

Heritage Citation



Scots Presbyterian Memorial Church

Key details

Also known as	Scots Presbyterian Church
Addresses	At 7 Queens Road, Clayfield, Queensland 4011
Type of place	Residence (singular)
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Style	Free Gothic
Lot plan	L1_RP862197
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2005 Date of Citation — January 2004
Construction	Walls: Face brick

People/associations	Alexander Brown Wilson - the original church (Architect); James Watterson - the original church (Builder)
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Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (H) Historical association
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The original Scots Presbyterian Church was designed by AB Wilson, architect, and built by James Watterson in Balmain Street, Maida Hill. It was opened for worship on Sunday May 18, 1889. The congregation decided to enlarge the church in the early 1900s and this site at the corner of Bellevue Terrace and Queens Rd was acquired. The church was moved from Balmain Street to this site and re-erected and enlarged during 1904. It was re-opened in May 1904. Additions and alterations were made in 1954, including encasing the original building in brick veneer with buttressed walls and a new roof. The church was renamed the Scots Presbyterian Memorial Church. The congregation continues to worship in the church.

History

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In 1952 approval was given for alterations and additions to the church. These included including encasing the original building in brick veneer with buttressed walls, and a new roof. The front porch and the vestries at the rear of the church were subsequently altered, and the steeple removed. The changes were completed by February 1954, and it reopened as the Scots Presbyterian Memorial Church.

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

for the evidence it provides about the development of Clayfield and the pattern of Presbyterian worship in the area.

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

having provided a place of worship for Clayfield's Scots Presbyterian community since 1889.

References

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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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