

Heritage Citation



Anzac Cottage

Key details

Addresses	At 32 Stuart Street, Bulimba, Queensland 4171
Type of place	Cottage, House
Period	Interwar 1919-1939, World War I 1914-1918
Style	California Bungalow
Lot plan	L739_SL7916
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 30 November 2012 Date of Citation — January 2009
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

People/associations Volunteer Labour (Builder)

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

32 Stuart 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 were built using volunteer labour. Only thirty-eight Anzac Cottages were built in Brisbane, many of which no longer survive. 32 Stuart Street is important as a rare surviving example of an Anzac Cottage in Brisbane.

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.

As a reflection of the community support in the Bulimba area given to those impacted by the First World War another Anzac Cottage was built next door at 30 Stuart Street. This is important as it is rare to have two surviving Anzac Cottages in situ on adjacent blocks.

In Brisbane thirty-eight Anzac Cottages were built, in 1917 the first one was opened in Wynnum. 32 Stuart 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.

Description

32 Stuart 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. The house has been altered to enclose part of the front verandah but still retains its original character.

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

32 Stuart 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.

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.

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.

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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