

Heritage Citation



Coorparoo Police Station

Key details

Also known as	Stones Corner Police Station
Addresses	At 19 Knowsley Street, Stones Corner, Queensland 4120
Type of place	Police station / building
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Style	Bungalow
Lot plan	L877_S151828
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2005 Date of Citation — May 2011
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Masonry - Render
People/associations	Robert Dempster (Builder); the Queensland Police Service (Association)

Criterion for listing

(A) Historical; (B) Rarity; (D) Representative; (G) Social

This property was acquired in January 1923 and gazetted for police purposes in April. However it was another six years before a new station with cells and stables was erected. Robert Dempster successfully tendered for the construction work in September 1929, which he undertook at the cost of £1640. Typical of suburban police stations of the time, it took a very domestic form and included a residence for personnel associated with the station. Still in use as a police station today, the building survives as a rare, substantially intact example of an interwar police station that has been modified throughout in line with the changing requirements of policing.

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 an interwar police station established in 1929 and modified throughout the twentieth century in response to changing requirements in policing and the development and growth of the local area.

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage

as a rare example of an interwar police station/residence still in use today in Brisbane.

Representative

CRITERION D

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

as an excellent example of a police station/residence that has been in use since the interwar period and adapted for use throughout the twentieth century.

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

for its long association with the Queensland Police Service.

References

1. Johnston, W.R. *The Long Blue Line: A History of the Queensland Police Force*. Bowen Hills: Boolarong, 1992
 2. *Brisbane Courier*, 1864-1933
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Note: This citation 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 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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