



Heritage Citation



Miegunyah

Key details

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| Addresses | At 227 Cavendish Road, Coorparoo, Queensland 4151 |
| Type of place | House |
| Period | Interwar 1919-1939 |
| Style | Bungalow |
| Lot plan | L4_RP13058; L5_RP13058; L6_RP13058; L7_RP13058 |
| Key dates | Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2005 Date of Citation — October 2011 |
| Construction | Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber |
| People/associations | Thomas Bird (Occupant) |

Frederick Thomas Brentnall, a former Wesleyan minister, was proprietor of the Brisbane Telegraph newspaper, alderman, and Member of the Queensland Legislative Council from 1886 until its abolition in 1922. He acquired 33 acres of land in this vicinity during 1884, and built his house 'Eastwood' on a 10 acre allotment circa 1887. He began to subdivide the property after WWI, and sold these vacant allotments in 1919 to Mary Ann Bird, wife of publican Thomas Bird. Thomas Bird was at the time the licensee of the Stones Corner Hotel. The house appears to have been built for the Birds by 1922. Thomas Bird's involvement with the local community included his election as the first president of the Eastern Suburbs Football Club in 1934.

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 residence built in the 1920s on the site of a previously substantial estate.

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 home of Thomas Bird, hotelier and community sports administrator.

References

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 5. Waterson, D.B., *A Biographical Register of the Queensland Parliament 1860-1929*, Australian National University Press, Canberra, 1972
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