

Heritage



51 Racecourse Road, Hamilton

Key details

Also known as	Race Course Lodge
Addresses	At 51 Racecourse Road, Hamilton, Queensland 4007
Type of place	Flat building, Duplex, House
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Style	Old English
Lot plan	L1_BUP6653; L4_BUP6653; L3_BUP6653; L2_BUP6653
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Information — June 2011
Construction	Roof: Terracotta tile; Walls: Masonry - Render
People/associations	Wood and Parnwell (Builder)

Built in 1937-8 for and by master builders Harold Wood and Albert Parnwell, these flats reflect the proliferation of high-density dwellings in interwar Brisbane. Formerly part of a larger site belonging to Amelia Holland Ogg, the 24-perch corner block was purchased by Wood and Parnwell in 1937. The builders, who had already constructed other flat buildings in inner-city Brisbane, expanded into Hamilton, which had been a desirable residential area for wealthy landholders since the 1860s. The group of four flats, situated appealingly close to transport and local facilities, was sold in March 1938. The flats passed through a series of proprietors until they were purchased by individual owners in the late 1980s. The brick and tile flats feature characteristics of the interwar Old English style including half-timbering to the gables, and demonstrate the interwar development of Hamilton, particularly reflecting the pressures on housing and the growth of multi-tenanted dwellings.

References

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