

Heritage Citation



Shamrock Hotel

Key details

Addresses At 186 Brunswick Street, Fortitude Valley, Queensland 4006

Type of place Hotel (pub)

Period Victorian 1860-1890

Style Art Deco

Lot plan L11_RP9741

Key dates Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000
Date of Citation — May 2006

Construction Roof: Corrugated iron;
Walls: Timber

Criterion for listing (A) Historical

The former Shamrock Hotel was built circa 1888 and was one of a number of hotels constructed in Fortitude Valley during the 1880s building boom. It was the second hotel to be built on the site after the original Shamrock Hotel was destroyed by fire. The building was extensively remodelled in the 1950s and again in the early twenty-first century.

History

The present Shamrock Hotel was one of several built in Fortitude Valley during the boom period of the 1880s. Among other hotels built during this decade were the Empire (1888), the Prince Consort (1888), the Jubilee (1887) and the Wickham (1885). With the exception of the Jubilee all were built on prominent corner sites.

A hotel of the same name was erected on this site in 1861. That Hotel's first lessee, James Donovan, announced in the Courier in June 1862 that the Shamrock would be open on the 1st July, offering choicest wines, ales, spirits and accommodation. This building was destroyed by fire and the existing hotel was built in 1888 and extensively remodelled in 1955.

Prior to its "modernisation" the Shamrock featured post-supported awnings and a first storey verandah with cast iron balustrading. The building underwent some alterations in the 1920s, designed by Claude Addison and Son and Stan Macdonald and in 1955 was remodelled to fit the modern, streamlined style favoured for hotels in this period.

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 one of a number of hotels constructed in Fortitude Valley during the 1880s building boom, demonstrating the pattern of commercial development in Fortitude Valley at this time.

References

1. *Architecture and Building Journal of Queensland*, 10 March 1928
 2. Donnelly, J.J *Hotels of Brisbane*. (Unpub Thesis)
 3. Shamrock Hotel, Queensland National Trust draft citation
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