

## Heritage Citation



### Enoggera Scout Hall

#### Key details

<b>Also known as</b>	St Andrews Scout Hall, Enoggera Scout Den
<b>Addresses</b>	At 95 Hurdcotte Street, Enoggera, Queensland 4051
<b>Type of place</b>	Hall
<b>Period</b>	Interwar 1919-1939
<b>Style</b>	Queenslander
<b>Lot plan</b>	L2_RP18399
<b>Key dates</b>	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2011 Date of Citation — January 2010
<b>Construction</b>	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

The Enoggera Scout Hall has been used by the local scout community for over 60 years. Originally a scout hall at Kedron/Lutwyche St Andrews Church of England, it was purchased and relocated to Enoggera to serve the needs of the growing local population in the postwar period.

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## History

The suburb of Enoggera contains one of the oldest houses left in Brisbane, believed to have been built in the 1860s. Further testament to the early non-Indigenous settlement of the area is the Enoggera State School, founded in 1871. The district remained an isolated farming community until the extension of the railway from the Newmarket saleyards to Enoggera, which opened for traffic on 4 February 1889. After this the Kedron Brook district slowly acquired a suburban character, and by the 1920s was divided into a number of smaller, closely settled suburbs: Alderley, Enoggera, Gaythorne, and Groveley. By the 1930s, the district also had an industrial focus, with saw mills, potteries, and brick-making works.

The Scouting Movement, founded by Robert Stephenson Smythe Baden-Powell in England in 1908, rapidly spread around the world. Four young men started Patrols of Scouts in Queensland in August 1908 at Kangaroo Point, Bowen Hills, Ashgrove and Toowong. A year later a state organisation was formed and further Patrols were established. In 1910 a formal constitution was adopted and the name of the movement in Queensland was changed to "League of Baden-Powell Scouts, Queensland Section".

A Scout Troop was formed in Enoggera in the 1930s and the first Scout Hut was built by Ernie Langham in 1932. As urban development in the suburb intensified with regular tram services adding to its train services, the resident population grew. When the Scout Hut of the 'St Andrew's Lutwyche Troop of Scouts' was advertised for sale in June 1946, the Enoggera Scouts took the opportunity to purchase the two-storey building in October that year.

The St Andrews Scout Den had been built in January 1927 after local scouts and girl guides had played a prominent part in the ceremonial laying of the Kedron church's foundation stone and formed the honour guard at the laying of memorials at the church in 1927. In 1934 when the parish wished to mortgage the church land to obtain a loan for a parish car and building repairs, it was dismayed to find the land of the scout hall could not be mortgaged as a 99-year lease had been issued in 1932. A resolution of this contretemps between the Diocesan and Parish Councils resulted in the sale of the Scout Den to Enoggera Boy Scouts in October 1946.

Council records show an application from L. Muir, secretary of the Enoggera Boy Scouts Group to re-erect the new scout hall, removed from Kedron, in part of Enoggera Memorial Park in Hurdcotte Street. In the same year, a small estate of brick Housing Commission homes was being constructed opposite, surrounding Millen Street. In 1959 the troop and their activities had grown to the extent that they applied for permission to enclose the verandah. In 1967 permission was granted to extend the existing hut for a covered store area. Since its early beginnings as a relocated Scout Den, this building has been the focal point for scouting activities in the district as the scout movement has broadened in scope to young children as 'Joey Scouts' and admit girls and so continue to "encourage the physical, mental, social and spiritual development of young people, so that they may take a constructive place in Society as responsible citizens".

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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 relocated, larger scout den purchased to accommodate a growing local scout population.

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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 base for the Scouting Movement in Enoggera 1946.

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