

Heritage Citation



Fire Station

Key details

Also known as	Toowong Fire Station
Addresses	At 20A Jephson Street, Toowong, Queensland 4066
Type of place	Fire station
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L2_RP77042
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2002 Date of Citation — June 2011
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Face brick

This small brick and timber fire station building was erected and opened in 1919 by the Mayor of Toowong, F. Watts. The station was closed on 2 February 1981.

History

Description

This is a simple but elegant pre-WWII brick building with metal roof prominently sited on this busy street in Toowong. The red brick gable front with TOOWONG FIRE STATION clearly signed in the gable is oriented west, to the street, and is an easily recognised and memorable building seen along Jephson Street.

The brick front section of the building has had its front doors converted to shopfronts and is currently used as a business office. Brick pilasters exist on the corners of the front and framing the front opening. The northern brick side walls contain three double hung windows. The rear of the building is timber chamferboard clad and contains one double hung window. A lean-to roofed section of the building along the southern side is timber clad.

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 the construction of this fire station illustrates the history of the provision of fire services in early twentieth century Toowong.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as it is a well-known landmark in Toowong which features a notably compact, visually pleasing form composed in brick and corrugated iron.

References

1. Brisbane City Council Water Supply & Sewerage Detail Plans
2. Brisbane City Council, 1946 aerial photographs.
3. Caltorpe, K.D & K.Capell. *Brisbane Ablaze: A History of Fire-Fighting, 1921-1990*. (Brisbane: Queensland Fire & Rescue.2001).

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