

Heritage Watch 2011

Ravenswood Community Church



Why we're watching	While it once was part of a convent and school complex, today's Ravenswood Community Church, the former St Patrick's Catholic Church, sits high overlooking the town, and too close for comfort to an open-cut gold mine.
Significance	First services in this timber church were held after its completion in October 1871. Construction was a community affair. With the downturn in mining and the town, the school closed and the church fell into disrepair. In 1957, community involvement led to its repair as a community church, one now entered in the Queensland Heritage Register as place ID 601829.
What you can do	Write a letter to the Mayor of the Charters Towers Regional Council indicating your interest in the heritage of Ravenswood. Be positive. Even the loss of one building in this historic gold mining town here would be one too many.
History/Description	The Ravenswood Community Church is a simple, gable-roofed structure constructed using chamferboard and corrugated iron. Some walls are single skinned. For most of its existence, the former St Patrick's has been associated with the Catholic Church.
Local Government Authority	Charters Towers Regional Council
Links to other information regarding the site	Contact details for the Mayor of Charters Towers Regional Council are found at http://www.charterstowers.qld.gov.au/web/guest/council/councillors.shtml;jsessionid=78090EB9E248EFBA7A807F8C33A49231 Read more about its heritage significance at: http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/chims/basicSearch.html Search for place ID 601829