



Source: State Library of Queensland, ca. 1910



St Andrew's Church

Establishment

- Established in 1932, St Andrew's Presbyterian Church was built largely through funds generated by the local Presbyterian community.
- Construction of the church was a local work-generating scheme during an economic depression, adopting a policy to ensure funds for construction were spent on local labour and materials. Approximately 75% of the construction budget was spent locally, costing over £12, 000 to build.
- St Andrew's was designed by prominent Brisbane architect Lange L. Powell, describing the design as a 'broad free gothic style that was reminiscent of the fourteenth century', moderated to allow for the sub-tropical climate. As such, all bay windows could be opened and eaves carried clear of the main supports to ensure adequate air circulation.

External features

- The building is constructed of variegated and multi-coloured bricks, with decorative cement dressings on the external walls.
- A tower of 'battlement design' dominates the building, measuring 71ft high (approx. 21.5m) and slightly tapering toward the top. The roof is clad with fibrous-cement tiles.
- The tower contains a set of bells, one of which bears the emblem of the burning bush and a memorial to the members of the Pierson family.

- A First World War Honour Board locates in the tower entry and later memorials have since been added.
- Above the entrance is a large stained glass window that consists of four large panels crowned by seven crosses, set within an arch.
- There is a low-set stone fence along the eastern and southern boundaries and a small roofed gate.

Internal features

- Exposed arched trusses in dark stained pine support the roof and dominate the ceiling.
- Many of the internal furnishings were made from silky oak.
- There are two vestries, one for the Minister and one for the choir.
- There is a tracery plaster panel that screens the pipes of the organ behind the dais. Above this are three small stained glass windows in a triangular shaped setting.

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