

## Heritage Citation



**56 Lilly Street, Sherwood**

### Key details

<b>Also known as</b>	Benaraby
<b>Addresses</b>	At 56 Lilly Street, Sherwood, Queensland 4075
<b>Type of place</b>	House
<b>Period</b>	Federation 1890-1914
<b>Style</b>	Queenslander
<b>Lot plan</b>	L8_RP142323
<b>Key dates</b>	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2005 Date of Citation — December 2010
<b>Construction</b>	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

<b>People/associations</b>	Fanshawe Gostling (Occupant)
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<b>Criterion for listing</b>	(A) Historical; (H) Historical association
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This large timber house was constructed in 1906 for grazier and former army officer, Fanshawe Gostling, and his wife, Jessie. Gostling, who had been an officer in the British army and later the Queensland Permanent Artillery, was elected Chairman of the Sherwood Shire Council in 1910 and served in that role until 1918. The house was built on a large property, and, typical of the pattern of development in Sherwood, this was not subdivided until after the Second World War.

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## History

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 June 1906 Jessie Maggie Gostling, wife of Fanshawe Derby Le Marchant Gostling, purchased 2 acres, 1 rood and 10.4 perches of land from Elliot Bland, who had held it since 1889. It appears that Bland never lived in the area, but F.D. Gostling is listed in the POD as a grazier living in Sherwood from 1907. Prior to that, he had been the manager of Gin Gin Station, Bundaberg, since 1892.

Fanshawe Gostling had served in the British Army as a lieutenant in the Royal Artillery, before serving in the Queensland Permanent Artillery from 1885 to 1888. In 1910 Gostling was elected Chairman of the Sherwood Shire Council. He served for seven years, becoming the longest serving Sherwood Shire Chairman.

Jessie died in 1942, and the house was transmitted to Margaret Wilson in 1943. In 1944 the house was transferred to Olga Sutcliffe Bowly, who held the land until her death in 1970. In the intervening period the large block of land was subdivided several times, and by 1975 it had been reduced to the still significant 2738 square meters.

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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 an elite house built on a large property that was gradually subdivided and surrounded by newer housing, typical of the pattern of residential development in Sherwood.

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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 association with F.D. Gostling, an ex-artillery officer of the Queensland Permanent Artillery, and the longest serving Chairman of the Sherwood Shire Council.

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## References

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3. *Walter Taylor South Character and Heritage Study*, BCC Heritage Unit, 1997
4. Brisbane City Council Water Supply and Sewerage Detail Plans
5. McKellar's Map of Brisbane and Suburbs. Brisbane: Surveyor-General's Office, 1895

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