

## Heritage Citation



### Brethren Meeting Room

#### Key details

<b>Also known as</b>	Gospel Hall
<b>Addresses</b>	At 143 Cavendish Road, Coorparoo, Queensland 4151
<b>Type of place</b>	Hall
<b>Period</b>	Interwar 1919-1939
<b>Lot plan</b>	L101_SP268539; L1_SP265122; L2_SP265122; L3_SP265122; L4_SP265122; L5_SP265122; L6_SP265122
<b>Key dates</b>	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2005 Date of Citation — January 2008
<b>Construction</b>	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

**People/associations** the Brethren community (Association)

**Criterion for listing** (A) Historical; (D) Representative; (G) Social

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## History

The land on which the hall rests, was acquired by Robert Hyslop in 1931. Hyslop appears to have been one of the trustees of the Gospel Hall which was erected on his property circa 1934.

The Brethren is a religious movement which originated in Dublin in the mid-1820s, and spread across Ireland, the UK, USA and Australia. In the UK they were known as the Plymouth Brethren after the English town in which the movement first took hold.

According to Ian Gillman the Open Brethren formed an assembly in Queensland at Fortitude Valley in 1876. Assemblies were also formed in South Brisbane, Ipswich and Warwick during the 1880s, and gradually developed in other regional areas. A Gospel Hall was erected in Wynnum in 1933, contemporary with the Coorparoo hall.

Members of the Brethren community generally isolate themselves from the wider society as part of their beliefs, and there are two main communities known as the Closed and the Open Brethren respectively. It is estimated that the Closed Brethren number approximately 1500 members across 40 relatively small assemblies in Australia. The assemblies do not have fixed ministries, and are guided by community elders.

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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 as a place of worship for a small religious minority.

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## Representative

### CRITERION D

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

as a purpose built Gospel Hall.

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## 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

the Brethren community.

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## References

1. *Religious Bodies in Australia*, by Rowland Ward and Robert Humphrey
  2. Gillman, I. 1988, *Many Faiths One Nation: A Guide to the Major Faiths and Denominations in Australia*, Collins, Sydney
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available. The purpose of this citation 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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