

Heritage Citation



235 Boundary St

Key details

Also known as	Gorman Brothers Grocery Store
Addresses	At 235 Boundary Street, West End, Queensland 4101
Type of place	Shop/s
Period	Federation 1890-1914
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L15_RP11163
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000 Date of Citation — March 1992

Construction

Roof: Corrugated iron;
Walls: Timber

Criterion for listing

(A) Historical; (D) Representative

As this part of Boundary Street began to develop as a residential area in the 1870s and 1880s, there were growing demands for a local grocery store. In response, William and Patrick Gorman established the Gorman Brothers Grocery Store on this site in 1895, which was shortly after joined by a fruiterer and a bootmaker. The two-storey timber building also served as a residence, and Patrick Gorman and his wife Ann lived above the store for many years. After 1909, the Gorman's leased the building out to various grocers and in 1945 the building was sold to another grocer, George Henry Cooke.

History

The Gorman Brothers' Grocery store was built around 1895 in response to the growing demands of the residential population nearby. From the 1870s residents in the streets near the grocery store had to travel to the main shopping area further down Boundary Street for even simple conveniences. William and Patrick Gorman had for several years run a grocery store in Vulture Street, near the West End State School. As this part of Boundary Street attracted more and more residents, the demand for a local grocery store grew. By the mid 1880s, a butcher shop had been established between Corbett and Granville Streets, providing locals with at least this service. The need still existed for a grocery store however, so in 1895, after having owned the corner allotment since 1882, the Gormans finally had their two storey grocery shop and residence built.

Serving as a pivotal community meeting place, where locals could purchase goods and services, chat with neighbours and catch up with the latest gossip, this building was a significant addition to the local community. Gradually, other shops were erected further along Boundary Street, between Corbett and Granville Street. By around the turn of the century, the grocery store and butcher had been joined by a fruiterer and bootmaker which meant that locals no longer had to travel far to obtain the goods they needed.

Patrick Gorman and his wife Ann lived above the store and he and William continued to run the business until 1909 when they leased the store out. It continued to be used as a grocery store, but was run by various people for several years. When Ann Gorman died in 1914, Patrick Gorman returned to the building, but only to the residence above, while he continued to lease the shop out to various grocers. From 1915 until 1926 a storekeeper named Valentine Stafford ran the store. Then in 1934 George Henry Cooke, a grocer, took over the store and after leasing it from the Gorman family for more than ten years, finally purchased the property in October 1945.

The building is currently used as a shop, which still serves as a source of information and meeting place for the local community.

Description

This two storey 1890s shop and residence on Boundary Street has the characteristic hipped main roof and separate curved verandah roof. It has a truncated corner on the ground floor and a post supported awning with a simple near horizontal roof that turns the corner onto Corbett Street. Three French doors open onto the first floor balcony. The timber verandah posts have flanking carved timber brackets. Between them the balustrading consists of evenly spaced vertical timber boarding. The windows on the side elevation at this level are double-hung sashes shaded by plain propped corrugated iron sun hoods. The ground floor has extensive glass shop fronts with top lights and a central entry facing Boundary Street. A ground floor extension occurs at the rear of this building.

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 the provision of a local grocery store reflects the growth of the residential population in West End into the 1890s.

Representative

CRITERION D

The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class or classes of cultural places

as a good example of an 1890s two-storey timber corner shop and residence.

References

1. Queensland Post Office Directories
 2. Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Queensland Certificates of Title
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