



Heritage Citation



52 View Street, Woollooin

Key details

Addresses	At 52 View Street, Woollooin, Queensland 4030
Type of place	House
Period	Federation 1890-1914
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L671_RP19431; L670_RP19431
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — February 2010
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

This federation styled residence was built in 1901-02 for one of the relatives of the founder of Finney Isles and Co. It was built to take advantage of proximity to the Shorncliffe railway line and is a pleasing example of early twentieth century house construction.

History

This federation style cottage was built for Mrs Anne Finney, a widow, in 1901-02. Mrs Finney is the sister-in-law of Thomas Finney, one of the founding partners of a large retail firm, Finney Isles and Co.

Mrs Finney purchased subdivisions 668-671 of portion 197 on 30 July 1901, two months after her husband's death. It is possible that she used funds from her husband's estate to purchase the land. In September of that year, she sold approximately half the land, subdivisions 668 and 669 to Ida Gwendoline Jones. A residence named "Idaville" was subsequently built on this 32 perch allotment. It is likely that Mrs Finney used the capital from the sale of this land to build this house on subdivisions 670 and 671.

Mrs Finney lived in the house until 1904 and then moved out of the area. From 1915-1922, she lived in Wynnum. She resided in View Street (then known as Bayview Street) again in 1923 until 1933 when George Frederick Finney, her son lived there.

George Finney was born in February 1901. Two months later, his father, Alfred Richard Finney died. Alfred's brother was Thomas Finney, who with James Isles established the Finney Isles & Co drapery company in Brisbane in 1864. This company continued to expand and in 1909 built large premises with frontage on Queen and Adelaide Streets.

At the turn of the century, View Street was known as Bayview Street, and Woolloowin was known as Thorrolldtown. Robert Lock Thorrold was the first land holder in the area, purchasing 48 acres for £48 in 1859. Being near the railway line, this was one of the first sections of the Thorrold Town Estate to be settled and developed. The house was built 40 years after the land was first available for sale.

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

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The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the city's or local area's history

as it is a large federation styled residence built to take advantage of proximity to the Shoncliffe railway line - a common choice of elite members of Brisbane society who wished to commute to the city.

References

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before any action is taken which may affect its heritage significance.

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