

Heritage Citation



Brunswick Buildings

Key details

Addresses	At 710 Brunswick Street, New Farm, Queensland 4005
Type of place	Boarding house, Shop/s
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Style	Free Classical
Lot plan	L9_SP116685; L13_SP116685; L1_SP116685; L2_SP116685; L4_SP116685; L5_SP116685; L6_SP116685; L7_SP116685; L10_SP116685; L11_SP116685; L12_SP116685; L3_SP116685; L8_SP116685
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000 Date of Citation — April 2011
Construction	Walls: Masonry
Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (D) Representative; (E) Aesthetic

'Brunswick Buildings', an imposing two-storey, masonry building, was built in 1889 for John Dunmore Campbell who owned the large corner site. In February 1889 tenders were invited for the erection of five shops and dwellings on the corner of Annie and Brunswick Streets with plans and specifications available from WM Morris, care of Jas Campbell & Sons. The building was ideally located at the terminus of the horse-drawn tram service which had been operating from around 1885.

An 1890 newspaper advertisement referred to superior accommodation for boarders in newly furnished houses directly opposite tram changes and to contact Kirkham, Brunswick Buildings.

The façade features a pediment above the corner entrance with the words '1889' in raised lettering and a central pediment facing Brunswick Street with the words 'Brunswick Buildings'.

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 one of a number of 1880s commercial buildings in the New Farm/Fortitude vicinity that contribute to the historic character of the area; and as it provides evidence of the commercial development during the 1880s boom years along Brunswick Street, New Farm's main transport artery.

Representative

CRITERION D

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

as a good example of an 1880s masonry, commercial building.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

for its landmark qualities demonstrated by its ornate design, reflecting the flamboyant style of the era, which takes advantage of the prominent corner site.

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