

Heritage Citation



53 Primrose Terrace, Red Hill

Key details

Addresses	At 53A Primrose Terrace, Red Hill, Queensland 4059
Type of place	House
Period	Federation 1890-1914
Style	Bungalow
Lot plan	L1_SP125049
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2002 Date of Citation — March 2011
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

People/associations James Lugg (Occupant)

Criterion for listing (H) Historical association

This large house is significant as the home James Lugg, a former blacksmith, who became an alderman and mayor of Ithaca Town in 1910 and in 1916 and served as alderman from 1908 to 1917. He remained in this house until his death in 1940.

History

The land on which this house stands was originally part of a 4 acre holding which was subdivided in 1886. Government official Samuel Petheridge bought almost all of the blocks and went on to sell them between the late 1880s and 1890s.

Annie Isabel Lugg, wife of James Bray Lugg, acquired 20.1 perches on the northern side of this holding in 1895. The Luggs were residing in Primrose Terrace by 1897. Annie Lugg died on 26 August 1901 and later that year James Lugg acquired title to the adjoining 20.1 perches, immediately taking out a mortgage for ?160. This was possibly used to build this house on the lower allotment. At this time, James Lugg owned Lugg & Co (J B Lugg) Blacksmiths on the corner of George and Turbot Streets.

James Bray Lugg became an alderman of the Ithaca Town Council in 1908. He served continuously as an alderman from 1908 until 1917, serving as mayor in 1910 and 1916. Ithaca was proclaimed a Town in 1903 when the population was approximately 3,000. By 1910 it had increased to 17,500. During this period, many of the larger estates were subdivided and sold and Council responsibilities would have increased as development in the area intensified and demand for services increased. James Lugg also served as Ithaca representative on the Normanby Bridge Board in 1919.

James Lugg lived in this house until his death in March 1940.

Description

Built at the turn of the century this residence is a typical Queenslander with timber chamferboard external cladding, a hipped corrugated iron roof and wraparound verandah.

The verandah has timber posts, decorative timber bracketing and timber double top rail, and slat balustrades. Timber battens skirt the underside of the verandah.

The house has been probably extended and recently renovated, and raised with additional rooms being built underneath and new external stairs added to the front. Part of the left side of the verandah has been enclosed. These renovations though substantial retain the essential quality of the original dwelling.

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 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

As the home of James Lugg, Ithaca alderman and mayor.

References

1. Brisbane City Council Water Supply & Sewerage Detail Plans
2. Department of Natural Resources. Queensland Certificates of Title
3. McKellar's Map of Brisbane and Suburbs. Brisbane: Surveyor-General's Office, 1895
4. Information on aldermen and mayors of Brisbane compiled by Brisbane City Gallery. Nd

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