

Heritage Citation



Newmarket Memorial Hall

Key details

Addresses	At 92 Enoggera Road, Newmarket, Queensland 4051
Type of place	Hall
Period	World War I 1914-1918
Style	Arts and Crafts
Lot plan	L4_SL811493
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2005 Date of Citation — August 2015
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

Criterion for listing

(A) Historical; (B) Rarity; (D) Representative; (G) Social

A former gymnasium building erected at White City A.T.F camp, Enoggera in 1916, which was subsequently relocated to Rosemount Hospital after World War One, and then in 1925 purchased by the Kelvin Grove Amateur Athletic Club for relocation to a site in Newmarket that had been reserved for a memorial hall in 1921. Post 1946 it was re-orientated on the site by ninety degrees to its current position. It was used as a base for the Kelvin Grove AAC, serving and ex-service personnel, and a broad range of community uses, and is still in active use.

History

In 1921 27 6/10 perches of land was reserved for a memorial hall in Newmarket.

In May 1925 a tender was called for the demolition of the recreation hall at Rosemount and for re-erection of the same at the Kelvin Grove tram terminus with alterations etc., for conversion into a Memorial Hall, with the plans and specifications available from Sidney William Prior, Architect. The tender for the hall was let in July 1925 to builder W. Chaplain.

Architect Sidney William Prior who was involved in the project had served in the First World War, beginning private practice in Brisbane in 1923. He also became a life member of the Returned Soldier's League.

At the opening of the Memorial Hall, on 23 October 1925, it was noted that the hall was originally the gymnasium erected at the White City A.T.F camp Enoggera, which was subsequently relocated to Rosemount Hospital Site, and then purchased by the Kelvin Grove Amateur Athletic Club for £300. The relocation, extension and alterations cost £1,208.

At the opening of the White City A.T.F Camp in March 1916, it was noted that a gymnasium had been recently erected. From photographs of the c1916 hall, it would appear the general form was retained in its relocation. Plans of the site dated 1938 and an aerial photograph dated 1946 show the hall subsequently being shifted on the site 90 degrees anticlockwise sometime after 1946 instead of its original siting with the entrance on Enoggera Road.

It retained its association with the defence forces, often recalled by diggers for its dances during the Second World War. Until recently the Naval Association owned or leased the hall. It is now owned and managed by the Incapacitated Servicemen and Women's Association of Australia Inc. (I.S.A.), an organisation formed in 1928 to promote the welfare of incapacitated servicemen.

Few if any traces of the interior lining or detailing are now visible, with ceiling and walls lined with post-war panelling. The hall retains traces of enclosed window or verandah openings along one side wall, and the stylish entrance with its detailed lintels over door and flanking windows.

Description

A substantial timber framed and weatherboarded structure with half-hipped gabled to either end, roofed in corrugated iron, with a projecting porch to the side street elevation. It has a sub-basement level.

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 a hall relocated in 1925 on a site reserved for memorial hall purposes in 1921, and which has been used by serving and ex-service personnel and the local community for a broad range of uses.

Rarity

CRITERION B

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

as a substantial timber framed and weather boarded former World War One Army gymnasium, built circa. 1916, subsequently relocated to Newmarket in 1925 and adapted as a memorial hall.

Representative

CRITERION D

The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class or classes of cultural places

as a substantial timber framed and weather boarded World War One former gymnasium building constructed

circa. 1916, which despite being subsequently adapted to a memorial hall, retained its original form.

Social

CRITERION G

The place has a strong or special association with the life or work of a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons

as a memorial hall used by the Newmarket community, serving service personal in World War Two, and owned and used by Service related organizations including the Naval Association, and the Incapacitated Servicemen and Women's Association of Australia Inc. (I.S.A.).

References

1. *The Queenslander* Saturday 1 July 1916 p 22
 2. *Daily Standard* Friday 1 May 1925 p 9
 3. *The Telegraph* Saturday 18 June 1921 p 15
 4. *The Telegraph* Wednesday 27 May 1925 p 15
 5. *The Telegraph* Thursday 15 October 1925 p 5
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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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