

Heritage Citation



Masonry Shop

Key details

Addresses

At 602 Wynnum Road, Morningside, Queensland 4170

Type of place	Shop/s
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Style	Free Style
Lot plan	L374_RP12846
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 30 November 2012 Date of Citation — August 2011
Construction	Walls: Brick - Painted
Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (B) Rarity

602 Wynnum Road is a two-storey building constructed in the interwar period. The shop and upstairs residence were constructed at a time when Morningside was becoming less of an outer suburb of Brisbane and more of a sought after residential address. It is a reflection of the increased commercial activity along Wynnum Road (formerly New Cleveland Road) in the interwar period and one of the few commercial premises remaining in the Morningside centre from this period.

History

The Morningside area developed as a result of the extension of the rail line to Cleveland. The Bulimba Railway Station was constructed along the line where the present Morningside Railway Station is today. With an improved means of transport into and out of the City, the area was quickly subdivided into housing estates. The Bulimba Railway Estate was situated on the south-east side of the station with land parcels being sold as early as 1888. By the turn of the century this area was still regarded as an outlying Brisbane suburb with fairly scattered residential development.

The interwar period was a time of residential and commercial growth in Morningside. In 1921 the population of Morningside was 1806 people and by 1947 it was 4919 people. In 1926 a School of Arts was built in Morningside, a reflection of the growing suburb's need for community facilities. Along Wynnum Road an increase of commercial activity also took place. From 1926 when the School of Arts was first built there were seven commercial businesses between Thynne Road and Mary Street (now known as Burrai St) on the left hand side of Wynnum Road away from the city. By 1939 this had increased to ten.

In 1912 Martin Henry Pickthorne purchased one rood and eight perches of land at Morningside. From as early as 1918 there was commercial activity on the block of land. In 1925 John Robert Smith and his wife Fanny purchased the property but were recorded as having a shop at 606 Wynnum Rd. It is not until 1938 when Charles Thomas Crabb and his wife Emily Jane purchased the property that a direct connection between the property holders and the business proprietor is apparent. The Crabbs ran a confectionary store at 602 Wynnum Road. Crabb is first recorded in the *Electoral Rolls* in 1937 as 'storekeeper' on Wynnum Rd, Morningside. By

1940 the business had been sold to Matthew Conroy who leased it out to a series of tenants.

It is unclear when the two storey masonry and timber shop and first floor residence was constructed as the sources record continuous commercial activity on the site throughout the interwar period. There is no record of the building being approved for construction in the *Register of New Buildings* from 1925 – 1945. It is apparent, however, through architectural analysis of the building that the two-storey masonry and timber building is likely to have been built in the interwar period.

602 Wynnum Rd, Morningside is an important reflection of the commercial growth of the Morningside 'village' in the interwar period. The two-storey masonry building is the only masonry commercial building remaining in the Morningside commercial strip from this era and as such is rare.

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 an interwar masonry shop and residence it is important in demonstrating the commercial growth of Morningside in this period and the district's shift from rural outpost to a sought after suburb in Brisbane.

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage

as an uncommon example of a masonry interwar shop and residence with high rendered decorative parapet on Wynnum Road in Morningside, it is the only masonry shop and residence remaining on Wynnum Road, Morningside from this era.

References

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 2. Queensland Post Office Directories
 3. *Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Survey Maps*
 4. Brisbane City Council Building Registers
 5. Queensland Electoral Rolls
 6. University of Queensland, 'Queensland Places: Morningside'
 7. *History of the Bulimba Electorate 1859 - 1959*, Bulimba Electorate Centenary Committee, 1959, pp.19-20
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