

## Heritage Citation



### 40 Hazelmere Parade Sherwood

#### Key details

<b>Addresses</b>	At 40 Hazelmere Parade, Sherwood, Queensland 4075
<b>Type of place</b>	House
<b>Period</b>	Federation 1890-1914
<b>Style</b>	Queenslander
<b>Lot plan</b>	L33_RP29460; L32_RP29460
<b>Key dates</b>	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2005 Date of Citation — November 2010
<b>Construction</b>	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber
<b>People/associations</b>	Charles Chalmers Mair (Occupant)
<b>Criterion for listing</b>	(A) Historical; (H) Historical association

This fairly intact nineteenth century house was constructed sometime in the early 1890s. It was the family home of Charles Chalmers Mair from 1893. Mair was an early Sherwood councillor and became Chairman of the Sherwood Divisional Board in 1896. The house was built on a small block at a time when Sherwood was largely a farming district.

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## History (previous revision)

The area from Chelmer to Corinda was known as “Boyland’s Pocket” in the 1850s, Captain Boyland having leased the area in 1851. In 1860 the new Queensland government opened up the district for selection, at a price of 1 pound per acre, resulting in the establishment of a number of farms ranging anywhere between 25 and 70 acres in size. Attempts were made by pioneer selectors during the 1860s and 1870s to produce maize, potatoes, bananas, cotton, sugar cane, and arrowroot. The opening of a railway bridge at Indooroopilly in 1876 reduced the isolation of the area, and allowed for increased subdivision. The first main wave occurred in the 1880s, a boom period for Brisbane. However, many of the allotments sold at this time remained vacant for years, and continued to be used for small farming operations. Later waves of building, occurring after each of the World Wars, gradually reduced the amount of farmland, and new housing continues to envelop those gracious older houses which once stood on acreage, surrounded by gardens.

In April 1888 Charles Chambers Mair purchased 2 roods and 3.6 perches of land (32 perches on Hazelmere Pde, the rest on Honour Ave) from the Queensland Deposit bank and Building Society Ltd. The latter had purchased 57 acres of land 2 months previously, and Mair was one of the Bank’s first customers, in a process of subdivision that stretched from 1888 to 1926, with the greatest amount of sales occurring between 1888-1890, and 1914 to 1920.

The title for Mair’s 32 perches at Hazelmere Pde was transferred to Frank Riddell and Patrick Gordon between 1890 and 1896, before reverting to Mair. However, Mair is first listed in the POD as living in Sherwood in 1891, and in the 1893 QER Mair is listed as residing at the property in Hazelmere Pde. In 1892 he was a councillor in the Sherwood Shire Council, and in 1896 he was the Chairman of the Sherwood Divisional Board. He unfortunately drowned at 50 years of age in 1900 while visiting a property in the Kilkivan district.

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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 it is a fairly intact nineteenth century residence built on a small block at a time when Sherwood was predominantly a farming district.

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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

due to its link with former Councilor and Chair of the Sherwood Divisional board, Charles Chalmers Mair.

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## References

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  4. Queensland Post Office Directories
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