

## Heritage Citation



### Thornclyffe

#### Key details

<b>Also known as</b>	Neerradah
<b>Addresses</b>	At 162 Lambert Street, Kangaroo Point, Queensland 4169
<b>Type of place</b>	House
<b>Period</b>	Victorian 1860-1890
<b>Style</b>	Queenslander
<b>Lot plan</b>	L1_RP78596
<b>Key dates</b>	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2003 Date of Citation — May 2006
<b>Construction</b>	Roof: Corrugated iron

This elegant house was built for Barbara Murphy circa 1886 at the height of the 1880s building boom. The house was located to take advantage of its high position along the river front at Kangaroo Point and shared a common boundary with Shafston House. In 1912 the house was purchased by Caroline Dalby whose family retained the property until the 1950s. The house has had a number of additions since the 1950s including a garage and swimming pool.

## History

This house is located on land owned at one stage by Queensland explorer, squatter and writer of Queensland history, Henry Stuart Russell.<sup>1</sup> Russell, who purchased the property in 1852, completed the notable Kangaroo Point home of Shafston House, which had been started by the previous owner Robert Creyke.<sup>2</sup> This property was part of the land which adjoined the house.<sup>3</sup> This land was one of a number of allotments (covering over 44 acres) that were offered for sale by the Honourable Louis Hope.<sup>4</sup> Hope, apart from being owner of Shafston House, was M.L.C. from 1862-1882 and was a major figure in establishing the colony's sugar industry."<sup>1</sup>

Thomas Faulkner purchased various parcels of land offered by Hope during 1875 and 1877 and subsequently sold the land to Barbara Murphy, "Widow" in 1881. The land sold by Faulkner to Mrs Murphy was not one complete allotment. Faulkner rather provided the land to Mrs Murphy from the various separate allotments he had purchased from the Hope sale. Thus a new title was drawn up providing Mrs Murphy with just over one acre and one rood, which extended in an offset pattern from the corner of Lambert Street and King Street (now Castlebar) to the Brisbane River.

The house appears to have been constructed in c1884-1886, the Post Office Directories showing the property as "vacant land" in 1883-1884. In October 1886 Barbara Murphy secured a mortgage from Sir Thomas McIlwraith for £800. She subsequently took out further mortgages in June 1887, June 1888, and October 1888 for £300, £300 and £200 respectively. In 1886 Barbara Murphy married Henry William Llewellyn. Llewellyn joined the Queensland Public Service three years later as a "Draftsman & Clerk" in the Colonial Secretary's Department. Although the Llewellyns appear to have resided at "Thorncllyffe" up until the early 1890s they retained ownership until December 1907.

This house was constructed during the height of the housing boom of the 1880s. This boom saw an expansion of residential. It was clearly constructed as a substantial residence in an idyllic locality at Kangaroo Point, designed to take full advantage of its high position along the Brisbane river. The land, at the date of construction, not only provided river frontage but, also bounded Shafston House. Shafston House had recently (1883) undergone extensive renovation.

During this period ownership by the Llewellyns the property was rented out. Among the tenants was the Honourable David Dalrymple M.L.A. Dalrymple served in ministries between 1895-1903. He held the portfolios of education and later agriculture and had a reputation as a "notable debater".

In 1907 the property was subdivided and sold. The portion of land that remained with the house was reduced to just over 3 roods and four perches. The property was again sold in 1913 to Caroline Dalby and was further

subdivided in 1917. It was the Dalby's who gave the name to the house of "Neerradah" (also spelt "Neerreadah"). The property remained in the Dalby family until it was sold in 1951. The land was again subdivided in 1953 with only just over 1 rood and sixteen perches remaining with the property.

In 1961 an application was made to the Brisbane City Council for the erection of a garage by the then owner Kathleen Campion. Further alterations occurred to the house in the 1980s, which included the addition of a swimming pool.

At present the house is an integral element of the residential development in the Lambert/Castlebar Street area, which extends from the early 1850s, with the beginnings of Shafston House, until the late housing development occurring in the 1950s. The extent of this existing building span is not only exceptional to the Kangaroo Point DCP area, but also Brisbane.

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## 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:

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#### Historical

##### CRITERION A

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the city's or local area's history

as a fine residence built in Kangaroo Point at the height of the 1880s building boom demonstrating the desirability of the area for upper middle class residents in the late nineteenth century.

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## References

1. *Australian Dictionary of Biography*. (Melbourne; Melbourne University Press 1972). Vol. 4. 1851 – 1890. D – J pp.418/419
2. Certificates of Title.
3. Janet Hogan, *Historic Homes of Queensland*. (National Trust. 1987) "Shafston House."
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