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This last week they have been in again while I was at Cross Creek, and upset various thing and stole some chalk.

When they came to School this morning I called them out and asked why they came in. They blame each other and said that if I touched them their Daddy would hang me. I gave each 2 strokes with the cane and they cried out when their mother came over with a knife in her hand and tried to get into the school. I did not allow her till she put down the knife. Her husband came over and threated to knock my b-y head off, punch my b-y eyes out and c- and c- and put up his fists to hit me and used much bad language.

Would you kindly advise me what to do in this business.

Since writing the above I interviewed Mr Barry the Constable who advised me to summon the father. Would you advise me to do so?

> I have the honour to be Sir, Your Most Obedient Servant, (Signed) Aaron J. Dransfield.

By September 24, 1889 Bowman's Creek had ten children enrolled with an average attendance of seven, and Cross Creek had seven children enrolled with an average attendance of four, the teacher being Mr Joseph Woodland and the District Inspector was J. Dwyer.

Cross Creek closed in September 1889 and Bowman's Creek on February 7, 1890.

In 1899 Bowman's Creek was re-opened as a Half-Time school with Mr Charles A. Green as the teacher. Forage allowance of £10 per annum was allowed and the school was listed as a 10th Class School and forage allowance was increased to £20.

From 1904 Bowman's Creek operated as a Half-Time School with Campbell's Creek and finally closed on March 14, 1916.

Ref.- Archives Office of N.S.W. School File of Bowman's Creek School 5/15055-5

## Church\_used\_as\_Community\_Meeting\_Place\_between\_1902\_and\_1975

• During 1902-1960's several locals including Betty Ball have told me that the Church and grounds were used for community days. Many locals would gather with horse and sulky on a Saturday and have a market day. Katy Hope would sell jam, some would sell cakes and other just would trade tails.

### Church used as workers accommodation and storage 1975-2010

- From 1975 contract workers at Grenell used the Church as temporary accommodation. Painters and fencing contractors would stay up to a week at a time cooking on camp oven at rear of church.
- When the Goorangoola Hall was demolished in 1986 Hall items, tables and chairs where stored in the Church for general community use.
- The Church also held furniture and work equipment owned by the Ball family from about that time.





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## Church used as St Catherine's Youth Group accommodation

- 1979-1984 St Catherine's College Youth Group, Singleton would stay at the Church over weekends. The Group was from Year 7-12 and the weekend would always involve many challenges. My parents provided horses to ride and motorbikes. Often my father would demonstrate rabbit trap techniques and camp cooking with Billy tea etc. Fresh water, cooking/washing and toilet facilities were available on site and Church building accommodated up to 20 students, priests, nuns and teachers and others camped on the Church grounds.
- This Youth program operated for 6 years and camped at Bowman's creek over that time.
- Sr. Faith Jones and Sr. Mary Goldsworthy attended most camps.



### SLR 35 mm Colour May 1981 Cath Ball

- 1. Bush walking and setting rabbit traps with Sr. Faith
- 2. Camp oven
- 3. Students horse riding with Joan Ball



SLR 35mm Colour May 1981

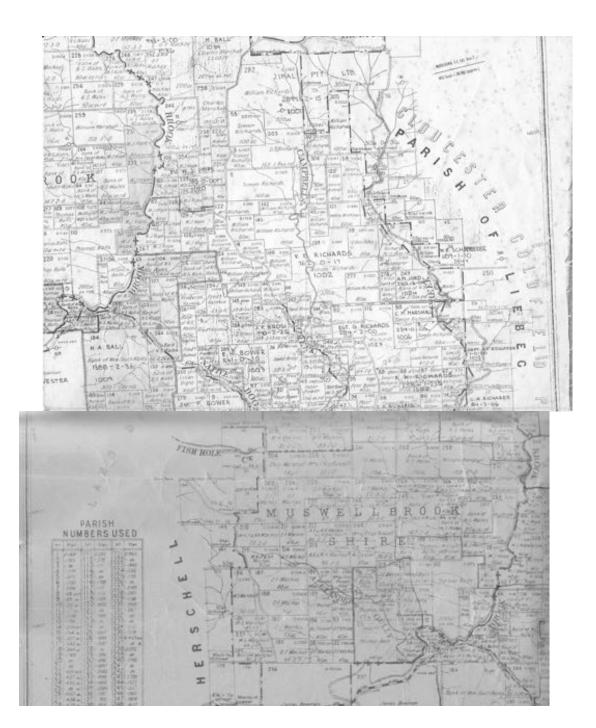
- 1. Students and camp site
- 2. Horse riding
- 3. Motorbikes with Sr. Faith Jones

