

Heritage Citation



89 Sherwood Road, Toowong

Key details

Also known as	Kinellar
Addresses	At 89 Sherwood Road, Toowong, Queensland 4066
Type of place	House
Period	Federation 1890-1914
Style	Free Style
Lot plan	L1_RP85662
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2002 Date of Information — June 2000

Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber
People/associations	Charles Patterson (Occupant)
Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (H) Historical association

This attractive residence was constructed circa 1895 for local businessman and the first mayor of Toowong, Charles Patterson, and reflects the types of fine houses that were being constructed in Towoong during the nineteenth century. Soon after arriving in Brisbane in 1871, Patterson established a sawmill at Sunnybank with partners D. McNicol and John Patterson before establishing his own sawmill at Toowong in the 1880s. He was also a member of the Toowong Shire Council until 1923 during which time he served as mayor three times.

History

Scot Charles Patterson arrived in Brisbane in 1871. Four years later, in partnership with D. McNicol and John Patterson, he built the Bon Accord Sawmill at Brookfield. The business prospered to the extent that, in 1884, Charles built an additional sawmill at Toowong.

He became a member of the Indooroopilly Divisional Board and Toowong Shire Council, serving as Toowong's first Mayor. Patterson performed many other roles within the local community and in the wider Brisbane sphere. They included service as a member of the committee (and later life governor) of the Children's Hospital, Chairman of the Toowong State School committee, foundation member of the Toowong Bowling Club, and President of the Toowong Horticultural Society.

Charles Patterson established his Toowong Sawmills in Sherwood Road in about 1891. Several years later his wife Barbara acquired the land on which this house stands. The house was evidently built almost immediately, Charles being listed as living here from 1895/6, having previously lived in Merivale Street, Toowong.

A 1928 map shows the house on the corner, with tennis court at the back, running along Little Maryvale Street. After the death of Leslie Charles Patterson, probably one of Charles' numerous children, the Church of Christ showed brief interest in converting the property into a residential theological college. However, nothing came of this proposal, and the land was broken up and sold in 1964.

The residence with regard to the owner and its location is important. As mentioned above the house is two-storey wood structure. The use of wood is in keeping with Patterson's ownership of the notable Toowong Saw Mills. The house itself provides an example of the environs of the locality in late 19th century Toowong. Its relevance was noted shortly after its construction, as writing in the 1890s the chronicler of Toowong's history J.B.Fewings, said that the residence was among the prettiest dwellings on the slopes of the ridge of Toowong.

Description

This building is a two-storey weatherboard house with a corrugated iron roof, projecting gabled front, and double height veranda. The projecting front wall features a bay window at the lower level with a generous hipped roof. The gabled entry porch projects even further, to the front boundary. Stylistically the house shows evidence of Interwar features over a 19th Century base. This building at the time of its construction would have demonstrated the decorative potential of timberwork available at Patterson's Sawmill.

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

CRITERION A

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

as evidence of the growth and development of Toowong during the late nineteenth century; and, as evidence of the desirability of the area among the professional middle class, many of whom built the earliest houses along the ridges of Toowong.

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

as the former residence of notable businessman, alderman, the first mayor of Toowong Shire Council and prominent member of the local community Charles Patterson.

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