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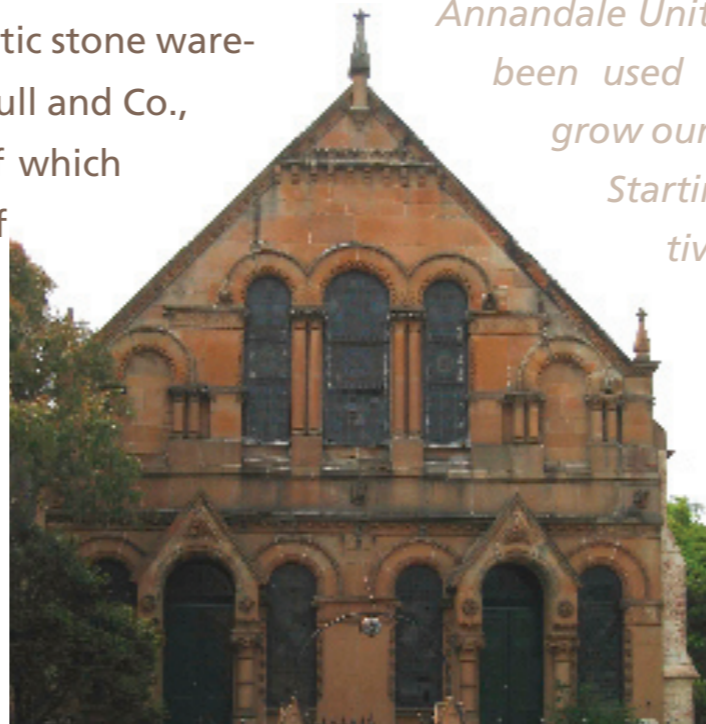


Historic sandstone native animals: The Johnston Street facade, originally located in Pitt Street, is a rare early example of the use of Australian design motifs. An 1889 text mentions architect Col. Thomas Rowe's "artistic stone warehouse of Messrs. H. Bull and Co., the stone carvings of which are characteristic of the flora and fauna of the colony."



Mid-city origins: The sandstone facade was originally part of Bull's Warehouse, built around 1870 near the city corner of Pitt Street and Martin Place - known then as Moore Street. Bull's Warehouse was gutted by a huge fire at nearby lithographers Gibbs Shallard on 1 October 1890. The fire destroyed one third of the Pitt-Castlereagh-Hunter-Moore city block, and this allowed Moore

Street to be widened into today's Martin Place. The warehouse's stonework was re-used here at Annandale, where construction of the church building was just starting. The neighbouring City Bank, also gutted, was relocated to Strathfield (Santa Sabina Convent).



Annandale's churches:

Together with St Brendan's, Hunter Baillie & St Aidan's,

Annandale Uniting Church has always been used by Christians as we grow our spiritual life together.

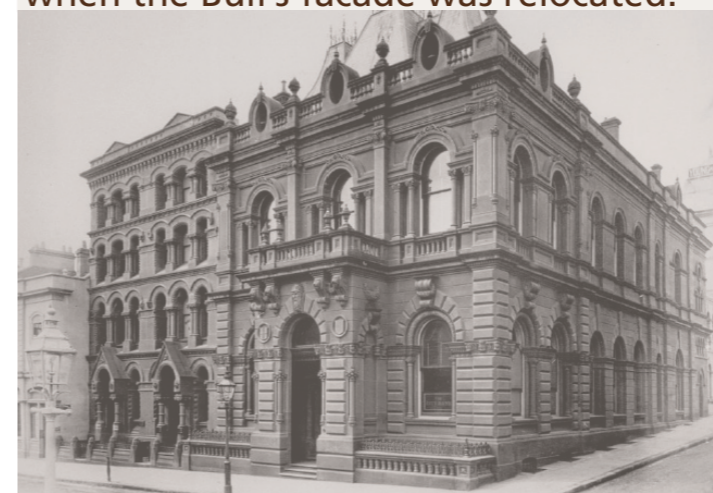
Starting in 1891 as a Primitive Methodist church, the church became Annandale Uniting in 1977 when the Uniting Church in Australia was formed.



restoration: next steps

Starting in February 2005 is a project to repair and protect the front stained glass windows and carry out basic preliminary repairs to the stonework of the facade. The NSW Heritage Office is providing a \$40,000 grant toward this project, with the remainder being met by fundraising and donations from the church and community. Clive Lucas Stapleton and Partners Pty Ltd are Heritage Specialists for the project; they are also preparing a Conservation Management Plan for the property. The draft first-stage CMP includes thorough research into the heritage significance of the property, and is the source of much of the historical information shown here.

Pitt Street in 1880, showing Bull's Warehouse (left) and the City Bank (right). The configuration of the two doorways and four lower windows was retained when the Bull's facade was relocated.



Today's community on site

Our "renovator's delight" is also a welcoming, family-friendly meeting place for Sunday morning church activities, with a great program of community activities on site through the week.

The 9.30am church service is a structured spiritual time of music, praying for one another and our world, and learning together. It's followed by coffee and informal conversation.



During church, kids aged 2 years to early teenage go to Sunday School classes, toddlers play in their own special area, and parents with babies can retreat to the crying room if necessary.

During the week, the wider community's activities include a dance school and choir. This program is an excellent community resource for Annandale. It also helps us fund heritage restoration and the recent renovations that have started to change the main 1920 Victory Hall into a more pleasant space to share.