## Land Title history The Catholic Church

• Parish portion dedicated to the Catholic Church for a building was approx. 1km downstream from the current location of the Church. Part of Lot 24 Parish of Foy. The dedicated church parcel is across Bowman's Creek and situated in the Muswellbrook Parish, About 1 km from the Church Building

- This Church was not built on dedicated parish portion but instead on another portion that John Allan Ball selected himself, this site was part of the original dedication of Grenell property.
- My father was always aware that the church land was never formally transferred to the Catholic Church or even noted on the Crown parish portion maps.
- My Mother and Father's family have been involved in the build, maintained and furnished the Church as well as providing food and accommodation for priests for over 60 years.
- In 1995 Father Brock from Singleton Church visited My Father, Allan Ball at "Grenell" saying "a married couple he new from Sydney that would like to come and live in the church". He was not aware the land the church was built did not belong to the Catholic Church.
- Father Brock then asked to relocate the church building, however my father negotiated a price of \$20000 for the church building and transfer of part portion 24, Parish of Foy to Allan Ball who paid Catholic Church promptly. Delivery of cancelled certificate of Title for Historical purposes arrived in the mail 6 months later transferring the land (part portion 24, Parish of Foy) to my Father – no Church had ever been built on the dedicated parcel.

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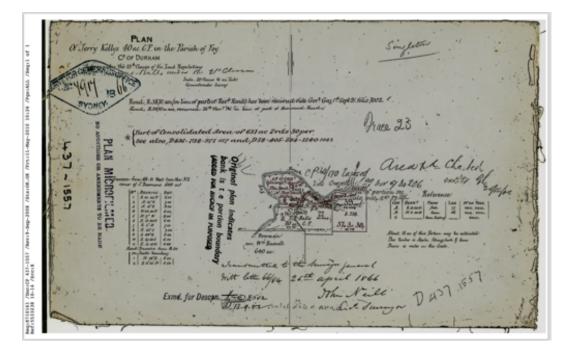


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### **See below** Portion 23 Foy

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## **Other relevant information**

- Peter Ball (Thomas's Son) kept a Diary for over 40 years. He lived in a house on the property at Bowmans Creek and worked with John Allan Ball and Norman Ball on the property. He was my Great Great Uncle.
- Death's, births, atomic bombs, droughts and floods are just some of the interesting entries.
- The Church is referenced regarding the completion of the bridge in 1938 over Stoney Creek giving easier access to Bowmans's Creek and the Church.

### Church referenced below in Peter Ball's Diary



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## Greg Ball Owner 2009 -2011

- My father past away in 2008 and instructed my brother Greg Ball to transfer the Church on portion 39 parish of Foy to me
- The process of transferring the land and the Church building to me developed into a slow process with an easement for Electricity and 88B Certificate to be prepared and registration of DP. Etc
- 2009 negotiations began with my brother for the transferral of the church and land. In September 201 transfer was registered to Catherine Ball.

## Catherine Ball Owner September 2011

 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010 Tony Mexon, Surveyor applied for notice of Determination of DA- SA 18/2010 (DA 198/2010) being for the proposed development to subdivide one lot (Portion 39) into two lots. (1.1 hectare) See below







Enquiries te: Miss A Walkom 02 8578 7290

Our Ref: SA18/2010 DA196/2010

Your Ref: 10-14

25 June 2010

Tony Mexon & Associates PO Box 917 SINGLETON NSW 2330

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979

### Dear SinMadam

You are notified that your application made under the above Act, and relating to the land and proposal described below, has been Determined pursuant to soction 80 of the Act.

