

Heritage Information

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Caversham

Key details

Addresses	At 74 Allpass Parade, Shorncliffe, Queensland 4017
Type of place	House
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L2_RP4576; L1_RP4576; L28_RP4576
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Information — September 2015

Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber
People/associations	Robert John Gray (Occupant)
Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (E) Aesthetic; (H) Historical association

'Caversham' was built in 1882 for the Under Colonial Secretary, Robert John Gray. The house was constructed on a large block of land in the earliest settled part of the Sandgate-Shorncliffe area. In 1885 Gray sold the property to pastoralist Herbert Hunter, who used the property as a holiday residence. In the twentieth century the house attracted a variety of owners, including a spinster, a magistrate and his family, and a member of the Literature Board of Review. This substantial residence demonstrates the growing popularity of the Sandgate-Shorncliffe area in the late nineteenth century.

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 it reflects the growth of Shorncliffe as a desirable seaside suburb.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as a substantial residence with features including wide verandahs with original cross-bracing and a prominent portico, and moulded decorative top chimneys.

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 residence built for Robert John Grey, Under Colonial Secretary and later Railways Commissioner.

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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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