

Heritage Citation



Mount Crosby General Store & Post Office

Key details

Addresses	At 659 Mt Crosby Road, Mount Crosby, Queensland 4306
Type of place	Shop/s, Post / telegram office
Period	Victorian 1860-1890, World War I 1914-1918
Style	Free Classical
Lot plan	L1_RP67132
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 20 February 2004 Date of Citation — September 2015
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

Criterion for listing

(A) Historical; (H) Historical association

A postal receiving office was opened at Mount Crosby in October 1882, serving the farming community and later waterworks employees. Contractors operated the mail run between Mount Crosby and Ipswich, while local residents ran the receiving store from cottages and shops in the area. The receiving office quickly became a well-used facility, and was made a post office in 1924. It was later relocated to this store building, a former butcher's shop constructed circa 1916. An annexe was added in 1948, when the former butcher's shop was being operated as a store by Bill Butler. He took over the Post Office and employed Ab Swenson to build the Post Office annexe.

Description

A lowset circa 1920s timber shop and attached Post Office set close to front alignment and with a projecting skillion roofed-street awning over the footpath. A simple parapet extends upwards to close the main roof gable. The form and scale of the building has not changed significantly but the details of the shop windows interior fitout and signage spandrels and valances have been altered.

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 it demonstrates the growth of the village of Mount Crosby.

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 connection with the development of the Mount Crosby waterworks.

References

1. Brisbane City Council Department of Water Supply and Sewerage, 'A brief outline of the Brisbane water supply system' (1970)
 2. Brisbane City Council Heritage Unit, Mount Crosby Waterworks Heritage Study (Appendix B: Employees' Accommodation), nd
 3. Nissen, Judith, 'Creating the landscape: A history of settlement and land use in Mount Crosby' School of History, Philosophy, Religion and Classics, University of Queensland (1999)
 4. Extended Ipswich Heritage Study
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