

Other Names	N/A	
Street Address	Coast Road	Baffle Creek
Title Details/ GPS Coordinates	Part 2RP602477	

Historical Context
 Baffle Creek was settled by German immigrants in 1908. Lutheran services were conducted in the area from as early as 1911, but the St Pauls congregation was not formed until 1915. Following the formation of the congregation, services were held in the home of Albert Kleinschmidt, who owned the Baffle Creek Sugar Mill. The church building, which was originally a shop storeroom, was remodelled and erected in 1921. The church bell was installed in 1923. The church was enlarged and the bell tower remodelled in 1947. A new alter was also dedicated that year in memory of Albert Kleinschmidt. The church was remodelled in 1956 on the 35th anniversary of the erection of the building. The church has been an integral part of the Baffle Creek community since its early settlement.

Physical Description
 St. Pauls Church is located on a quarter acre block on a side road off Coast Road in Baffle Creek. The rectangular timber building on timber stumps with ant caps has a gable roof with corrugated iron sheeting and barge boards. On the western end of the roof is a square bell tower with vents showing a steep pyramid roof with spire. The main entrance is on the western side through a small porch accessed via some steps on either side. The entrance area is timber clad and displays a gable with corrugated iron sheeting with barge boards showing the same pitch as the main roof and a cross. Both side walls are featuring four small three-part pointed arch windows. Attached to the eastern end is a low annex on stumps with skillion roof with access via a door (no steps attached) from the southern side. There are two square windows facing east.

Next to the church on the eastern side is a low-set toilet block constructed of clay bricks with metal gate entrance. There is a water tank on top of the flat roof. A short distance away from the church located on the fringe of bush land is an old timber and tin outhouse with a curved corrugated iron sheet roof.

Integrity	Good	Condition	Fair
Statutory Listings	No statutory listings		
Non-Statutory Listings	No non-statutory listings		
Inspection Date	13/10/2011		

References
 Graham, D and Jodvalkis, C, 1996, Parish of Baffle: Gosen 'The Promised Land': Parish of Baffle and Surrounds, Glovers Printing Works, Bundaberg.

Heritage Significance	
Criteria	Definition
A	<i>The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region's history.</i>
Statement	St Pauls Lutheran Church is important in demonstrating the pattern of the region's history, particularly the need for churches in emerging communities such as Baffle Creek.
D	<i>The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places important to the region.</i>
Statement	St Pauls Lutheran Church is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of small, rural timber churches constructed in the early twentieth century.
G	<i>The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons important to the region.</i>
Statement	St Pauls Lutheran Church has a special association with the Lutheran congregation of Baffle Creek, which was officially formed in 1915.
H	<i>The place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance in the region's history.</i>
Statement	St Pauls Lutheran Church has a special association with Albert Kleinschmidt, who was the owner of the Baffle Creek Sugar Mill.

