

Heritage Citation



The Cottage

Key details

Addresses	At 40 Flinders Parade, Sandgate, Queensland 4017
Type of place	Cottage, House
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L11_RP29188; L10_RP29188; L9_RP29188
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — August 2015
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

People/associations W.M. Street (Builder)

Criterion for listing (A) Historical; (E) Aesthetic

This substantial timber residence was built circa 1888 for William Albert Wilson, a surveyor and son of Reverend BG Wilson, the first Baptist Minister in Sandgate. Rev Wilson had a home in First Avenue, 'Rothsay', which is also historically significant in Sandgate. William Wilson's home was built by William Street and despite its name 'The Cottage' had seven bedrooms. It later became the residence of architect George Cowlshaw, whose hospitality gave the residence a reputation as 'the very temple of good fellowship'. In the 1950s, Wilson's descendants converted the dwelling into flats for twelve people, though it is now once again a single family residence.

History

The home was built by William Street, at a time when Sandgate was beginning to develop rapidly following the completion of the railway line and the effects of an economic boom in Brisbane. Street, a local builder, had constructed the Sandgate Baptist Church the preceding year.

Description

A substantial highset timber nineteenth century house.

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 substantial 1880s house built at a time when Sandgate was developing rapidly as a residential area.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as a substantial highset timber nineteenth-century house.

References

1. Sandgate and District Historical Society, *Sandgate by the Sea*
 2. Brisbane City Council, Sandgate Local Area Plan
 3. Brisbane City Council Heritage Unit, Sandgate Character and Heritage Study, 1995
 4. Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, Entry on the Queensland Heritage Register, *Sandgate Baptist Church* [602424]
 5. Brisbane City Council Properties on the Web
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before any action is taken which may affect its heritage significance.

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