**Development Application** 

No. 5A18/2010 (DA198/2010)

### **Development Application**

Applicant name	Tony Moxon & Associates		
Applicant address	PO Box 917 SINGLETON	NSW	2330

Land to be Developed:

Address

Bowmans Creek Road BOWMANS CREEK PTL: 39 DP: 752460

Proposed development

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Determination made on (date)

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Consent granted subject to conditions described below

consent to operate from	
(date)	25/06/2010
Consent to lapse on (date)	25/06/2015

see note 1

details of conditions and reasons for conditions (including section 94 conditions)

#### APPROVAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS 1.

The development will be carried out in accordance with the development application, accompanying plans and documents described as:

- Sheet 1 general arrangement prepared by Tony Mexon & Associates and dated 25-03-2010
- Statement of Environmental Effects prepared by Tony Mexon & Associates

### Notes:

- Any alterations to the drawings and/or documentation, as approved by Council, will require further Council consent. as per s96 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.
- No other works or activities, other than those approved by this consent notice, may be carried out without prior consent from Council.

Reason: To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the submitted plans and accompanying documentation.

#### LAPSING OF CONSENT 2.

Consent for the development will lapse after 5 years. Note that this relates to the period within which the development must commence.

Reason: To specify the period for the lepsing of consent.

#### з. SECTION 88B INSTRUMENTS

The applicant shall provide a suitable restriction as to user over Proposed Lots 1 & 2 pursuant to Section 88B of the Conveyancing Act 1919.

The restriction as to user will prohibit the erection of a dwelling on these lots.

Council shall be the authority whose consent is required to release, vary or modify the restriction.

It shall be submitted to Council prior to endorsement of the final plan of survey and issue of Subdivision Certificate.

Reason: To ensure compliance with Singleton Local Environmental Plan 1996.

#### SUBDIVISION CERTIFICATE 4.

An application for a Subdivision Certificate is required to be submitted to Council. The application must be accompanied by the final plan of subdivision, and 5 prints pursuant to Clause 157 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

Reason: To provide for certification of the subdivision plan.

### 5. SUBDIVISION CERTIFICATE FEE

A subdivision fee, in accordance with Council's Fees & Charges is required to be paid to Council prior to Council endorsing the final plan of subdivision. The fee payable is subject to annual adjustment.

Subdivision Certificate Fee		Additional	\$160.00	
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Reason: To comply with Council's adopted fees and charges.

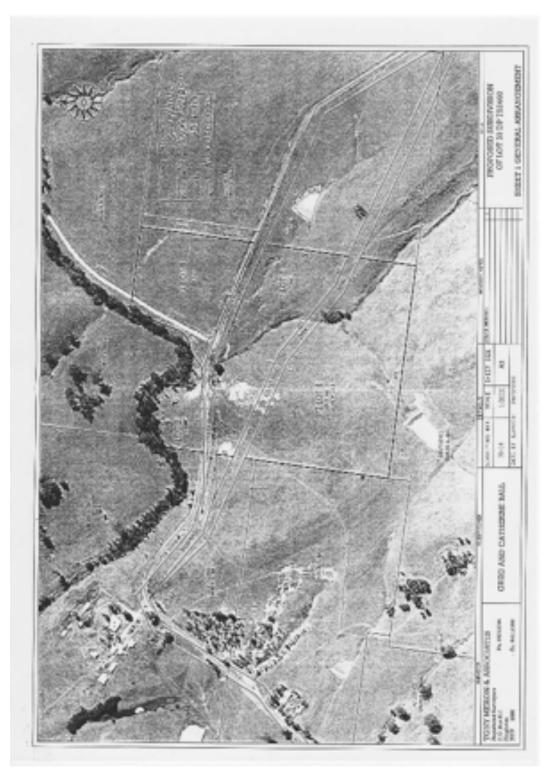
### Advice to Applicant:

- Please advise all subcontractors of conditions of approval.
- 2 Your plans and specifications have been endorsed and are enclosed together with information from other authorities that may relate to the proposed works.

