

Heritage Information

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Baxter's Oyster Saloon (former)

Key details

Also known as	Rouse's Oyster Saloon
Addresses	At 19 Jetty Street, Shorncliffe, Queensland 4017
Type of place	House, Shop/s
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L10_SP198873
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Information — August 2015

Construction

Roof: Corrugated iron;
Walls: Timber

Criterion for listing

(A) Historical; (B) Rarity

John Baxter, one of the earliest landowners in Shorncliffe, established himself as a fisherman and oyster vendor on a nearby property in 1862. He purchased this site in 1875 and opened his refreshment rooms and picnic store circa 1878, selling oysters from his licensed oyster bed in Cabbage Tree Creek and along the Shorncliffe foreshore. After his death in 1897 his widow Sarah took over the saloon, changing its name to Rouse's Oyster Saloon after her remarriage. The business grew in the early twentieth century, expanding into the shop on the corner of Allpass Parade, as well as a branch in Deagon. With the demise in popularity of oyster saloons, Baxter's original oyster saloon became a tobacco company office in the late 1930s. It has been a residence since the 1940s.

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 1870s oyster saloon demonstrating Shorncliffe's popularity as a seaside resort and the evolution of the oyster industry in Moreton Bay.

Rarity

CRITERION B

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

as a building constructed in the 1870s as an oyster saloon.

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Note: This information 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 information 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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