

Heritage Citation



Franklin's Sawmill (former)

Key details

Also known as	U.S. Army Base Section 3 Quartermasters Warehouse
Addresses	At 54 Bonemill Road, Runcorn, Queensland 4113
Type of place	Defence site, Factory
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Lot plan	L3_SP180764
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — May 2011
Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (C) Scientific

This industrial site was established in 1886 as a bonemill for Clazy, Main & Smith & Co. It ground bone into fertilizer for the fruit and vegetable farmers of the Sunnybank District. The bonemill was taken over by ACF & Shirley Fertilizers in 1928. In 1943-44, during World War II, the US Army's Quartermaster Corps utilised the site for warehouse storage and as a lumberyard. In 1944-45, the facilities were leased by the Royal Navy's Pacific Fleet. W. A. Franklin converted the bonemill into a sawmill in 1947. In 1956, Bradken Resources Pty Ltd began operations on the site. The sawmill and a small, concrete storeroom are remnants of the site's pre-war and wartime usage.

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 an industrial site established in 1886 in the then rural area of Runcorn and used during World War Two for storage and a lumberyard.

Scientific

CRITERION C

The place has the potential to yield information that will contribute to the knowledge and understanding of the city's or local area's history

as a site utilized for industrial purposes since 1886 and later as a lumberyard.

References

1. Queensland Post Office Directories
2. Queensland Certificates of Title

Copyright Brisbane City Council

Note: This citation has been prepared on the basis of evidence available at the time including an external examination of the building. The statement of significance is a summary of the most culturally important aspects of the property based on the available evidence, and may be re-assessed if further information becomes available. The purpose of this citation is to provide an informed evaluation for heritage registration and information. This does not negate the necessity for a thorough conservation study by a qualified practitioner, before any action is taken which may affect its heritage significance.

Citation prepared by — Brisbane City Council (page revised June 2022)



Dedicated to a better Brisbane