

## **TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

I have been working with Australian Heritage Restorations, through Chris Bart, for over 3 years on the repairs and restoration of our nearly 100 year old Anglican Church, All Saints, in Singleton. Its a quite large stone structure seating in excess of 400 people. The repairs mainly centred around numerous roof leaks during and after heavy rain. In addition to this work, AHR also treated major rising damp/dryland salinity, active in large areas of the Rectory's exterior and interior walls of rendered 'sand/clay-stock bricks. This building is 130 year old and double storey.

As can be well imagined, to find and work with a truly professional (not to mention fully understanding) heritage contractor operating in regional centres was a great relief. Reliability of attendance and quality of work was paramount but equally important was real 'after sales service' should work done prove ineffective or unsatisfactory. Within all these criteria AHR have proved themselves as completely reliable.

When working in regional areas where travelling times, cartage, accommodation needs are markedly different to cities, there requires a certain disciplined mindset of 'completeness of requirements' before commencing the task. Chris and his team fully appreciate and practice 'critical path' planning which to my mind is repeatedly borne out in their tendering. Intimately linked to this is the need to fully appreciate what is required legally, practically and economically; again the AHR team are proficient in task planning and execution from membrane waterproofing small areas of roofing, through to repointing many hundreds of metres of stonework, slate roof repairs and sealing, perimeter boxgutter repairs and ultimate membrane lining. Many of the multiple tasks took numerous days, and in some cases weeks to complete, but there was always a concern for not disrupting the Services in the Church or the unnecessary, prolonged disruption to the Rector's family, living in the Rectory.

At this stage we are still only part way along the path to final completion of work, but already we have a part-definitive list of specific tasks ahead amounting to many thousands of dollars. AHR are aware of our potential future needs and will be included in our tendering list based on their past performance

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