

Heritage Citation



Elron Court

Key details

Addresses	At 176 Moray Street, New Farm, Queensland 4005
Type of place	Flat building
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Style	Composite
Lot plan	L1_BUP13078; L2_BUP13078; L3_BUP13078; L4_BUP13078; L5_BUP13078; L6_BUP13078; L7_BUP13078; L8_BUP13078
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000 Date of Citation — December 2010
Construction	Roof: Tile; Walls: Masonry - Stucco

People/associations Chambers and Ford (Architect)

Criterion for listing (A) Historical; (B) Rarity; (E) Aesthetic

‘Elron Court’, which opened in 1939, was designed by Chambers & Ford and built for Harry Aaron Goldman, a manufacturer of Lower Bowen Terrace. The flats were built on vacant land in front of a small private school which included a wooden school building and outbuildings, since demolished. The new flats were built during the building boom following the economic recovery from the depression years to cater to the growing demand for rental accommodation near the Merthyr Road tramline. The two-storey, stucco and brick flats, feature elements of the Interwar Mediterranean and Functionalist styles. The building was designed to maximise light and ventilation. It comprises a central section with semi-circular window bays on each of the side sections which flank a common courtyard.

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 evidence of New Farm's dramatic transformation in the interwar period, which saw a large number of flats constructed in close proximity to public transport and the city.

Rarity

CRITERION B

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

as a rare example of interwar flats that feature this design in Brisbane and which also make a valuable contribution to New Farm's built fabric, which is undergoing rapid change with increasing high-density development.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

for the building's attractive design, use of contrasting materials, fine leadlight windows and appealing symmetrical form around a central courtyard.

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