

Heritage Citation



Fallowfield

Key details

Addresses	At 30 Brighton Terrace, Sandgate, Queensland 4017
Type of place	House
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Style	Gothic
Lot plan	L6_SP146434; L7_SP146434
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — August 2015
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

People/associations George Agnew (Architect)

Criterion for listing (A) Historical; (E) Aesthetic; (H) Historical association

'Fallowfield' was built circa 1885 for George and Mary Elizabeth Agnew. George was an engineer and businessman who established several companies, including the Nundah Carriage Works, Queensland Trustees Limited and the Federal Deposit Bank. He and Mary lived in the Sandgate house, and George represented the district in Parliament from 1888 until 1896. Agnew died in 1934 but the house remained in the family's possession until 2003.

History

Owned by George and Mary Elizabeth Agnew. George born 1853 and died 1934. Arrived in Australia in 1880.

George was an engineer by trade and with his brother Hugh ran the Nundah Carriage Works (also known as the Nundah Railway Carriage, Waggon and Tramcar Company Limited), getting their first contract for rolling-stock from the Qld Government in 1883. The Company also claimed to have introduced the Otis Company lifts into Brisbane, many of which began operation in the late 1880s.

With his brother he also established Queensland Trustees Limited, and the Federal Deposit Bank.

George was resident in Sandgate from at least 1885, possibly earlier, though not in "Fallowfield". George prepared plans and specifications for his 'Villa House' and called for tenders to erect it from early January 1885.

Was also MLA for the district from 1888 to 1896.

Residing there in 1930 when Mary died. George died in 1934. House remained in the family.

Description

Substantial nineteenth century highset timber house with steeply pitched roof and dormers. Historical and streetscape value.

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 substantial 1880s residence which demonstrates the development of Sandgate as a popular seaside resort in the late nineteenth century.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as a substantial nineteenth century highset timber house with steeply pitched roof and dormers.

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 connection with local politician and businessman George Agnew.

References

1. Sandgate & District Historical Society and Museum Inc, Newsletter No 95, 21 November 1993
2. Brisbane Courier, 1885 – 1930
3. Queensland Parliament Webpage

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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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