

Heritage Citation



Albion Exchange

Key details

Addresses

At 334 Sandgate Road, Albion, Queensland 4010

Type of place	Shop/s
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Style	Free Classical
Lot plan	L16_RP19169
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — August 2008
Construction	Walls: Brick - Painted
Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (B) Rarity

This two-storey brick building was constructed in the late 1880s during Albion's development as an important suburban commercial centre. Used for both commercial and, more recently, hotel purposes, the building has existed as a well-known landmark of the local area for more than a century.

History

By the late 1880s and early 1890s Albion was one of a number of prosperous suburban centres that had arisen in response to the expansion of Brisbane from its former small city core. While Albion had initially been a semi-rural area dotted with grand houses, the coming of the railway in 1882 saw the urbanisation of the area and Albion fast become a popular suburb. By 1892 Albion was served by 29 daily trains to the city and in 1899 a tramline linking Albion with Clayfield and the city opened, increasing the through traffic in Albion and rendering the shops and other services more accessible for residents in neighbouring suburbs.

The Albion Exchange appears to have built during the late 1880s by local contractor Joseph Gillespie. A photograph of the neighbouring Queensland National Bank, dated circa 1890 shows the completed Albion Exchange immediately to the north. What appears to have been a speculative undertaking by Gillespie may not have gone well – the *Queensland Post Office Directories* consistently show two vacant shops between the Queensland National Bank to the south and the butcher's shop to the north from 1892. The first occupant appears to have been confectioner Rasmus E. Jensen in 1909.

In July 1912 Martin William Haenke and George Frederick Haenke purchased the property, raising a mortgage of £1,100 over the property on the same day. Martin Haenke, an architect, electrician, industrial chemist, furniture maker and building surveyor from Ipswich also had interests in gold mines and brick and tile manufacturers, and had amassed considerable wealth by the time of his death in 1952. The Albion Exchange remained under the ownership of various Haenke family members until 1960.

From around 1918 until at least 1970 the building was tenanted predominantly by pharmacists. In the early 1970s the building was sold to Castlemaine Perkins and has since been owned by hotel interests. In 2005 the building was quite extensively refurbished, painted black and the lower storey front windows removed and

boarded up.

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 a commercial building constructed during the rise of Albion as an important suburban commercial centre.

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage as a rare example of an 1890s commercial development in Albion.

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