

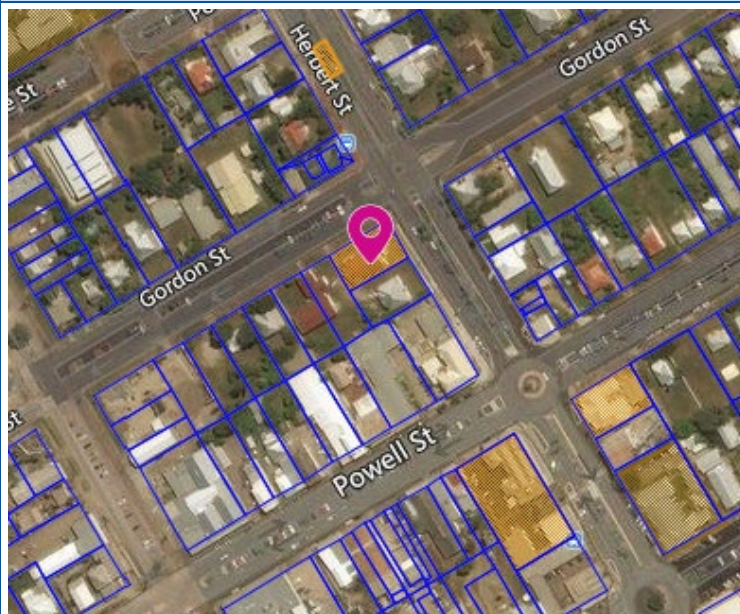
## HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

Address	75 Herbert Street, Bowen
Lot Plan	3RP700082
Coordinates	-20.01144, 148.245409
Integrity	Good
Condition	Good
Statutory Listings	Nil
Non-Statutory Listings	Nil
References	<p>Bolton, G.C., 1963. A Thousand Miles Away. A History of North Queensland to 1920, The Jacaranda Press in association with the Australian National University.</p> <p>Information provided by the Bowen Historical Society.</p> <p>Townsville Daily Bulletin, Friday 9 July 1937, p. 4, 12.</p> <p>Townsville Daily Bulletin, Wednesday 21 April 1937, p. 12</p> <p><a href="https://www.churchesaustralia.org/list-of-churches/locations/queensland/directory/1214-holy-trinity-anglican-church">https://www.churchesaustralia.org/list-of-churches/locations/queensland/directory/1214-holy-trinity-anglican-church</a></p>

### Street View



### Location Map



### Physical Description

Located on the crest of a hill on the corner of Herbert and Gordon Street in Bowen, Holy Trinity Anglican Church occupies a prominent position along the main street of Bowen. The church complex houses a Queenslander-style presbytery and a parish hall.

The church is a rendered concrete building which faces Herbert Street and is enclosed by a concrete block wall/fence which increases in height with the gradient of the hill and which extends around the adjacent presbytery.

The church has a central cross at the apex, and a small portico which contains double arched timber entrance doors. Above the portico in the parapet there is a central stained-glass window.

The church has an adapted cruciform floor plan, with a transept at the front of the building and a crossing at the nave. The Gordon Street elevation comprises a covered arcade with archways and four pane bi-fold timber doors. There is a covered bell tower at the junction of the crossing and the extension on the Gordon Street elevation.

The foundation stone, laid 27 September 1936, records: A M D G - This foundation stone was laid by - His Excellency The Governor of Queensland - Sir Leslie Orme Wilson - GCSI GCIE PC CMG DSG - on 27th September 1936 - ...

A plaque records: Holy Trinity Anglican Church - 1863 - 2013 - This plaque was blessed and dedicated by - Bishop William Ray - Bishop of North Queensland - on 14th September 2013 - in thanksgiving for 150 years - of Anglican witness - to the Gospel in Bowen and - surrounding communities - Clergy: Father Howard Smith (Rector), Father Kevin Perrett, Deacon Keith Dodds.

A foundation stone on the hall records: A M D G - This foundation stone was laid by - The Lord Bishop of North Queensland - The Right Reverend Ian Shevill MA Th D - 3rd Nov, 1957 - L C Bailey, Rector - H W Darwen, T W T Rynn ~ Wardens...Dulce Et Decorum Est Pro Patria Noris.

The colour scheme of the church – white walls, green trim and terracotta roofing – is consistent with Queensland Holy Trinity Anglican Churches of the time (other examples include Woolloongabba, Herberton, Mackay).

The original tile roof has been replaced with terracotta coloured corrugated iron.

## Historical Context

Bowen (Port Denison) was first discovered by Europeans in 1859 by Captain Henry Daniel Sinclair who, on the impetus of the government of New South Wales, went in search of a port north of Rockhampton. The discovery was confirmed by George Elphinstone Dalrymple, who reached Port Denison by land and established the suitability of Port Denison as a port and a site for a township within the new district of Kennedy. It became the first settlement north of Rockhampton, named Bowen to honour the governor.

Two years after this discovery, Holy Trinity Anglican Church was founded with a resident clergyman on Gordon Street in Bowen. According to local historians, the original timber church was constructed in 1865. The present brick Holy Trinity Church was constructed between 1936-1937. It was designed by Harold Brown of Mackay and built by J.M. Lowcock.

Harold Vivian Marsh Brown contributed substantially to the built environment in central Queensland, designing 13 buildings during the interwar period (particularly in Mackay).

In an attempt to cut down costs, the redevelopment integrated the timber sanctuary as a temporary measure. On 8 October 1973 the end of the church building was demolished to allow for an extension. These additions constructed by Noel and Claude Pilcher and were dedicated on 16 June 1974.

## Historical Significance

**Criteria A** - *the place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region's history*

The Holy Trinity Anglican Church is located on the site of the first Anglican Church in North Queensland. Redeveloped in 1937, the Church demonstrates the enduring contribution of the Anglican Church to Bowen.

**Criteria D** - *the place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places*

Holy Trinity Anglican Church is significant as an example of the work of prominent Mackay architect Harold Vivian Marsh Brown who contributed substantially to the built environment in central Queensland during the interwar period.





