



# Tips and tricks for creating floor plans





## Room Naming Convention

Reference fixed items (road side, driveway, garage) rather than possibly unknown things (north, east, south west)

Example:

- B1 = Bed by entry
- B2 = Bed by garage
- B3 = Bed by bath



Floor plans don't have to be exact, so long as they will stand the test of time and still make sense.

Room names should make sense, and remember to include where roads are (and garages etc)

Reference room names to remove all doubt. Use references like front side, back side, garage side, driveway side as they will have the same longevity as the building!

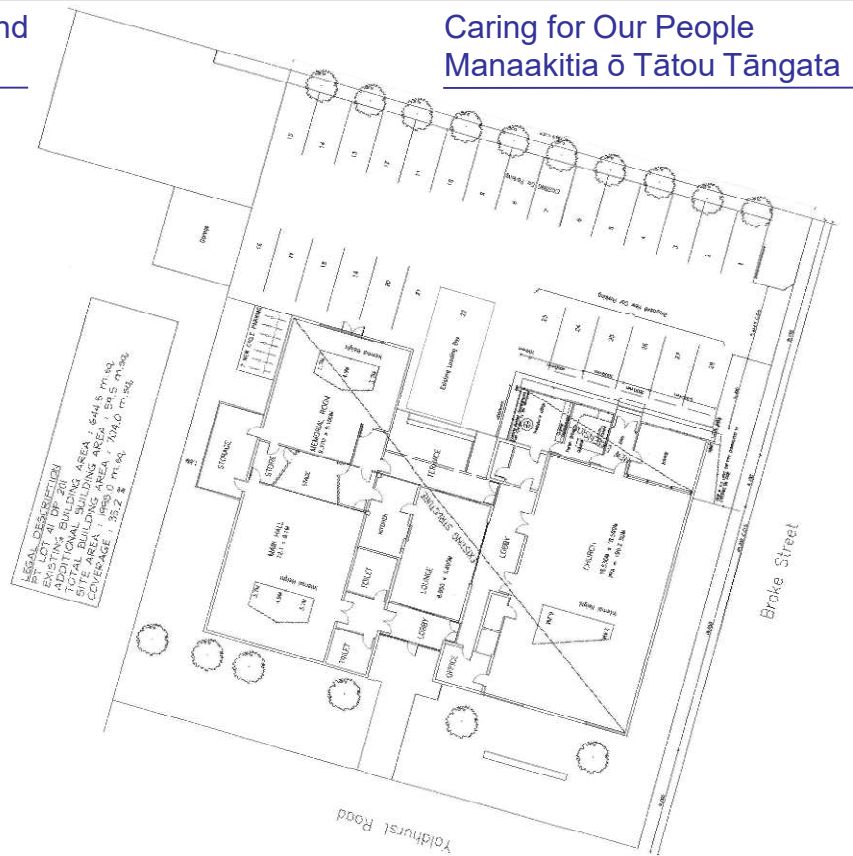
Don't just number the rooms

Don't name the rooms after a person



## Creation option

Use a building plan



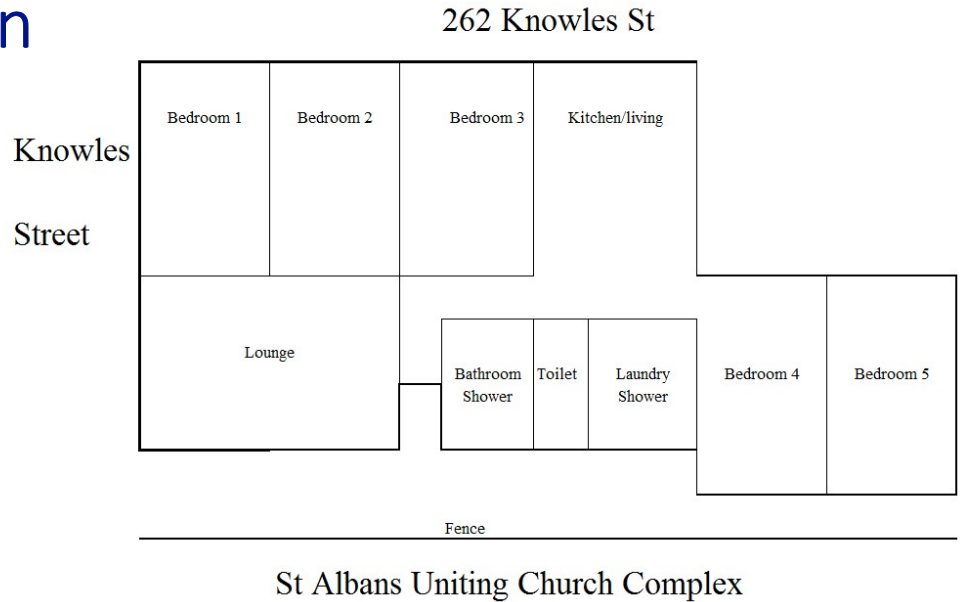
Building plans are the best if you have them

Still check the room names, because if the rooms were originally named after a function (ie children's room), then over time that function may have changed and the name will be out of date.



## Creation option

Sketch it on the  
computer...



