

Heritage Citation



201 Laurel Avenue, Chelmer

Key details

Addresses	At 201 Laurel Avenue, Chelmer, Queensland 4068
Type of place	House
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L2_SP191290; L1_SP191290
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2005 Date of Citation — November 2003
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Face brick

Criterion for listing (A) Historical; (B) Rarity; (E) Aesthetic

This house was likely constructed circa 1890 for marine surveyor John Woods. It is a single storey, nineteenth century brick residence, a type uncommon in this part of Brisbane.

History

The land that the brick house stands upon was purchased by John Wood (marine surveyor) in 1888. In 1901 Thomas Hall acquired the property. He quickly on sold it in the same month to Bernard Evans. The neighbouring allotment had been purchased by Ernest Evans (bricklayer) in 1889, and was transferred to Bernard Evans in 1906. The front and rear portions of both allotments became two new lots in the 1940s.

A number of scenarios regarding the building's construction are plausible. The first is that Woods constructed the dwelling circa 1890, perhaps utilising the skills of his neighbour Evans, and rented the residence out. A registered mortgage on the title deed to the Bank of Australasia for £230/12/8 dated 18 April 1890, just over two years after the registered purchase date of the land by Wood, adds weight to this assumption. Further, sources available indicate that John Wood John is never listed as living in Graceville area, either in the Postal Directory or in the Oxley Electoral Roll adding weight to the likelihood that this was initially a rental property.

The second option is that residence was constructed for Bernard Evans, around 1901-1902. Bernard Evans is first recorded as living in Graceville in the Postal Directory of 1903.

While recognising there is most likely a family relationship between Bernard and Ernest Evans, however primarily due to the style of the property, it is highly likely the dwelling was erected in the 1890s.

Description

This building presents as a late nineteenth-early twentieth century single story brick residence. The roof is iron and has a separate verandah over the eastern side of the residence. A large chimneystack protrudes from the roof on the northern side of the building.

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 it is illustrative of late nineteenth century development of Chelmer.

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage as it is an uncommon nineteenth century brick dwelling in Brisbane-Chelmer

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance as it is an example of an early residence located at Chelmer constructed in the traditional Queensland style featuring a visually pleasing face brick and corrugated iron construction.

References

1. Certificates of Titles, Department of Natural Resources and Mines
2. Queensland Electoral Rolls
3. Queensland Post Office Directories
4. *Walter Taylor South Character and Heritage Study*, BCC Heritage Unit, 1997

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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.

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