

Heritage Citation



Albion Post Office (former)

Key details

Addresses	At 349 Sandgate Road, Albion, Queensland 4010
Type of place	Post / telegram office
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Style	Georgian Revival
Lot plan	L1_RP225674
Geolocation	-27.429167 153.042681
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — January 2001
Construction	Walls: Face brick

People/associations	J. Doyle (Builder)
Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (D) Representative; (G) Social

This masonry structure was erected in 1925-26 as a Post Office containing a mail room, office and letter carriers room. It was built by J Doyle to a standard plan developed by the Commonwealth for suburban Post Offices. This building replaced an earlier 1890s structure, and was a continuation of a postal service in Albion since 1876. The building was disposed of by the Commonwealth in 1995 and has subsequently been acquired as an office for an architectural firm.

History

Land sold to Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Victoria in 1888.

Old timber post office

Constructed some time around 1890 and moved in 1925 to a new site a short distance away.

Challinor's store became Albion's first post office from 1876 until 1890 when the present one was built.

Most nineteenth century post offices were not permanent and were located in railway stations, hotels, the corner store of the local bakery.

Government policies in 1887 required that post and telegraph services were combined, and that accommodation for Postmasters and their families be provided.

New brick post office

New brick post office erected circa 1925/26 which contained a mail room, public office, a letter carriers room and a rear verandah.

To be constructed substantially of brick with cement facings at an approximate cost of 3000 pounds.

J Doyle was the builder.

Follows the M5 1920s Twin Porch style as identified in Walker's National Estate Study of Historic Post Offices in Qld.

Postmaster's quarters are in a separate building.

Currently occupied by Colin Trapp & Associates Pty Ltd Architects.

Description

Single-storey masonry with line-marking.

Multihip roof design.

Windows are of a sash style with the upper sash in small panes.

Marks a move away from timber construction to the use of brick or concrete and render.

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 the final of a sequence of post offices servicing Albion.

Representative

CRITERION D

The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class or classes of cultural places as a Post office building constructed to a specific Commonwealth design.

Social

CRITERION G

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 association with the local Albion community for the postal and telegraph services provided.

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Note: This citation has been prepared on the basis of evidence available at the time including an external examination of the building. The statement of significance is a summary of the most culturally important aspects of the property based on the available evidence, and may be re-assessed if further information becomes available. The purpose of this citation is to provide an informed evaluation for heritage registration and information. This does not negate the necessity for a thorough conservation study by a qualified practitioner, before any action is taken which may affect its heritage significance.

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