

Heritage Citation



Shannon's Brick, Tile and Pottery Company Display Home (former)

Key details

Addresses	At 16 Duke Street, Gaythorne, Queensland 4051
Type of place	House
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Style	California Bungalow
Lot plan	L3_RP45318
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2005 Date of Citation — May 2005
Construction	Roof: Terracotta tile; Walls: Masonry - Render

People/associations	Reuben Shannon (Builder)
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Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (B) Rarity
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History

Local builder and tile works proprietor Reuben Shannon built this pair of houses (nos. 10 & 16) as speculative investments, selling them in October 1929. Both new owners, Edward Raymond Soderholm at number 10 and John Graham Scott at number 16, occupied the houses immediately.

Robert Shannon had migrated from Northern Ireland in 1879 and after working extensively in Sydney as a builder and bricklayer, established Shannon's Brick, Tile and Pottery Pty Ltd at Wentworthville in 1912. Reuben Shannon accompanied his father Robert from Sydney in around 1918 to establish Brisbane's first terracotta tile works in Ferny Grove. As a result Shannon's Brick, Tile and Pottery Company (Brisbane) was formed, with the works located on Samford Road on the site of the present Ferny Grove Tavern. The works produced roofing tiles, bricks, drain pipes and other terracotta goods. Later bought out by Wunderlich in 1931, Shannon's then moved further afield to Murarrie.

Both houses have been nominated but not yet assessed for the Queensland Heritage Register. When nominated, the Heritage Register Advisory Committee considered that the houses may well have been constructed to display the company's wares and to demonstrate economic building materials. The houses appear to be good examples of buildings which demonstrate the development of the local building industry during the interwar period, and are highly valued by neighbours and local residents for their history and contribution to streetscape and local character.

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 possible display home built in 1928.

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage as an 'ash block' home by local builder, Rueben Shannon.

References

1. *QPODs*
 2. Brisbane City Council Detail Plan no. 1568, 17 August 1954
 3. *ABJQ*, 1934
 4. Memos & letters in connection with 1996 application to remove/demolish 10 Duke Street & subsequent Queensland Heritage Register nomination
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