Other Approvals list Local Government Act 1993 approvals granted under s 78A (5)	NIA
general terms of other approvals integrated as part of the consent (list approvals)	NA
Right of Appeal	To the extent provided for by Section 97 of the Act, an applicant who is dissatisfied with the determination of this application may appeal to the Court within twelve (12) months of the date of this notice.
	Section 98 of the Act provides that an appeal to the Court may be made by an objector who is disastisfied with the determination of an application for dosignated development. Such an appeal must be made within 28 days of the date on which notice is given and must be in accordance with the regulations and rules of the court.
	Sections 97 and 98 of the Act do not apply in respect of a development consent declared to be valid or validly granted under Section 25C of the Land and Environment Court Act 1979.
Signed	on behalf of the consent authority
Signature	Hullesm
t/de	Town Planner
патю	Miss A Walkom
date	25/06/2010

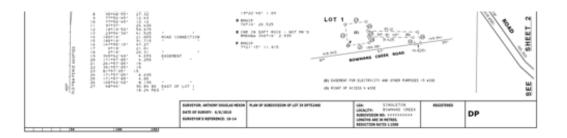
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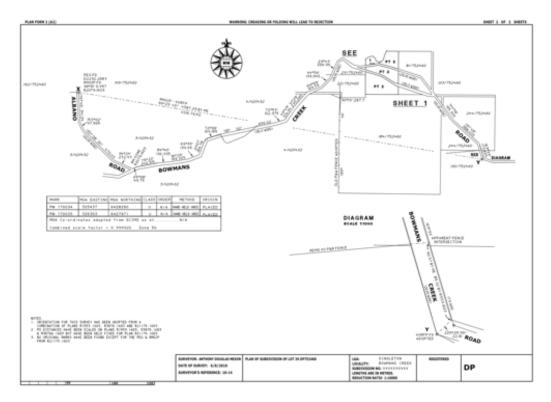
Section 95 of the Act provides that a development consent for the erection of a building does not lapse if the building, ongineering or construction work relating to the building is substantially physically commenced on the land to which the consent applies before the date on which consent would otherwise lapse.



- 25<sup>th</sup> June 2010- Consent granted
- Surveying/ subdivision and transfer June 2010- September 2011 See attach 2







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	2	Right of Access 4 wide	Lot 2	Ausgrid	1			

Restriction on the Use of

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### PART 2 (Terms)

### 1. Terms of Easement for Electricity and Other Purposes numbered 1 in the plan.

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An easement is created on the terms and conditions set out in memorandum registered number AC289043. In this easement, "sustement for electricity and other purposes" is taken to have the same meaning as "easement for electricity works" in the memorandum.

The registered owners of Lots 1 & 2 shall be prohibited from erecting a dwelling on the Lots. 12100

- Peter Kirsop (Solicitor- MRM Maitland) dealt with transfer
- 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011 transferred to Catherine Ball
- Rating notice zoning at 2010 was "Farmland Ordinary"
- 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 Council reclassified the area as "Residential Ordinary" (assessment number 160097- Council ref 130569- my rates assessment number 160097)
- Application for Mailbox 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013 was granted and council install rural address signpost.
- Feb 2014 I began an enclosed room 6m x 7m attached to the rear of Church dwelling, the existing external weatherboards of the Church are now the internal wall of the kitchen, complete September 2014
- October 2014 initial letter from Council regarding use of Building.
- November, 2014 on site meeting with Phil Carroll and Haley Collis, Ordinance Officer, SCC
- December 2015 Council inform me in writing of a possible option for resolution.
- January 2016 Sally Flannery organises group meeting with council on site for further discussion Haley Collis and Lillian Cullen Heritage Officer, SCC.
- Brief report from Lillian Cullen via Sally Flannery last week.

### See below

### Bowmans Creek Site Visit 29/01/16

In attendance: Owners Catherine Ball and partner - Shami Haley Coulis, Lillian Cullen and Sally Flannery

Walk around church to view aspects and rear addition with owners. Noted mismatched weatherboard profiles, deteriorated barges, gutters have been replaced/ repaired by owners. Finials deteriorated on Church roof, noted that "crosses" had been retained.

inspection of internal of church and extension. The church appears relatively intact and can be easily interpreted.

