



Heritage Citation



Annerley Police Station

Key details

Also known as	Stephens Police Station
Addresses	At 444 Ipswich Road, Annerley, Queensland 4051
Type of place	Work residence, Police station / building
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L381_SL1001
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2005 Date of Citation — June 2004

Construction

Roof: Corrugated iron;
Walls: Timber

People/associations

William James Ewart (Architect)

Criterion for listing

(A) Historical; (B) Rarity; (D) Representative; (G) Social

This combined police station/residence was constructed in 1925 in response to Annerley's intensifying residential development. The station, which was then named Stephens Police Station, originally contained an office and enough space for two police officers and a constable to take up residence. The building was extended in the 1950s and again in the 1970s but still retains its interwar core. Still in use as a police station today, the building survives as a rare, substantially intact example of an interwar police station that has been modified throughout the twentieth century in line with the changing requirements of policing in local Annerley and wider Queensland.

History

In 1922, in response to the increased population resulting from more dense residential development in the Stephens District (now Annerley), the Police Department began looking for a suitable site for a new police station.

In 1925, land was made available in the School of Arts and Local Government Reserve for police purposes. Plans were prepared by the Department of Public Works and signed by W Ewart, the Chief Architect, in November 1924.

The timber station containing an office, two bedrooms, living room, kitchen, half hallway, dining room, verandah, bathroom and constable's room at the rear, was erected in 1925 at a cost of £1,292.16.1.

During the 1930s the increased demands on the police station due to police responsibility for the distribution of rations and relief work, resulted in new verandah extensions.

In 1944 Stephens Police Station was renamed Annerley Police Station. This reflected the decline in usage of the Stephens Divisional Board nomenclature since the formation of the Greater Brisbane Council in 1925.

The police station has played a vital role in contributing to neighbourhood safety. Although the Stephens police district included part of Yeronga in the 1930s, by the early 1940s this arrangement was no longer feasible as the population in the area was growing rapidly.

The large military presence in Yeronga Park and other sites during the Second World War, as well as the continuation of work associated with Intermittent Relief and an increase in traffic offences, created a need for more staff and office space.

In the early 1950s the front office and western sides of the station were extended and a public office and porch were added. A new senior constable's office was constructed. Further modifications and extensions occurred in the 1970s.

Description

This intact asymmetrical, timber bungalow with gable projection makes a significant contribution to the streetscape. The building has retained its Interwar core, though building has been extended in the 1950s and 1970s.

There is a wooden 'lockup' building at the rear.

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 interwar police station established in 1925 and modified throughout the twentieth century in response to changing requirements in policing and the development and growth of the local area.

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 interwar police station/residence still in use today in Brisbane.

Representative

CRITERION D

The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class or classes of cultural places

as an excellent example of a police station/residence that has been in use since the interwar period and adapted for use throughout the twentieth century.

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

for its long association with the Queensland Police Service.

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