

## Heritage Citation



**Cabarita (former)**

### Key details

<b>Also known as</b>	Elystan House
<b>Addresses</b>	At 12 Elystan Road, New Farm, Queensland 4005
<b>Type of place</b>	House
<b>Period</b>	Federation 1890-1914
<b>Style</b>	Filigree
<b>Lot plan</b>	L64_RP8789; L61_RP8789; L62_RP8789; L63_RP8789
<b>Key dates</b>	Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000 Date of Citation — January 2011
<b>Construction</b>	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

‘Elystan House’, an imposing Federation-era timber residence, was built circa 1911, probably following the transfer of the property from Nellie Bragg, spinster to Alice Mary Josephine Roemermann in March that year. By 1912 three properties were listed on the 1905 Turner’s Paddock subdivision between Brunswick Street and Lower Bowen Terrace, including ‘Cabarita’, now ‘Elystan House’. Alice Mary Josephine Roemermann and her husband Charles John Roemermann, a merchant, lived at ‘Cabarita’ for many years. Following her death in 1950, the property was transferred to their sons, Eric Charles and Carl Roemermann.

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## 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:

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#### Historical

##### CRITERION A

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

as a good example of New Farm's affluent, middle-class residential development in the Federation era.

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#### Rarity

##### CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage

as a rare surviving example of a substantial Federation-era residence in New Farm.

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#### 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 a substantial timber Federation-style residence.

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## Aesthetic

### CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

for its elegant proportions and restrained detailing.

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