



Heritage Citation



52 Salt Street, Windsor

Key details

Addresses	At 52 Salt Street, Windsor, Queensland 4030
Type of place	House
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L1_RP80519
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — March 2011
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Brick - Painted

Criterion for listing (A) Historical; (A) Historical; (B) Rarity

This brick house was built some time in the late 1880s or early 1890s. The house is illustrative of the pattern of development in Windsor in the 1880s, which was then starting to emerge as a residential suburb, and also of the effect the Lutwyche brick making industry had on the kind of houses constructed in the vicinity.

History

This nineteenth century brick cottage was probably built for Mrs Clementina Louisa Bushell around 1887. There is a possibility, however, it was built for a Mr Matthew Weetman who acquired the property after Mrs Bushell's death in 1890.

One outstanding feature of the character of Windsor, Lutwyche and the surrounding suburbs is the unusually large number of nineteenth century brick residences. These range from grand houses such as Boothville at Windsor, to small brick cottages such as those found in Bess St and Fuller Street at Lutwyche.

Brick making was one of the earliest manufacturing enterprises in Brisbane during the colonial period. By 1871, census figures recorded 672 brick dwellings in Brisbane. Bricks were generally made by hand until the 1870s and 1880s, when mechanised processes such as the Hoffman method began to take over. During this period, the greatest concentration of brickyards in Brisbane was in the Lutwyche area. One of the most well-known brickyards was that established by William Williams in the 1860s. His own brick cottage on the corner of Fuller St (formerly William St) and Crowther Street at Lutwyche is one of the earliest homes in the area. Other brick makers in Lutwyche during the 1870s - 1880s included Samuel Hedge and John Salt.

By the 1890s, Lutwyche no longer dominated the brick making industry. Large brick making businesses had been established elsewhere such as Petrie's Brick Yards at Albion. However, the Grange district's association with brick making continued into the 1980s when the brickworks at Newmarket which were established circa 1912 finally closed. In addition to the legacy of many brick houses and cottages in the area, several street names in the area, such as Salt Street and Brickfield Street, recall this important facet of the area's history. Another reminder is the Newmarket brickworks chimney, now an important local landmark.

A brick extension has been added to the south-western corner of the house. This may be the addition for which approval was given by the Brisbane City Council in 1956.

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 for the evidence it provides of the early development of Windsor as a residential area in the 1880s.

Historical

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The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the city's or local area's history as it illustrates the effect of the brick making industry (which flourished in Lutwyche/Windsor during this period) on the types of house constructed in the area.

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage as it is an uncommon example of a nineteenth century brick house in Brisbane.

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