

## Heritage Citation



### Anzac Cottage

#### Key details

<b>Addresses</b>	At 29 Jamieson Street, Bulimba, Queensland 4171
<b>Type of place</b>	Cottage, House
<b>Period</b>	Interwar 1919-1939, World War I 1914-1918
<b>Style</b>	Queenslander
<b>Lot plan</b>	L745_SL7978
<b>Key dates</b>	Local Heritage Place Since — 30 November 2012 Date of Citation — January 2009
<b>Construction</b>	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Masonry

**People/associations** Volunteer Labour (Builder)

**Criterion for listing** (A) Historical; (B) Rarity; (H) Historical association

29 Jamieson Street was built in 1917-20 under the Anzac Cottage Scheme, an initiative of the Queensland War Council under the sub-committee named the Anzac Cottage Trust. Its directive was to establish homes for widows and their dependants of enlisted men killed in the First World War. Construction of the homes was funded by the Queensland Lottery, 'Golden Casket', and they were built using volunteer labour. Only thirty-eight Anzac Cottages were built in Brisbane, many of which no longer survive. 21 Jamieson Street is important as a rare surviving example of an Anzac Cottage in Brisbane.

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## History

The Anzac Cottage Trust was established in Queensland in 1915 in an effort to ease the hardship experienced by the widows and children of soldiers and sailors killed in the First World War. The scheme provided timber cottages, mostly built on donated land and constructed by volunteer labour. Much of the material used for the construction of the cottages was supplied at cost price by many Brisbane businesses.

In September, 1915 the Anzac Cottage Trust was established in Brisbane as a sub-committee of the Queensland War Council. The committee's objective was to acquire land for the construction of homes for the widows and dependants of enlisted men, both military and naval, killed in the war and to establish new homes on the land. The proceeds for the establishment of the cottages were funded from the profits made by the Queensland lottery "Golden Caskets", lottery numbers three, four and five. This was an initiative of the Anzac Cottage Committee headed by Harry Coyne, MP.

The committee was also responsible for delegating who would occupy the houses. A prerequisite for occupancy was that the widow was to be of 'good character', remain unmarried and respectable. The widow was to pay a small rent of 1/6 per week as well as the rates and other expenses. The land was to be held in perpetuity by the Public Curator, with the widow or dependant signing a lease. The rental paid was to fund the ongoing maintenance of the cottages. If the widow was to re-marry it was required that the cottage be vacated.

In Brisbane thirty-eight Anzac Cottages were built, in 1917 the first one was opened in Wynnum. 21 Jamieson Street is a rare surviving example of a Queensland Anzac Cottage and as such plays an important role in Brisbane's First World War history and the impact the conflict had on the Brisbane community in this period.

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## Description

21 Jamieson Street is a timber and tin home built in the then popular style of the Bungalow. It has a short-ridge bungalow roof and a front verandah that wraps around the side of the house. Some alterations have been made to the original design of the house including building underneath the house. However, the house still retains its

original character.

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## 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:

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#### Historical

##### CRITERION A

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

21 Jamieson Street is important in demonstrating the pattern of Brisbane's history, built under the Anzac Cottage Scheme to provide accommodation for the families of Queensland enlisted soldiers or sailors who died in the First World War. These houses were funded with the proceeds of the Queensland lottery, draws three, four and five.

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#### Rarity

##### CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage

as a rare aspect of Brisbane's cultural heritage as one of only a few surviving Anzac Cottages, built under the Anzac Cottage Scheme.

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#### 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

the place has a special association with the work of the Anzac Cottage Trust, a sub-committee of the Queensland War Council. It also has a special association with the Queensland lottery.

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## References

1. Environmental Protection Agency Cultural Heritage Citation, “Strathern”
  2. *Historic Titles*, Department of Natural Resources and Water
  3. Queensland Post Office Directories
  4. *Metropolitan Water and Sewage Survey Maps*, 1949
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