

Heritage Citation



Shop & Residence (former)

Key details

Addresses	At 276 Junction Road, Clayfield, Queensland 4011
Type of place	House, Shop/s
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Style	Free Classical, Queen Anne
Lot plan	L27_SP126842; L26_SP126842
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2005 Date of Citation — April 2010
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber
Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (D) Representative

This site is significant as an example of a combined early 20th century commercial building with attached residence in the pre-World War II suburbs of Brisbane. Built by 1920, it demonstrates the development of the suburb of Clayfield and the provision of retail services to the local community.

History

This timber and corrugated iron shop and former residence situated close to the Eagle Junction Railway Station was constructed by 1920. At this time the shop operated as a grocery store.

The building is situated on land which was part of a large parcel sold to William Pettigrew in 1867 and later subdivided for residential development. Part of the land was acquired by the Commissioner of Railways for the purposes of building the railway to Sandgate which opened in 1882. With the arrival of the railway which provided easier access to the city, Clayfield continued to develop as a sought after residential suburb, proving particularly popular with Brisbane's mercantile and professional classes.

The triangular parcel of land on which the shop and former residence is situated was owned by the Hough family from 1916-1922. The Houghs constructed the building which first appears in postal records in 1920 as a store operated by George A Flack.

In 1922, the site was acquired by Henry and Liliias Greenham who operated the shop as a greengrocer's but did not always reside on the property. In 1926, the building was occupied by D Postle and a photograph from this period shows signage on the shop which read "JD Postle and Sons". After the death of Henry Greenham in

1951, the site was sold.

Since that time, the shop has housed a variety of businesses including various grocers, a barber, a florist and an antique shop. Since 1980, it has operated as a restaurant. In 1988, the property was purchased by Queensland Rail and since that time, it has been leased. The site is highly valued by the local community.

Description

(reproduced from DERM Research and Condition Report on site, c. 2000).

The commercial building with attached former residence is a single-story timber building with a corrugated iron hipped roof. It is clad with weatherboards and has tongue and groove boarding to the interior and verandahs.

The roof of the front façade is concealed behind a timber parapet with two gabled peaks. A wide awning roof, with decorative timber valance at the side of the verandah, extends over a footpath, sheltering the timber framed glass shop fronts. Many of the original glass panes are still extant and, on one of the panes, the name "Postle" can still be faintly discerned. Two recessed entry porches create show case displays facing the footpath. To the east of the commercial section of the building is an attached timber former residence, with a projecting gabled wing, now used as a kitchen and storage area. It angles away from the road and opens to a covered courtyard area. A large section of the former residence has been renovated and now houses the restaurant's kitchen. Three other room in the former residence are used for storage, in one of the larger rooms, a cold room has been added. A small room opens out to a porch which now leads to the courtyard area. Along the rear façade are a number of window openings with window hoods. A door provides access to the kitchen.

Internally, the commercial section of the building has been substantially altered. The area which formed part of the original store now houses table and chairs and a counter area. The floor is timber and in one section, which forms part of the window showcase, there is a marked difference in the type of timber used. The timber in the showcase area is much wider and not as neatly edged as the timber in the main section. Photographic evidence shows that these recessed window areas were used for goods displays. The timber may have been less neat in these areas as it was often covered by the store's products. Two timber steps lead to what is thought to be a side verandah which was later enclosed. The floor boards in this area are much more worn in areas compared with the remainder of the building so it is quite possible that it was once a verandah. The later extension has a concrete floor.

A number of old photographs and pictures and pictures are up on the walls of the restaurant. There is also a collection of historic material including a creamer, a timber washing basin, leather straps used to sharpen razor blades and a timber ice box.

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 traditional shop and residence adjacent to the Eagle Junction Railway Station which demonstrates the provision of commercial services to the Clayfield community from the early decades of the 20th century.

Representative

CRITERION D

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

as a good example of an early 20th century traditional timber and corrugated iron roofed shop with attached residence and footpath awning.

References

1. BCC Detail Sewerage Plan no. 463, 1936
2. Brisbane City Council Aerial Photographs
3. EPA (now DERM). Research and Condition Report on 278 Eagle Junction Rd, Clayfield compiled c.2000

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