

Heritage Citation



Albion Hotel

Key details

Addresses	At 300 Sandgate Road, Albion, Queensland 4010
Type of place	Hotel (pub)
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Style	Free Classical
Lot plan	L1241_SL8836
Geolocation	-27.429792 153.041631
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2005 Date of Citation — August 2008
People/associations	Francis Drummond Greville Stanley (Architect); Hall and Prentice (extensions) (Architect)

This hotel, designed by eminent Colonial Architect Francis Drummond Greville Stanley in the 1880s, was built on the site of the original Albion Hotel, after which the suburb was named. Since 1908, the hotel has been associated with the Stewart family, well-known Brisbane hoteliers. The hotel, which is located prominently on Sandgate Road, has continued to be a popular meeting place for the local community for more than 120 years.

History

The original Albion Hotel was built in 1864 by owner and licensee Tom Haselden. Anecdotal evidence relates that Haselden named his hotel the Albion Hotel because the white walls of the stone quarry in the area reminded him of the white cliffs of Dover. The hotel had numerous short term licensees prior to the 1880s with Edward Hudson holding the license from 1866-70. The suburb of Albion was named after the hotel.

In the 1880s Brisbane experienced an economic boom, the population increased dramatically and there was an associated boom in the building and accommodation industries. 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 core.

Between 1883 and 1886 the original Albion Hotel was replaced by the present building which was designed by renowned Brisbane architect Francis Drummond Greville Stanley. As Queensland's longest serving Colonial Architect from 1872 to 1881, Stanley was highly respected within his profession and had a flourishing private practice. Some of his most prominent building designs in Brisbane include the General Post Office (1871-72), the Supreme Court at North Quay (1874-79), Lennon's Hotel in George Street (1883-85) and the Government Printing Office (1872-74), to name but a few. Stanley was also the foundation president of the Queensland Institute of Architects. According to Watson and McKay 'he is the best known of all Queensland early architects because of the quality, diversity and extent of his work'.

During the 1880s the licensee of the Albion Hotel was Margaret Magdalen Hughes who held the license until 1889 when it was transferred to James O'Brien who held it until 1897. From 1908, the Albion Hotel has been associated with the Stewart family, who were well known in the hotel industry. When Castlemaine Perkins purchased the Hotel at auction more than 60 years later in 1971, the property was still being leased by the Stewarts who also ran the Criterion and Hamilton Hotels.

In 1927 alterations designed by architects Hall and Prentice were made to the hotel. During the 1950s and 1960s, when the hotel was owned by Castlemaine Perkins, further alterations and additions were made including the addition of a drive-in bottle department in 1968. Further additions were made during the 1970s including the construction of a covered barbeque area and off-street parking for guests. The Albion Hotel survives today in its original capacity and continues to be a popular meeting place for the local community.

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 an 1880s hotel built on the site of the original 1860s Albion Hotel during a time when Albion was experiencing a wave of new development and a population boom.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as an 1880s architect-designed hotel located prominently on Sandgate Road.

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 a fine example of a hotel designed by eminent Colonial Architect Francis Drummond Greville Stanley and with later additions designed by renowned architects Hall and Prentice.

References

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