



Heritage Citation



Coopers Plains State School: A block

Key details

Also known as	Orange Grove State School
Addresses	At 61 Orange Grove Road, Coopers Plains, Queensland 4108
Type of place	State school
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L401_SP132119
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — January 2011
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

Coopers Plains State School was originally opened as Orange Grove State School on 21 January 1931. Previously, local school-aged children had to travel to the 'Coopers Plains State School' located on Beaudesert Road, which later became the Acacia Ridge State School. Additional classrooms were soon required at Orange Grove and built in late 1931. By November 1932 attendance had risen to 149 and further accommodation was constructed in 1933. As the school was founded and expanded at the height of the Great Depression, much of the improvement work at the school, particularly in the grounds, was undertaken by 'relief work' – a government employment scheme supporting unemployed men. Further improvements in the postwar period included seating under the camphor laurel shade trees that were a feature of school grounds in that period. The school was renamed Coopers Plains State School in 1965.

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 school established in 1931 when the local population was sufficient to require a local school at 'Orange Grove' which later became Coopers Plains.

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 school built in response to requests and funded by the local community, it has a special association with parents, who contributed during the hardships of the Great Depression. It also has a special association with relief workers, many of whom were fathers of school students, who improved school facilities and grounds. It has a special association with the teachers and generations of school children who spent their formative years there.

References

1. *Brisbane Courier* 1930-1935
 2. Fry, M., (editor), *Coopers Plains State School Golden Jubilee Souvenir*, (Brisbane: Coopers Plains State School P & C, 1981)
 3. Queensland State Archives archivessearch Coopers Plains State School
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