

Heritage Citation



Brunswick Hotel

Key details

Addresses At 569 Brunswick Street, New Farm, Queensland 4005

Type of place Hotel (pub)

Period Victorian 1860-1890

Style Filigree

Lot plan L1_RP153223

Key dates Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000
Date of Citation — March 2011

Construction Roof: Corrugated iron;
Walls: Masonry

People/associations George William Campbell-Wilson (Architect)

The Brunswick Hotel designed by architect George William Campbell-Wilson was built in 1889, replacing an earlier hotel on the site. It was built for William Hill Robertson, a long-term owner of the property, who died on 22 February 1922. Campbell-Wilson also designed the 1887-88 Royal Hotel, Nundah and in 1881 the Crown Hotel Lutwyche. The two-storey Brunswick Hotel, typical of the corner hotels erected during the flamboyant 1880s boom period, reflects the Victorian Filigree style. The building has a truncated corner to take advantage of its corner position and incorporates the main entry with the hotel's name and date in raised lettering on the pediment. Other features include the decorative parapet, cantilevered balcony with curved verandah, cast iron columns, and columns as well as the pilasters with Corinthian capitals flanking arched entries. Though there were extensive alterations and additions to the hotel in 1957, the building's original style has been maintained.

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 one of a number of 1880s hotels in the New Farm/Fortitude Valley vicinity that contribute to the historic character of the area; and as it provides evidence of the commercial development that developed along Brunswick Street, New Farm's main transport artery.

Representative

CRITERION D

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

as an excellent example of an ornate 1880s masonry hotel on a corner site.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

for its landmark qualities demonstrated by its ornate design, reflecting the flamboyant style of the era, which takes advantage of the prominent corner site.

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