

## Heritage Citation



### Ellerslie

### Key details

<b>Addresses</b>	At 136 James Street, New Farm, Queensland 4005
<b>Type of place</b>	House
<b>Period</b>	Victorian 1860-1890
<b>Style</b>	Filigree
<b>Lot plan</b>	L10_RP9138; L11_RP9138; L12_RP9138
<b>Key dates</b>	Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000 Date of Citation — March 2011
<b>Construction</b>	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Masonry
<b>People/associations</b>	Thomas Glassey (Occupant)

'Elerslie' was built about 1888, and possibly designed by Andrea Stombuco, following the transfer of the property to Thomas J. Bunton, a solicitor, living at 'Kinkora', Villiers Street. Following a succession of owners after Bunton from 1892, the property was purchased by Thomas Glassey, a politician, in 1909. Glassey played a pioneering role in the Queensland Labor movement, becoming a trade union candidate in the Queensland Parliament in 1888, Labor Party Opposition leader in 1898 and a senator in the first Commonwealth Government from 1901-03. From 1913 he was a director of the New Aberdare Colliery Ltd, and in 1917 founded the Queensland Nationalist Party. He lived at 'Elerslie' until his death on 28 September 1936 and the property remained in the Glassey family until the 1960s. Known as 'Elerslie' from the 1890s, this single-storey masonry house with encircling verandahs was built in the Victorian Filigree style during Brisbane's 1880s building boom.

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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 one of the elite residences built during Brisbane's 1880s boom which included a number of similar residences in New Farm and on the high-side of Teneriffe.

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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 an 1880s residence built for a member of Brisbane's affluent professional class.

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## Aesthetic

### CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as an elegant residence featuring ornate verandah detailing on a prominent corner site.

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## 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 Thomas Glassey, a leading Queensland politician for 27 years.

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