

Heritage Citation



Key details

| Addresses | At 596 Stanley Street, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102 |
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| Type of place | Shop/s |
| Period | Interwar 1919-1939 |
| Style | Free Style |
| Lot plan | L4_RP61513; L5_RP60685; L1_SP102439; L2_SP102439; L3_SP102439; L4_SP102439; L3_SP265223 |
| Key dates | Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2002 Date of Citation — July 2011 |
| Construction | Roof: Terracotta tile; Walls: Masonry - Stucco |

| People/associations | Malouf family (Occupant) |
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| Criterion for listing | (A) Historical; (B) Rarity; (E) Aesthetic; (H) Historical association |

This row of interwar shops was constructed sometime around 1929 for the notable local business family, the Maloufs. The building has an extensive street frontage giving it considerable visual impact on Stanley Street. As a largely intact row of interwar shops it is illustrative of the process of rebuilding in this part of Woolloongabba following the realignment of Stanley Street in 1927.

History

This commercial building stands on part of five acres of land originally granted to Patrick Mayne in 1856 for ?17.10.0 and also on land granted to Thomas Blacket Stephens in 1868. The block contains a number of separate lots upon which were constructed commercial buildings – none of which survived the road widening that took place in 1927.

Following the 1927 road resumption of this part of Stanley Street and the demolition of existing buildings, local property owners and drapers, the Malouf family, purchased the site. A small portion was sold off to Magee's in February 1928. Building records indicate that this building was constructed in 1929-1930. Initially rented to various tenants, directories show that the individual shops were used for general, small scale retailing – usually associated with the clothing industry. The precinct appears to have been adversely affected by the depression years of the early thirties since many of the small shops in this block were registered in the directories as being vacant during that time.

Some of the individual shops were sold off in 1948-1949, and the rest disposed of over the following years. Titles records show that the whole of the building remained in the ownership of the Malouf family until 1951. From that time titles were sold separately to outside interests or to Malouf-based companies. The Smith family, for example, owned part of the block from 1955 to 1982 when it was transferred to Dongar Pty Ltd. The building is currently owned by a number of different companies and individuals as tenants in common.

Description

An example of a suburban shopping development from the inter-war period, this stucco brick building is the major element of the streetscape along this section of Stanley Street. It is an extensive building covering several tenancies. The building is divided into eleven bays; these are indicated at parapet level by arched sections and at the upper level by doors opening out onto small balconies with windows to either side. Iron railings surround the small balconies at the upper level. A continuous terracotta tiled awning with hipped ends runs along the entire length of the building above these upper level openings. The brickwork has been left exposed in part such that some patterning, including expressed quoins appear on the facade. A continuous awning runs above the

lower floor, shading the shops and the footpath. The awning has steel rod supports, which are at regular intervals connecting to the upper level between the balconies. The lower level has been fitted out to allow large openings or display windows at the front of each shop.

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 the construction of this building is illustrative of the development of this part of Woolloongabba following the realignment of Stanley Street in 1927.

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage

as it is one of a few remaining intact examples of a suburban shopping development of this scale from the interwar period.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as it is a large interwar building, the façade of which extends for a considerable distance down Stanley Street giving it considerable visual impact.

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 it was built and owned by the Maloufs, an important South Brisbane business family.

References

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Note: This citation has been prepared on the basis of evidence available at the time including an external 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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