

## Heritage Citation



### Karalee

### Key details

<b>Addresses</b>	At 27 Weston Street, Zillmere, Queensland 4034
<b>Type of place</b>	House
<b>Period</b>	Federation 1890-1914
<b>Style</b>	Queenslander
<b>Lot plan</b>	L1_RP886026
<b>Key dates</b>	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2003 Date of Citation — March 2003
<b>Construction</b>	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber
<b>People/associations</b>	J.C. Hutton's Ham and Bacon factory (Association)

'Karalee' was built circa 1909 for Albert Maundrell, a bacon curer at J.C. Hutton's Ham and Bacon Factory in Zillmere. This factory had opened in 1880 and was the largest single employer in the district. While Hutton had a number of workers cottages built for his general staff along Zillmere Road and near Zillmere Station, the factory's managerial staff had their homes constructed in Weston Street on a hill overlooking the factory. 'Karalee' was one of these houses. In 1913, the property was transferred to William Otto and it remained in the hands of the Otto family until 1994.

## History

This house was built in 1909 for Albert Maundrell. The land on which this house stands was originally part of a 20 acre holding purchased by Thomas Henry Merrett in 1865 for £20. In 1902, Emma Weston, wife of Francis Weston and proprietor of a general store in Aspley, purchased the 20 acres. It is probable that Weston Street was named after this couple when it was gazetted some time after 1926. The Westons built a house at 39 Weston Street in 1903 and Francis Weston became the Foreman of J.C. Hutton's Ham and Bacon Factory at Zillmere.

This factory had opened in 1880 and remained the largest single employer in the district until its closure in 1965. During the 1890s Depression and, again, during the Great Depression (1929-39), Huttons provided the only source of employment for many of the struggling farmers in the district. The factory also became a district store where the local residents were able to buy their meat and milk needs. Because so many local residents worked at the factory, Huttons became an integral part of the Zillmere community, even organising such social events such as picnics, fancy dress parties and cricket matches. While Huttons had a number of worker's cottages built for its general staff along Zillmere Road and near the Zillmere Station, the factory's managerial staff had their homes constructed in Weston Street on a hill overlooking the factory. "Karalee" was one of these houses.

In July 1907, Albert Edward Maundrell purchased 65.2 perches of vacant land from the Westons. Albert Maundrell was the first son of Sam Maundrell, a Welsh farmer who settled in Aspley. Albert Maundrell worked as a bacon curer in the local area. It is probable that Maundrell went to work at J.C. Hutton's Ham and Bacon Factory, which opened in Zillmere in 1880 and decided to build a house on his land closer to the factory. In 1908, Albert Maundrell is shown in the post office directories as living in Aspley, but in 1909 he is shown as living in Zillmere.

In 1913, the property was transferred to William Frederick August Otto junior, whose father, Bill Otto senior, was an engineer at Hutton's factory. William jnr may have also worked at Hutton's factory. A new title was issued in November 1922 to W.F. Otto and his wife Alice Jane Otto. She died on 14 November 1953 while William Otto remained the owner of "Karalee" until his death on 1 August 1977. The property remained in the hands of the Otto family until 1994.

Huttons was a major Queensland small goods company with an 85-year connection to the Zillmere District. Yet little remains of Hutton's links to Zillmere. At the former Hutton's Ham and Bacon Factory site, only a fig tree planted c1891 remains. Along Zillmere Road, all but two of the ten worker's cottages built for Hutton's general staff have been demolished. In Weston Street (the manager's street), "Karalee" and one other residence are all

that are left as reminders that it was a Hutton's street.

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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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#### Historical

##### CRITERION A

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the city's or local area's history

as it is evidence of the profound effect the Hutton's factory had on the local community especially in earlier decades of Zillmere's development; this effect stretching to the addition of houses to local streets for some employees.

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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 one of only two surviving workers cottages constructed on Weston Street for the senior staff of J.C. Hutton's Bacon and Ham Factory.

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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 J.C. Hutton's Ham and Bacon factory, which dominated the economy of the Zillmere district from 1880 to 1965.

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## References

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