

Heritage Citation



Rossall

Key details

Addresses	At 178 Flinders Parade, Sandgate, Queensland 4017
Type of place	House
Period	Federation 1890-1914
Style	Bungalow
Lot plan	L4_RP29154; L5_RP29154
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — September 2003
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

People/associations	Edward Austin Bell (Occupant)
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Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (H) Historical association
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This attractive Bungalow style residence was constructed circa 1910 for Edward Austin Bell and his family. Bell was an Accountant who became the State Registrar for the Australasian Corporation of Public Accountants and named the house 'Rossall' after Rossall School in England. Substantially intact, this residence makes a fine contribution to the Flinders Parade streetscape and sits in a very desirable location on the Sandgate foreshores.

History

Although Sandgate was founded in 1852, development was greatly boosted by the opening of the Sandgate Railway in May 1882, which provided a quick and efficient train service for the growing number of residents commuting to Brisbane, holiday-makers and daytrippers.

By the time the Town of Sandgate was proclaimed in 1902 it had become a popular seaside resort boasting sailing regattas. The Sandgate foreshore by the early twentieth century was also drawing large crowds

'Rossall' was constructed circa 1910 for Edward Austin Bell, an Accountant who in two years time became the State Registrar for the Australasian Corporation of Public Accountants. Working at the London Bank Chambers in Creek St, Bell had by 1919 connected Rossall to telephone with the number '70'. Prominent Architect Richard Gailey possibly designed Rossall, as Bell took out a mortgage to him during the period of construction.

The house was named after Rossall School, a college for boys founded in England in 1844 and still operating as a co-educational facility today. Called 'the Eton of the north', Bell attended the school between 1881 and 1883.

Bell married Charlotte (Tottie) Walsh of Scarborough, Redcliffe on 18 November 1891 at St John's Pro-Cathedral. Born in 1864, he passed away on 5 October 1952. The house remained in the hands of his daughter Lucy until 1975.

Description

Rossall is a large highset timber Federation house with a corrugated metal sheet roof and street-facing verandah gable over the entry area. The verandah roof is integrated with the main roof.

The verandah, which has been partially enclosed, is of simple design with paired verandah posts at either side of its entry.

Although some alterations have occurred in the course of time, these seem to be minor and the house appears to retain its integrity.

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 early twentieth century upper middle class home built on the foreshores of Sandgate when it was already emerging as a popular seaside resort.

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 former family home of Edward Austin Bell, State Registrar for the Australasian Corporation of Public Accountants.

References

1. Certificates of Title.
2. Post Office Records
3. Rossall School Archives

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