

Heritage Citation



Elvezia (former)

Key details

Also known as	Lorne
Addresses	At 555 Gregory Terrace, Fortitude Valley, Queensland 4006
Type of place	Boarding house, House
Period	Federation 1890-1914
Style	Queen Anne
Lot plan	L1_RP54097
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000 Date of Citation — May 2011
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

People/associations	Richard Gailey (Architect)
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Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (D) Representative; (H) Historical association
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This property, originally a timber residence, was constructed in 1910 for G.F. Bridgman, to a design by Richard Gailey. The house, an investment property for Bridgman, was situated in a fashionable part of Gregory Terrace, opposite the Exhibition Grounds and Museum and near several grand residences turned boarding houses. It was first occupied by journalist Charles Jenkinson, who was later elected Mayor. Known as 'Elvezia' during its early life, the property was converted to a boarding house in the 1920s and renamed 'Lorne' in the 1930s. Its proximity to the Exhibition Grounds made it popular accommodation for short and long term residents, particularly for country families staying for 'the show'. With additions and alterations the property has been run as a hotel since the 1960s.

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 a remnant of the early twentieth century residential development of the area with substantial houses and their later conversion to boarding houses.

Representative

CRITERION D

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

as a large residence designed by Richard Gailey that has been converted to a boarding house and motel.

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 a large residence designed by notable architect Richard Gailey and for its association with country visitors who were accommodated there while attending the nearby Royal National Association showgrounds.

References

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