The research on the Church has demonstrated a robust social history – Catherine is encouraged to complete the historical research to assist future consultant.

Highly emotional problem

### **Heritage Discussions**

Way forward: Heritage Assessment, how can the extension respond to the heritage appearance of the Church – minor modifications could occur to conform with heritage aesthetic, initially ignore the extension in the listing and then develop good design ideas to get the extension 'to fit in', use an experienced designer, Statement of Heritage Impact required for future works , in conjunction with planning proposal for listing – consecutive approvals

Listing conditional on maintenance and extension reconfiguration

It was considered that local heritage listing could be arranged (via a heritage assessment & local heritage listing report and planning proposal) for the church and then the approval could be undertaken for the extension (modified) under Singleton LEP: 5.10 Heritage Conservation (3) (a) (i) & (ii).

5.10 (4) would need to be satisfied via a Statement of Heritage Impact for the modified extension.

Q. Will a DA be needed for the modified extension? This depends on the amount of work required????

L Cullen

Heritage Advisor

## Materials used in construction of Church in 1902

External walls, footings and roof

- Weatherboards and corrugated tin roof bottom 8 boards were replaced in 1984 by Michael Steinbeck (from Catholic Church) and Greg Ball. The Church paddock has always been used as holding horses close to property for work and domestication. Horses tended to scratch on the lower boards and ultimately causing damage. Roof repainted also around 1985 for preservation from rust.
- Hardwood post footing, ironbark or tallowwood
- Four original Crosses found under Church, shown leaning on east side Church in photograph below
- Original guttering in reasonable condition and being utilised for drinking water in storage tanks.
- Since my ownership in 2010 repairs have been done to preserve the building in its natural state.
- Soil has been added to the complete perimeter to build up ground level and generate water flow away from building. This has worked very effectively and foundations under building are dry and stable.
- Replace broken glass in 1 window frame with opaque similar design.



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### Entry

- Harwood timber flooring
- I attice decoration at entrance area

- Laure accoration at chiralice area
- Sandstone step from Singleton



Church Internal

- Hardwood flooring, tongue n groove, Brush box timber in excellent condition. Locally sourced, probably bullocked in from Upper Allen/Gresford area over Razorback Mountain.
- Internal walls and roof are Cypress pine with shellac coating. The internal ceiling is cathedral shape.
- Candlestick holders and lamps were kept at "Grenell" when no longer used as church. In my possession.
- Glass windows, opaque coloured yellow, orange and off white push out, not original probably replaced 1940's. Marks and indentations on frame indicate slide out windows.









## The Alter

• The Alter was built and decorated by the local community, *per comms*. Betty Ball and is still kept in excellent order at "Grenell" in an out building.



Priests room/Confessional

- This room was a later addition and used by the priest for confessional.
- Mixed hardwood flooring, Jarrah, Brush box and Tallowwood.
- Internal wall are cedar boards, tongue and groove
- Ceiling is flat, cedar boards, tongue and groove
- An extension to the Church at a later date
- Footing have been stabilised and an extra footing constructed at centre of floor for added support

See below left side of church with separate pitched roof



### **Extension**

- Building work by local Tradesperson, Ken McPeake, Middle Falbrook Road, Singleton, completed to Council standards
- Skillion roof corrugated iron, high rating ceiling insulation
- External walls, approx 110 years old hardwood weatherboards from neighbours house across the creek in Muswellbrook Council. House removal was required for new DA & BA.
- Cypress pine floorboards tongue and groove
- Radiata pine wall lining tongue and groove, insulation batts
- Hardwood Doors
- Plumbing installed by local plumber Michael Spinks to Council standards
- Small Kitchen sink and cupboards
- Bathroom facilities provided, shower, toilet, sink
- Electricity connected in 2009 by Energy Australia at a cost of \$30000 and then Level 2 Electrician to connect power box \$3300 and domestic installation of lights and power lights \$1500.





