

Heritage Citation



Breffney

Key details

Also known as	Stirling
Addresses	At 83 Enderley Road, Clayfield, Queensland 4011
Type of place	Villa
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Style	Spanish Mission
Lot plan	L10_RP34371; L4_RP34371; L9_RP34371; L1_RP34371; L2_RP34371; L3_RP34371
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2006 Date of Citation — January 2006

Construction	Roof: Terracotta tile; Walls: Masonry
People/associations	A.E. Hill and Brown (Builder); Hall and Prentice (Architect)
Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (D) Representative; (E) Aesthetic; (H) Historical association

This Spanish Mission style residence was built in 1928 for Elizabeth and William Drew to the design of prominent architects Hall and Prentice who were responsible for a number of fine buildings around Brisbane in the early twentieth century. 'Breffney' was featured in the Architectural and Building Journal of Queensland in 1929 for its fine architecture and impressive grounds and survives as an excellent example of the Spanish Mission style that was popular among Brisbane's elite in the interwar period. It remained in the Drew family until 1941 and has since had a number of different owners.

History

This substantial masonry residence on a prominent site in Ascot is significant as an excellent example of the Spanish Mission style, designed by notable Brisbane architects Hall and Prentice.

It was built in 1928 for Mr and Mrs. Hendry Drew. The builders were A.E. Hill and Brown and the estimated cost of construction was £7 000, a substantial figure for a new home at that time.

The house was featured in the Architectural and Building Journal of Queensland in 1929 and was known for its attractive landscaping which included palms and exotic flora. The grounds also included a tennis court. A pool was added in 1952.

Breffney has been entered on the Register of the National Estate.

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 a good example of the types of fine, architect-designed homes set in large grounds that were built for wealthy families in Ascot during the interwar period.

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 Interwar Spanish Mission style residence with a gabled terracotta tiled roof, arcaded verandah with barley sugar columns, stucco finish, projecting porch, and decorative wrought iron work.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

due to its elegant proportions, fine detailing and landscaped setting, which includes some mature plantings.

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

as a good example of the domestic work of prominent Brisbane architectural firm, Hall and Prentice.

References

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3. Brisbane City Archives. Register of New Buildings, 1928
 4. Brisbane City Council Water Supply and Sewerage Maps
 5. Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Queensland Certificates of Title
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