

Heritage Citation



Methodist Rectory (former)

Key details

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| Also known as | Methodist Rectory |
| Addresses | At 2 Finney Road, Indooroopilly, Queensland 4068 |
| Type of place | Residence (singular), House |
| Period | Federation 1890-1914 |
| Style | Queen Anne |
| Lot plan | L2_SL11985 |
| Key dates | Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2002 Date of Citation — November 2006 |

Construction Roof: Corrugated iron;
Walls: Timber

People/associations Reverend Alex Hutchison (Occupant)

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

This former rectory was part of the establishment of the Indooroopilly Methodist Church and provided a residence for local minister Rev. Alex Hutchison from 1914 until 1934. The former rectory is opposite and visually related to, the former Methodist Church (now the Uniting Church) which was opened in 1917 at 80 Station Rd. For a number of decades the building was used as a private residence but is now owned by Queensland Health.

History

Originally part of 70 acres (portion 685) granted to Charles Street in 1865, this property was part of the land acquired by Thomas Finney in 1884. Finney, after whom the street is named, purchased subdivision 1 of portion 685 - an area of 1 acre and 23 perches. Following the liquidation of Thomas Finney's affairs due to the effects of the 1890s depression, the land was further subdivided.

James Laurence Pratt, a local builder, bought this 32.6 perch property in August 1912. Pratt lived further along on the opposite side of Finney Road in 'Glenisle' and this land was evidently bought as an investment. Pratt may have built this house as a 'spec' house, for it is similar in style to one attributed to him in Grosvenor Road. Considine Alexander Hutchison purchased the property from Pratt in August 1914.

Considine Hutchison (who used the name Alex Hutchison) was the minister for the nearby Indooroopilly Methodist Church. The Methodist church was established in Indooroopilly in 1869 with bible classes being held in a home in the area before the construction of a small church at Brookfield. As the population in the Indooroopilly area increased markedly around 1914, the then Minister, Reverend W Little organised the acquisition of land at the corner of Station and Musgrave Roads, with the intention of shifting the old Brookfield church to the site. Subsequent to Rev Hutchison, who was previously at the Paddington church, taking over from Rev Little, it was decided to build the current brick church on the site. The Anzac Memorial Methodist Church (now the Uniting Church), was opened in 1917.

Rev Alex Hutchison lived in this house on the corner of Finney and Musgrave Roads, from 1914. The house, built with some features of earlier gracious homes, was one of around eight homes which joined the previously lone house in the street in 1914-15. Although a new rectory was built at 25 Grosvenor Road in 1926, Rev Hutchison continued to live in this house until his death in 1934. His widow, Fannie Hutchison, continued to reside here and the property was transferred to her, and to Daisy Hutchison and Constance Hutchison, both spinsters, in November 1934.

Following an interval of ownership by John and Elizabeth Hunter, who purchased the property in 1970, the property was transferred to the Crown in November 1986.

The house is currently used by Queensland Health.

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:

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as an attractive Federation style residence that forms a visual connection with the church at 80 station road.

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

as the residence of Reverend Alex Hutchison, who ministered to the local congregation.

References

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3. Uniting Church, Indooroopilly, Historical Report, *Brisbane Places of Worship: A Heritage Survey*. Brisbane City Council, Heritage Unit, 1997
4. Rev R S C Dingle ed *Annals of Achievement: A Review of Queensland Methodism 1847- 1947*, Queensland Book Depot, Brisbane, 1947
5. Brisbane City Council Building Cards

6. *Methodist Leader* c August 1914 and 1926 (Grosvenor Rd rectory no. 25)

7. Indooroopilly Uniting Church / Methodist Parish History

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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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