(Please note, the bedrooms haven't been well named in this example)



## Creation option

Hand sketch it

Maybe use google maps as  
the starting footprint.



Or hand sketch it - there are many ways to get a building outline!

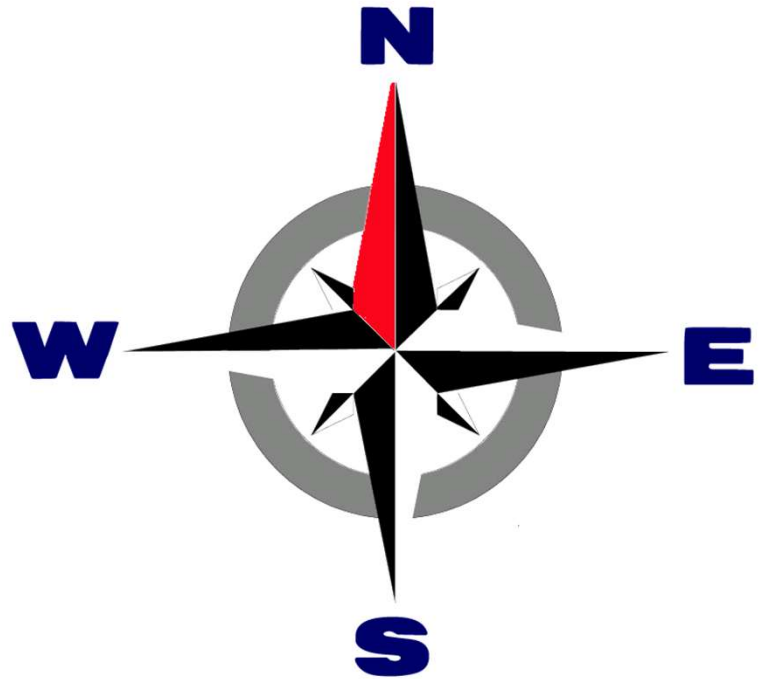
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## Direction convention

The normal convention is to draw plans aligned with North pointing straight up.

Whenever you look at Google maps (or similar), north is always at the top of the page.



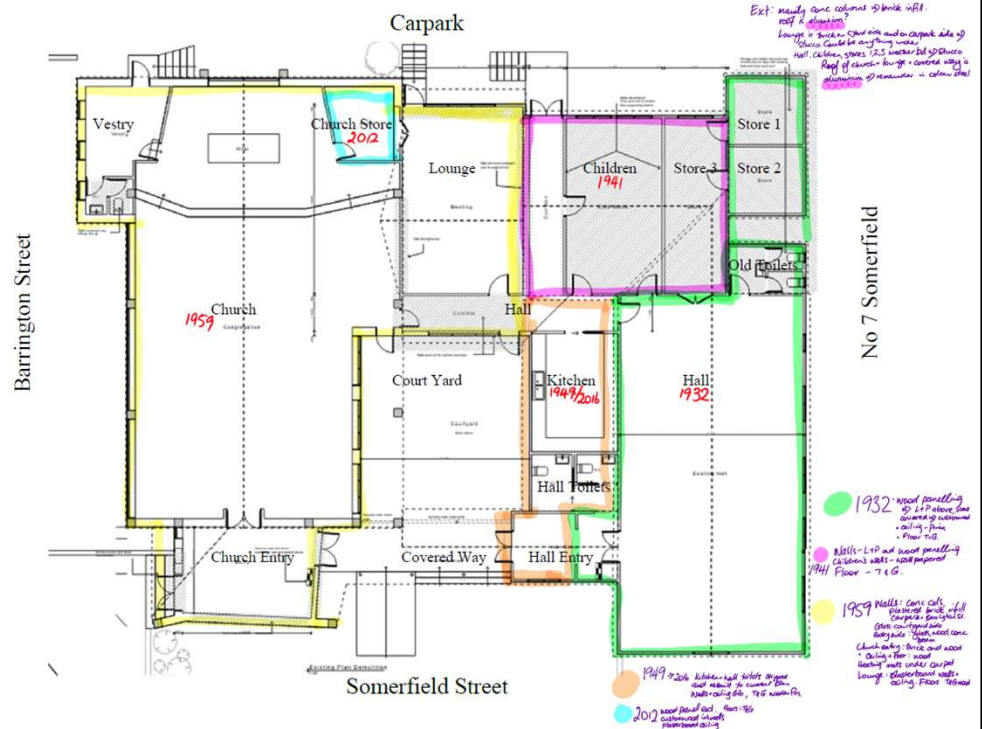
It is recommended to draw your plans this way as well, but it is optional.



# Plan versions

Different versions could cover:

- Build eras
- Surveyed areas/dates
- Cleared areas/dates
- Assumed areas
- Building materials
- Danger areas
- Warning Signs



Build eras: representative test samples are insufficient, and test samples will be required from every different build eras

Surveyed areas (add dates): including survey results (positive/negative/assumed/not inspected for a stated reason)

Cleared areas (add dates): asbestos has been removed, clearance certificates are available

Assumed areas: assumed positive/no test taken for a stated reason

Building materials: can help show trends through the building

**Different versions may also cover:**

- Interior vs exterior
- Walls vs floors vs ceilings (interior)
- Walls vs eaves vs roof (exterior)