

Heritage Citation



151 Lynne Grove Avenue, Corinda

Key details

Also known as	Lynne Grove House
Addresses	At 151 Lynne Grove Avenue, Corinda, Queensland 4075
Type of place	House
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L11_RP133467
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2005 Date of Citation — June 2004
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

People/associations	Thomas Murray Hall (Occupant)
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Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (E) Aesthetic; (H) Historical association
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This large Victorian house was possibly built as early as 1883 for Robert Hassall who purchased five acres of land here in 1882. The house is most strongly associated with Thomas Murray Hall, however, who lived there for 25 years from 1889 until 1914. Hall was a prosperous merchant who also served the public as an alderman for Sherwood Shire Council, Brisbane City Council and was a member of Legislative Council. While Corinda had started as a farming locale, a few large houses of the type favoured by the well-to-do were also constructed here as the opening of the Ipswich rail line to Brisbane (completed 1876) afforded professionals and public servants convenient access to the city. Typical of the Corinda pattern of very gradual growth, subdivision of the five acres on which the house was built did not commence until the late 1960s.

History

The area from Chelmer to Corinda was known as “Boyland’s Pocket” in the 1850s, Captain Boyland having leased the area in 1851. In 1860 the new Queensland Government opened up the district for selection, at a price of 1 pound per acre, resulting in the establishment of a number of farms ranging anywhere between 25 and 70 acres in size. Attempts were made by pioneer selectors during the 1860s and 1870s to produce maize, potatoes, bananas, cotton, sugar cane, and arrowroot. The opening of a railway bridge at Indooroopilly in 1876 reduced the isolation of the area, and allowed for increased subdivision. The first main building wave occurred in the 1880s, a boom period for Brisbane. However, many of the allotments sold at this time remained vacant for years, and continued to be used for small farming operations. Later waves of building, occurring after each of the World Wars, gradually reduced the amount of farmland, and new housing continues to envelop those gracious older houses which once stood on acreage, surrounded by gardens.

In 1882 Robert Francis Hassall, the son of the Reverend James Samuel Hassall, purchased 5 acres of land from Robert Donaldson. Robert Hassall was not listed in the postal directories, and he died in 1888, aged 33. Another 22 acres of land was purchased off Donaldson in 1884 and 1885.

The Reverend J. S. Hassall, the grandson of the Rev. Samuel Marsden, who introduced Christianity to the NZ Maori, was born in 1823 at Parramatta (died 1904), and was ordained in the Church of England in 1848. Arriving in Brisbane in 1873, with his wife Francis (nee Dixon), the niece of John Oxley, the Rev. Hassall became the first resident Minister of the C of E church at Sherwood, serving from 1876 to 1899. St Matthews was built in 1868 next to the cemetery on Sherwood road, was rebuilt in 1893, and was burnt down in 1921, being replaced by the current St Matthews on the corner of Oxley and Sherwood Roads.

According to an article in “The Queenslander”, May 12th, 1932, the Rev. Hassall built a house called “Matavi” in 1883, off Lynne Grove Ave. However, this house stood to the south of 151 Lynne Grove Ave, where Corinda High School is now, and was demolished in 1966.

In 1967 the Sherwood District Weekly claimed that “Lynne Grove House” (151 Lynne Grove Ave) was built by the Hassall family in 1880, and was occupied by them for 3 years. However, since they did not purchase the land

until 1882, this appears to be incorrect. As a ?450 mortgage was taken out on the property in 1883, and a mortgage for ?1000 was taken out in 1887, Lynne Grove House was probably built by the Hassalls between 1883 and 1888.

The next owner, Thomas Murray Hall, purchased the property in 1889; the same year that he is first listed in the POD as living in Corinda. T.M. Hall was born in 1859 in New South Wales. He worked as a surveyor's assistant, as an insurance clerk and as an accountant, before he arrived in Brisbane in 1888 to open a branch of his own firm, Hall's Mercantile Agency. In 1894 the Hall-Gibbs Mercantile Agency was established. Hall was a member of the Sherwood Shire Council for 15 years, acting as Chairman for 3 years. He was also in the Brisbane City Council as Alderman for the West Ward from 1898-1900, being on the Victoria Bridge Board and the Traffic Board. He was called to the Legislative Council in 1906, serving until 1923. By 1917 he was a director in Finney, Isles and Co. Ltd, the Canada Motor Cycle Agency (Queensland) Ltd, the Union Box and Timber Co. Ltd, and Beales (Queensland) Ltd. He had also acted as president of the Brisbane Club, as well as president of the Graceville Bowling Club. In addition, he was a founder of the Institute of Accountancy, and Chairman of the Queensland Protestant League. He died in 1927, aged 68.

The Hall's sold the property in 1914, and subdivision of the 5 acres did not begin until the late 1960s.

Statement of significance

Relevant assessment criteria

This is a place of local heritage significance and meets one or more of the local heritage criteria under the Heritage planning scheme policy of the *Brisbane City Plan 2014*. It is significant because:

Historical

CRITERION A

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the city's or local area's history

As an nineteenth century elite residence built on a large property that was later subdivided, its history reflects the overall development of the Walter Taylor South area.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

As a well maintained, large nineteenth century residence surrounded by impressive landscaping.

Historical association

CRITERION H

The place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organization of importance in the city's or local area's history

Due to its links to the family of the Rev. J.S. Hassall, and to T.M. Hall, both persons of considerable note.

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