

Heritage Citation



Ellesvale

Key details

Also known as	Ellesvale
Addresses	At 2 Dowar Street, Coorparoo, Queensland 4151
Type of place	House
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L1_RP90752
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2005 Date of Citation — May 2011
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

People/associations	John Innes Brown (Occupant)
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Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (H) Historical association
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This property was acquired in 1911 by Coorparoo resident John Innes Brown. Brown, like his father, was a blacksmith and operated from premises in Elizabeth St in the city. He married Mary Ellen Thomson in 1913 but remained at his parent's home in Knowsley St Coorparoo until 1919 when he and Mary Ellen occupied the Dowar Street residence. The house name is recorded as both "Ellensvale" and "Ellesvale" from the mid-1920s. Brown was a member of the Coorparoo Shire Council from 1917-1925, and its mayor from 1924-25. He was a Brisbane City Council Alderman from 1928 to 1935. When Brown died in 1949 the property transferred to his second wife Euphemia. It remained in the family until 1959.

History

From 1917 Brown became involved in local politics, standing for and occupying a seat on the Coorparoo Shire Council until 1924. He was the last Mayor of the shire before its amalgamation into Greater Brisbane in 1925. He was an Alderman of the Brisbane City Council from 1928 until 1935, serving on a variety of committees. He was also for a time a member of the Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

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 post-WWI home.

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 the home of Coorparoo resident John Innes Brown, alderman and mayor of the Shire, and Alderman of Brisbane City Council.

References

1. Queensland Title Deeds
 2. Queensland Post Office Directories
 3. Queensland Electoral Rolls
 4. *Brisbane Courier*, 1866-1933
 5. *Courier Mail*, 1933-1954
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