

Heritage Citation



Sunnybank Methodist Church (former)

Key details

Also known as	STG (Sunnybank Theatre Group) Live Theatre
Addresses	At 14 Mains Road, Sunnybank, Queensland 4109
Type of place	Church
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Style	Carpenter Gothic
Lot plan	L11_RP161903
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — January 2011
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

This building on the corner of Mains and Beenleigh Roads was constructed as the Sunnybank Methodist Church in November 1936 as part of the newly formed Moorooka Methodist Circuit. Fundraising efforts by the local community from as early as 1932 contributed to the cost of building the new church (some £400) and continued after its opening to reduce the church debt. The land was donated by Mrs Sophia White, who was aged 83 when she attended the stump-capping ceremony on 17 October 1936. The corner site of the church was resumed by Brisbane City Council for road purposes on 3 March 1979 and the Sunnybank Uniting Church vacated the site. The Sunnybank Variety Group, a local drama organisation established in 1965, applied to Council to lease the building and financed its relocation on the site. The work which included raising the hall and enclosing the area underneath the stage and kitchen with concrete block was completed by March 1981. The building has been renamed the STG Live Theatre.

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 church hall constructed by the local community in the 1930s when Sunnybank was a semi-rural district.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

for its assembly of steeply pitched gabled volumes which contribute to the simple ecclesiastical design and for its setting in a landscape of mature trees on a prominent corner site.

Social

CRITERION G

The place has a strong or special association with the life or work of a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons

as a Methodist church which served the local community for over 40 years and as the premises of the Sunnybank Theatre Group since 1981.

References

1. BCC. City Assets. Conservation Management Study. Site Report - STG Live Theatre. June 2001
2. *Brisbane Courier*. 1932-1938

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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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