

## Heritage Citation



**Ernie Taylor Residence (former)**

## Key details

<b>Addresses</b>	At 694 Wynnum Road, Morningside, Queensland 4170
<b>Type of place</b>	House
<b>Period</b>	Interwar 1919-1939
<b>Style</b>	Bungalow
<b>Lot plan</b>	L7_RP809252
<b>Key dates</b>	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2011 Date of Citation — January 2010
<b>People/associations</b>	Ernie Taylor (Builder)
<b>Criterion for listing</b>	(B) Rarity; (E) Aesthetic; (F) Technical; (G) Social; (H) Historical association

A landmark on Wynnum Road, this large house with matching fence was built circa 1922 by Ernie Taylor, a Morningside builder. The brother of notable engineer and builder Walter Taylor, Ernie also adopted the innovative use of concrete in construction for which his brother is renowned. The house has served the community as a private hospital, retirement home and community centre since 1955.

## History

This building was constructed circa 1921-22 by Ernie Taylor, local Morningside builder. Taylor was also brother of renowned engineer and builder Walter Taylor. This residence is said to stand on its original reinforced concrete stumps, a building innovation in the 1920s which was a speciality of Walter Taylor. Walter Taylor is credited with largely introducing the use of concrete in domestic building in Queensland.

Ernie Taylor had resided on the opposite corner of Mary and Kate Street (now Burrai Street) until 1921-22. His workshops were on the site of the present house, and appear to have remained there for some time after the house was built.

In 1955 the building was converted to a private hospital, catering for thirty patients. It operated for about 20 years, and was known as St Joseph's. In 1983 it was again purchased as a retirement home for 20 elderly people, and run by the spiritual brotherhood 'Subud'. The building was known as 'Panti Usaha Mulia'.

In recent times the property has come under the ownership of the Commonwealth Department of Health and Family Services. For a time the premises was managed by the Brisbane Tribal Council Limited, but it is now under the management of the Winnam Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation.

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## 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:

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#### Rarity

##### CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage as this residence incorporates the innovative use of concrete pioneered by Walter Taylor.

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#### Aesthetic

##### CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance for its landmark quality within the Morningside shopping precinct.

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#### Technical

##### CRITERION F

The place is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technological achievement at a particular period for its association with builder Ernie Taylor, brother of Walter Taylor, and the building techniques he introduced to Queensland.

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#### 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 as a large residence utilized as a private hospital, community centre and retirement home for the local

community and various groups within that community.

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## 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

for its association with local resident and builder Ernie Taylor.

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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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