

Heritage Citation



Ferny Grove Community Hall Structure

Key details

Also known as	Upper Kedron/Cedar Creek Community Hall
Addresses	At 78 Cedar Creek Road, Upper Kedron, Queensland 4055
Type of place	Hall
Period	Postwar 1945-1960
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L1_RP119043
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2007 Date of Citation — May 2011
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber
People/associations	S. Levitt (Builder)
Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (D) Representative; (G) Social

Construction of this timber hall, which was opened in 1956, began in 1954 with help from the local community. The building replaced an older public hall in the area, erected by the Little Cedar Creek community in 1890. Upper Kedron had been settled in the mid-nineteenth century, inhabited primarily by dairy and small crop farmers, and remained a sparsely populated rural area until the mid-twentieth century. Although it was not large or far enough from Brisbane to be a separate township, the area was relatively isolated and had its own community services including a school, public hall and post office by 1900. The hall was managed by trustees, mostly members of prominent local families until 2004, when trusteeship of the hall was handed over to the Brisbane City Council. The hall has provided a community focus for Upper Kedron since its opening, used for public meetings and elections as well as recreational and social functions since its opening, and is a local landmark.

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 timber hall built in the 1950s on the site of an earlier hall that demonstrates the establishment and development of the local community in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, prior to the more recent suburban development in the locality.

Representative

CRITERION D

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

as a community hall built in the postwar era.

Social

CRITERION G

The place has a strong or special association with the life or work of a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons

as a community hall used by Upper Kedron residents for social, community and school functions.

References

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 5. Brisbane City Council Heritage Unit, Cedar Creek Catchment: History and Cultural Heritage Background Report
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