Digital, Feb 2016, West side

## Maintenance, repairs and rehabilitation

- Repairs to leaking guttering and downpipe
- Refixing loose weatherboards
- Secure glass panels in all windows
- Preserving any found European heritage objects, eg nails, glass, pottery, wire, posts, weatherboards, crosses, guttering and downpipes
- Safe storage of the alter piece at "Grenell"
- Resolve drainage issues re water flow in heavy rain
- Checked footing and capping
- Practice pest maintenance
- Secure boundary fencing
- Return of natural habitat due to removal of livestock for over 5 years
- Increase in native animals, Spotted tail quoll, echidna, barn owl and boo book owls
- Diverse vegetation cover and quality seed bank resource, including recovery of native grass species
- Removal and maintenance program of weed species, Blackberry, farmers friend, moth vine, small leaf privet, fleabane
- Water quality improvement and increase in macro-invetrabrate species
- Planting tree corridor with native local species eg Angophora floribunda or apple gum

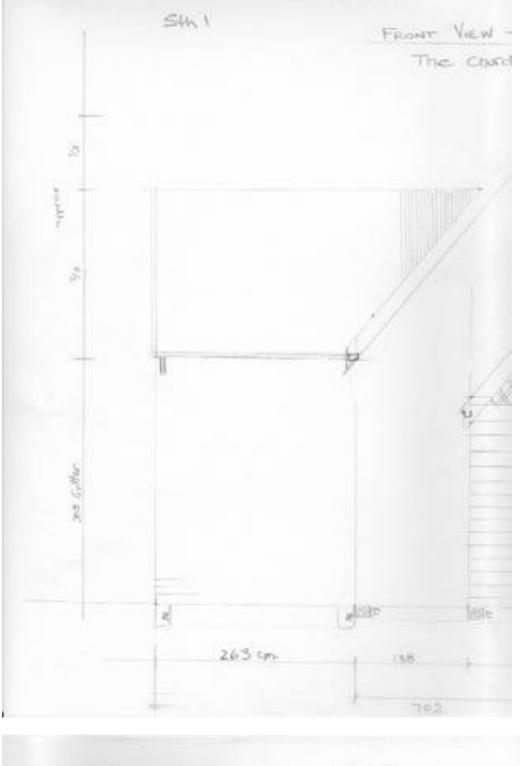
## List of Heritage items associated with Church

- 4 x Original Church Crosses
- Original Alter
- Kneeling stool 4.5 metres long x 0.2 m high/wide
- Original broken glass window
- Cricketers glass bottle Muswellbrook
- Great Uncles Diary referencing Church between 1930 -1950
- Treasury books
- Candlestick holders
- Coat hooks
- Fence remains
- Tank stand remains

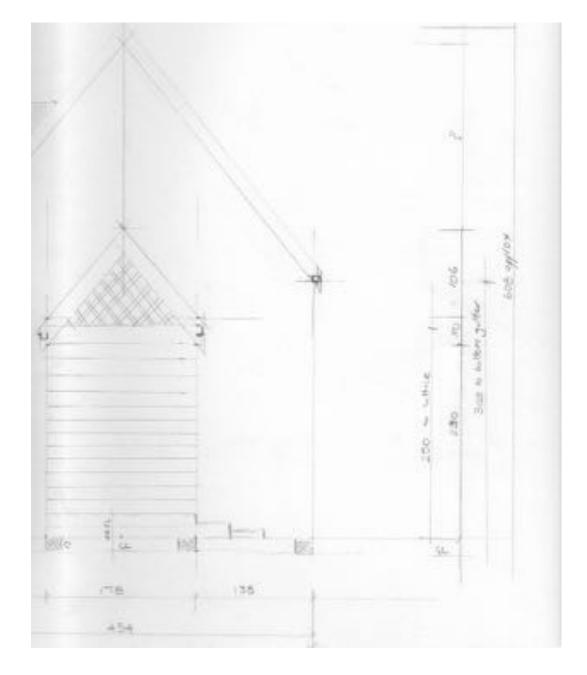
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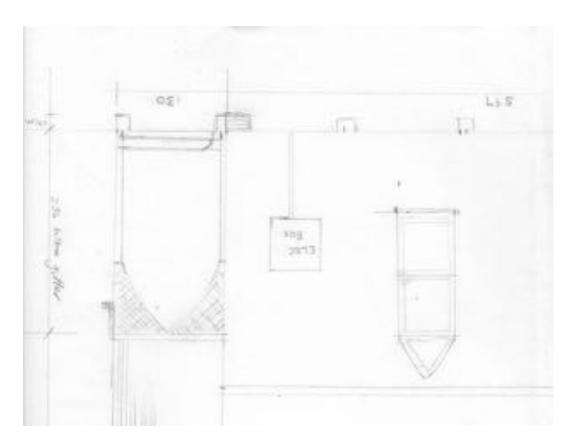
These locals are able to provide detailed and relevant oral history if required, Betty Ball Gregory Ball Suella Smith Trevor Jurd Ron Jurd Edna Stuart Charlie Schmierer

