

Heritage Citation



Cecilia McNally Residence

Key details

Addresses	At 49 Leichhardt Street, Spring Hill, Queensland 4000
Type of place	House
Period	Federation 1890-1914
Style	Queen Anne
Lot plan	L1_SP109506; L2_SP109506; L3_SP109506; L4_SP109506
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — August 2015
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

This Federation era house was built between 1900 and 1901 as a rental property for Spring Hill resident, Thomas Armstrong. In 1965 the property was bought by Spring Hill identity, Cecilia McNally. Known as the 'Duchess of Spring Hill', she owned a number of properties in the suburb and was committed to protecting its historic character. In the 1980s she championed a campaign to save Spring Hill from encroaching development. From the 1970s and into the 2000s, McNally organised and ran the iconic Spring Hill Fair and raised large amounts of money for Brisbane charities, for example the Mater Hospital. She was awarded an Order of the British Empire (MBE) in 1979 and passed away in 1996.

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

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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 residence of the 'Duchess of Spring Hill', Cecelia McNally, who made important contributions to the suburb of Spring Hill and the Spring Hill community from the 1960s to the 1990s.

References

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