

Heritage Citation



Prospect Street Precinct

Key details

Addresses	At Prospect Street, Fortitude Valley, Queensland 4006; At 30 Prospect Street, Fortitude Valley, Queensland 4006; At 34 Prospect Street, Fortitude Valley, Queensland 4006; At 38 Prospect Street, Fortitude Valley, Queensland 4006; At 40 Prospect Street, Fortitude Valley, Queensland 4006; At 42 Prospect Street, Fortitude Valley, Queensland 4006; At 44 Prospect Street, Fortitude Valley, Queensland 4006; At 46 Prospect Street, Fortitude Valley, Queensland 4006; At 48 Prospect Street, Fortitude Valley, Queensland 4006; At 50 Prospect Street, Fortitude Valley, Queensland 4006
Type of place	Cottage, Urban precinct
Period	Federation 1890-1914
Style	Queenslander

Lot plan	L3_RP10013; L5_RP10013; L7_RP10013; L8_RP10013; L10_RP10013; L11_RP10013; L12_RP10013; L13_RP10013; L9_SP132413
Geolocation	-27.450679 153.038782
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000 Date of Citation — August 2013
Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (B) Rarity

This rare group of surviving workers' cottages from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries is evidence of the early history of Fortitude Valley as a residential area for workers developed close to the commercial hub of Brisbane.

History

Mass immigration and a booming economy in the 1880s caused enormous growth in Brisbane's population, which increased from 37,000 to 100,000 in the decade to 1891. This served to intensify settlement in the inner core of suburbs, including Fortitude Valley.

The Fortitude Valley area was among the first settled by Europeans after the closure of the Moreton Bay penal settlement in 1842. By the mid-1880s 'the Valley' housed a large proportion of Brisbane's residents. This was a heterogeneous area, containing workers' cottages as well as more affluent residents. It was not uncommon for houses to have motor garages, factories, churches and hotels as neighbours. Houses occupied many of the streets. Away from the main commercial sector centred on Brunswick Street houses were the predominant development. Most of these houses have been lost to redevelopment during the twentieth century.

The development of Prospect Street appears to have started from the Knapp St (then Montpelier) end. In 1885-1886 two carpenters and a labourer occupied houses in the section of Prospect Street before Light Street. During the latter part of the nineteenth century more tradesmen made their homes in the street – by 1894-1895 there were twenty four households comprising carpenters, an engineer, a telephone operator, tramway driver and storemen. By the turn of the century there were a dozen households in the section of Prospect Street before Light Street. New houses were added in 1906, and by 1914, when the area was surveyed for sewerage, the street was complete with houses on both sides for the entire length to Brookes Street. The cuttings also appear to have been done by this time. Mr Sands, in 1913, requested that a footpath be excavated in front of his house "St John's Wood" and that the excavation be extended inside his boundary to allow a front fence to be erected at street level. Many of the remaining houses in Prospect Street date from the initial development of housing in the street in the late nineteenth century.

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 group of late nineteenth and early twentieth century workers' cottages that are remnants of initial development in the area, and display the stepped pattern of development on Brisbane's hillsides

Rarity

CRITERION B

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

As an intact group of early workers' cottages in the inner suburban commercial hub of Fortitude Valley

References

1. Brisbane City Council, *Fortitude Valley Character and Heritage Study Volume 2*, (Brisbane: Brisbane City Council's Heritage Unit, 1995)
2. Brisbane City Council. Minutes. 1913
3. Brisbane City Council. Registers of Building Applications, North Brisbane Council, 1904-1909
4. Brisbane City Council Water Supply & Sewerage Detail Plans
5. Queensland Certificates of Title
6. Queensland Electoral Rolls
7. Queensland Post Office Directories

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