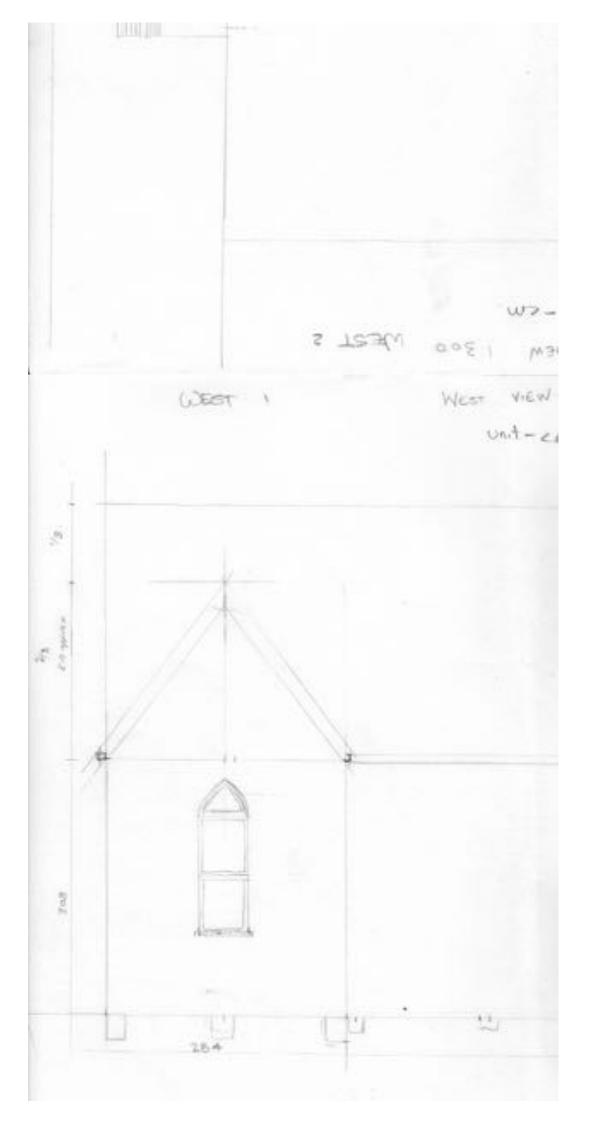
## **Sketch Plans with dimensions**

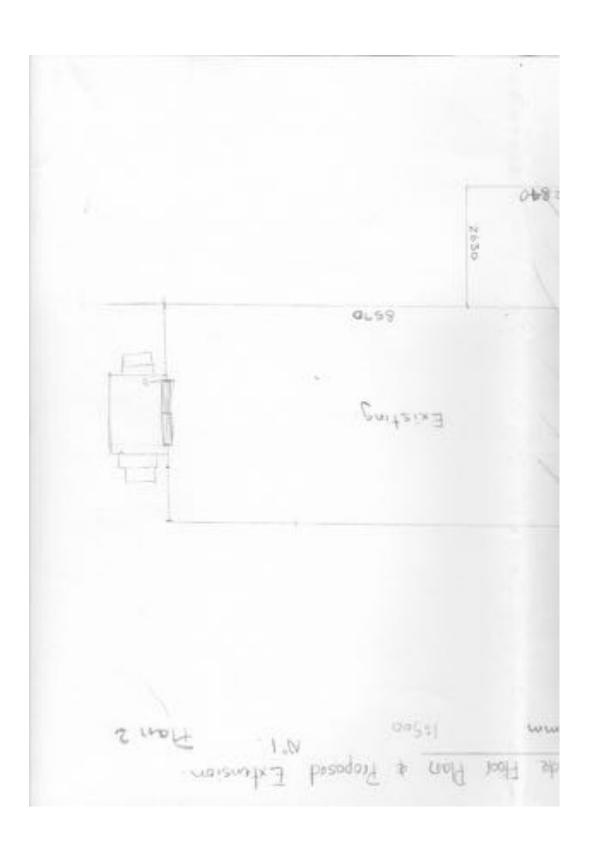


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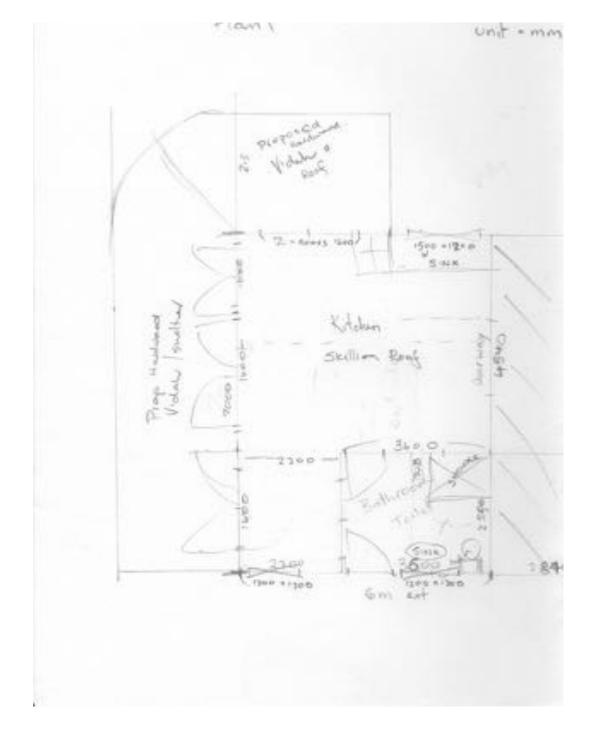








Church - Inside

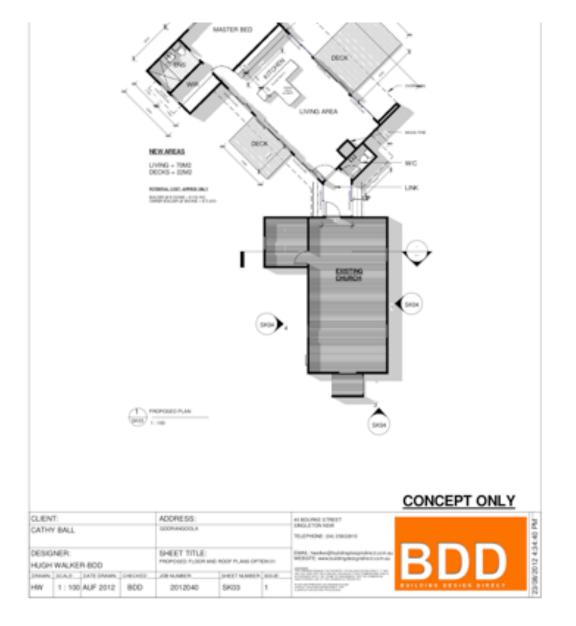


## Concept plans- Design by Hugh Walker

- Hugh Walker, Architect volunteered to do some drawing for me in return for a days quad bike ride on the property. I really just wanted a scaled sketch of the church, the concepts where too large for me financially, visually and practically but never the less very useful to help visualize ideas
- See attached document 1 3 x concepts
- See attached document 2 x sketch plans

## Concept 1







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### Concept 2 & 3

See attachments to email

### **Further Information**

- I can forward as word document for your use and copy any original files/photographs to flash drive for your information
- Complete family tree available
- Loan any reference books
- More historical plans available
- Two unmarked graves sites exit about 1 km downstream, two poplar trees are planted on the gravesite. Apparently 2 Ball children were buried around 1890's.
- I can further reference any images/photographs if required.

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