



# Heritage Watch 2011

## Synod Hall, Townsville



Why we're watching	The Synod Hall, also known as the old Jubilee Hall, has been unused for some time. This timber building, recognised in three heritage registers, sadly is deteriorating.
Significance	Built in 1897, this hall is one of only a few surviving examples of a timber public building constructed around this time. The hall, while not imposing, is a landmark on the city side of Melton Hill. It has a long association with the Anglican community, functioning as a parish centre for almost a century. The hall is entered in the Queensland Heritage Register as place ID 600888.
What you can do	Contact the Mayor of the Townsville City Council. Explain your concern about the state of repair of the building. Be positive. So much of the history of Townsville can be read in its fabric. Contact the Queensland Heritage Council regarding its state.
History/ Description	Located on the south-western side of Melton Hill, the Synod Hall was used for over 100 years as a parish centre, until its replacement was constructed in the 1980s. Rectangular in shape, it was constructed on a terrace, close to ground level, using timber and corrugated iron. The timber framing is exposed. At times it has been used as a school space and by a theatre group.
Local Government Authority	Townsville City Council
Links to other information regarding the site	Contact details for the Mayor of Townsville City Council can be found at <a href="http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/council/councillors/Pages/councillors.aspx">http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/council/councillors/Pages/councillors.aspx</a> Contact details for the Queensland Heritage Council are at: <a href="http://www.qldheritage.org.au/contact-us.php">http://www.qldheritage.org.au/contact-us.php</a> Read more about its heritage significance at: <a href="http://apps.townsville.qld.gov.au/heritage/_propDetails.asp?PropertyNo=7610">http://apps.townsville.qld.gov.au/heritage/_propDetails.asp?PropertyNo=7610</a> <a href="http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/chims/basicSearch.html">http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/chims/basicSearch.html</a> Search for place ID 600888