

Heritage Citation



54 Rosemount Terrace, Windsor

Key details

Addresses	At 54 Rosemount Terrace, Windsor, Queensland 4030
Type of place	Cottage, House
Period	Federation 1890-1914
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L3_RP18975
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — March 2011
Construction	Roof: Tile; Walls: Timber

This very small house was likely built towards the very end of the nineteenth century. Situated on a lot of only 75 square metres, it has become a local landmark due to its small size and prominent position near the railway line.

History

This tiny house is well known to local residents and to many commuters on the Ferny Grove line to the city as 'the smallest house on the smallest lot in Brisbane'. The small allotment on which the house sits is triangular in shape and measures only 2.9 perches (smaller than 75 square metres).

The house may or may not be 'the smallest house on the smallest lot', but it is a well-known local landmark and has certainly achieved a place in local folklore. A feature on the story of the house and its then resident, Tom O'Brien appeared in *The Sun* in 1973. It has been suggested that the house was originally the home of the coachman for the nearby grand residence of Oakwal.

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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The place has a strong or special association with the life or work of a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons

as it has entered local lore as 'the smallest house on the smallest lot' in Brisbane and is valued by the local community as part of the history of Windsor.

References

1. Queensland Certificates of Title
2. Windsor and Districts' Historical Society files

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