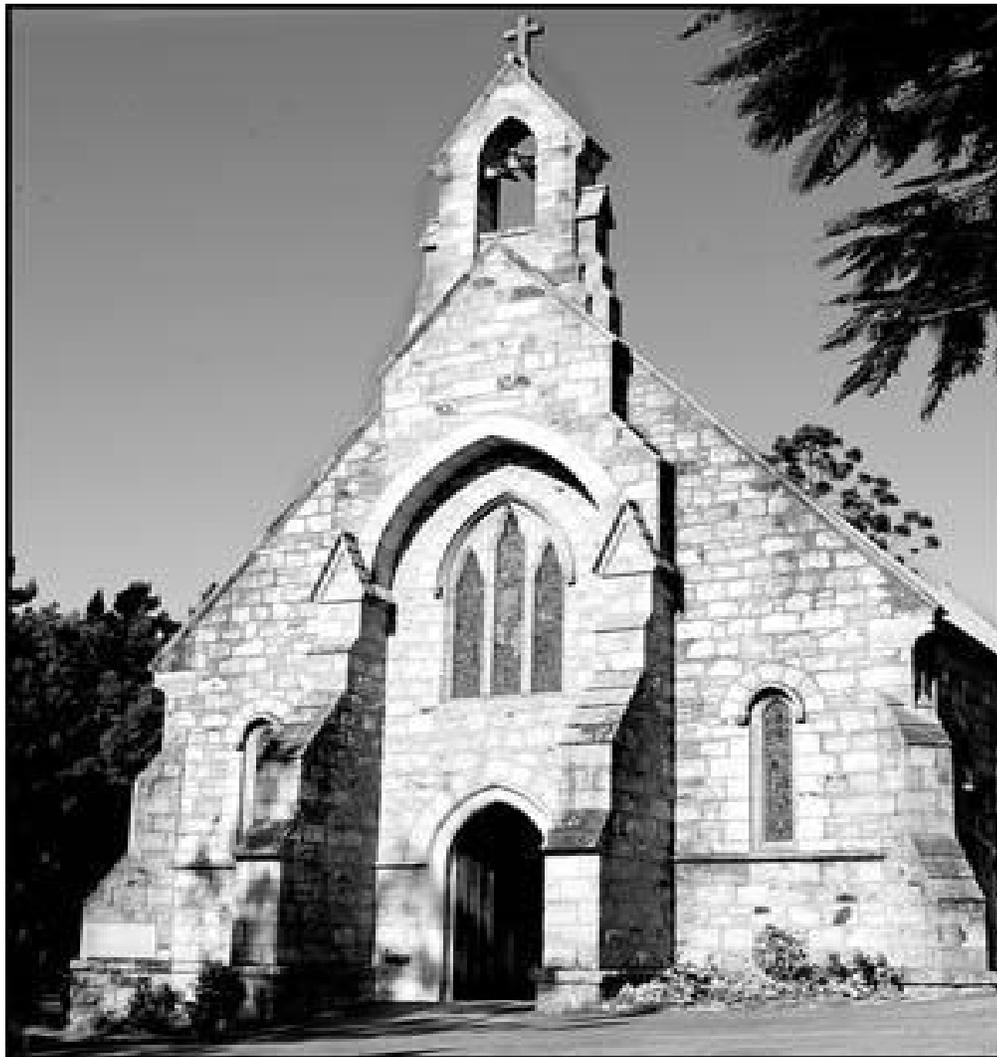


SAINT MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
KANGAROO POINT



Brief history of St. Mary's Church for rear of wedding order of service leaflet

The Parish of Kangaroo Point dates from 1847. In 1849 the first Anglican church, a wooden slab building, was built in John (now Rotherham) Street, Kangaroo Point. The first services were taken by Archdeacon Glennie of The Downs, and the first rector was Rev. Bodenham.

On 11 December 1849 the Crown granted additional land for "Church, School and Parsonage in the Episcopalian Church of England". The land was opposite the present Scott Street, Kangaroo Point.

By the late 1860's a larger church was needed but the granted land was unsuitable as it was prone to flooding. One half of the granted land was exchanged for the site of the present church.

Invitations to erect the new church designed by architect Richard Suter, were invited in September 1871 with the "cost not to exceed 700 pounds." The foundation stone was laid on 29 April 1872 and construction was completed in 1873 by builder Alfred Grant. On 5 November 1873 Edward Wyndham Tufnell, the first Bishop of Brisbane, consecrated the building. The Rector was Rev. G.A. Court. In 1872 a further part of the granted land opposite Scott Street was sold to help finance this new church.

The old church in John Street was blown down in 1878 and the land was sold to fund the building of a hall on the site where the new church was located. The hall was opened on St Andrew's Day, 1879. Construction of a new rectory was completed in about 1889.

On 2 April 1892 a cyclone caused substantial damage to the new church, particularly the roof and belfry. The church was rededicated on 25 February 1893 after repairs. Around 1921 the timber shingle roof was replaced with ribbed galvanized iron.

The pipe organ, Queensland's oldest, was installed in 1876. Dating from at least 1823, the organ was built by H.C. Lincoln, (Organ Builder to the King, London) and contains some pipes from the 1690's.

The Warriors' Chapel was dedicated on St George's Day 1950. It recalls that St Mary's was the Naval Chapel for Queensland. The chapel contains the British and Australian Ensigns and a memorial to those who died in HMAS Voyager in 1964.

The St Mary's Church on the present site in Main Street is one of two existing church buildings in Queensland designed by Richard George Suter. St Marys church is listed by the National Trust of Queensland and has been placed on the Register of the National Estate. The rectory, hall and grounds have been nominated for listing by the Trust and Heritage Commission.

The church is an elegant example of an 1870's stone church. It is built of roughly dressed Brisbane tuff, coursed random rubble, unplastered internally and externally, with a timber floor and roof structure. The roof is clad with ribbed galvanized iron. The general style is Gothic Revival with buttresses and pointed arches.