



Heritage Citation



Clarence Corner Hotel

Key details

Also known as	The Newton
Addresses	At 601 Stanley Street, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102
Type of place	Hotel (pub)
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Style	Free Classical
Lot plan	L1_RP11611
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000 Date of Citation — July 2011
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Masonry

The Clarence Corner Hotel was constructed in 1889 to replace the earlier (1863) Clarence Hotel. While the Clarence Hotel was built to serve the bullock teamsters travelling Boggo (now Annerley) Road to Ipswich, the Clarence Corner Hotel reflected the urbanisation of Woolloongabba. It was located in the centre of the Woolloongabba shopping precinct that was split by the construction of the South-east Freeway in the 1970s. The landmark Clarence Corner Hotel, unlike the nearby Railway Hotel also constructed in 1889, retains its Victorian era facade.

History

The existing Clarence Corner Hotel was tendered for in 1888 and constructed in 1889 as the Clarence Hotel. This was not the first hotel on the site, the previous Clarence Hotel being built in 1863.

The first licence was issued on 8 December 1863 to a Mr Hayselden.

In the early days, the Clarence Hotel served as watering hole for teamsters on their way to Ipswich up Boggo Road (now Annerley Road).

In the 1929/30 Post Office Directories, the Clarence changed its name to the Newton Hotel. At a later date its name was changed to the Clarence Corner Hotel. It continues to trade under this name.

Description

This is a two storey hotel which has a curved corrugated iron awning at street level and a curved verandah awning at the upper level. The original cast iron supports for the verandah and awning have been replaced by modern steel sections. Much of the other cast iron work has also been lost including the valances under both the verandah and awning, and the original supporting brackets which were once on the cast iron columns.

The Stanley Street frontage has an arcade centred on the upper level behind the verandah, and single doorways to either side. A small pediment with the buildings date of construction is centred above the arcade. On the Annerley Road frontage there are three door openings and another arched bay on the upper level.

The parapet around the street frontages has an ornamental frieze of balusters, but the finials it originally had have disappeared. An ornamental moulding runs around the face below the balusters.

The truncated corner of the building faces along the remainder of Stanley Street. Its location at the bend in Stanley Street endows the building with a certain landmark quality. The building is only moderately intact with alterations having occurred below the line of the awning.

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 for its long association with this site, contribution to the streetscape and continuous licence from 1863

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage as the sole surviving hotel from a group of three 1880s hotels located in the same locality

Scientific

CRITERION C

The place has the potential to yield information that will contribute to the knowledge and understanding of the city's or local area's history

as a building that has been on the site since 1889.

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 a hotel from the Victorian Era.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

for its local landmark qualities associated with its location on a significant corner at the bend in Stanley Street and its relative intactness, apart from the use of modern materials in its awning and verandah structures.

Supporting images



The Queenslander (Brisbane, Qld. : 1866-1939),
'Trams travelling on Stanley Street, Woolloongabba,
1900',
John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland.

Copied and digitised from an image appearing in The
Queenslander, 08 December 1900, p. 1172.
(Description supplied with photograph)

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