



Heritage Citation



Trainmen's Quarters

Key details

Addresses	At 740 Fairfield Road, Yeerongpilly, Queensland 4105
Type of place	Work residence
Period	World War II 1939-1945
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L14_SP119392; L22_SP119393; L15_SP119392
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — December 2010
Construction	Roof: Terracotta tile; Walls
Criterion for listing	(B) Rarity; (D) Representative; (E) Aesthetic

Constructed around 1940 as part of the Clapham Junction rail yards, the former Trainmen's Quarters is a rare surviving example of the prefabricated transportable railway building of the type utilised by Queensland Rail during the mid-twentieth century.

History

This precast rail building is a good example of the Queensland Rail transportable building system used throughout the state for station buildings, residences, storage and depot buildings from early this century.

Constructed circa 1940 as part of the Clapham Junction rail yards, the former trainmen's quarters were used to accommodate train crews required to work away from their homes. The building has since been adapted for use as administration offices.

The building is important as a rare surviving example of a twentieth century prefabricated transportable railway building. A similar building was demolished to make way for the Inner City Bypass, and another, larger example remains extant in Chinchilla.

Description

This substantial Queensland Rail building fronting Fairfield Road is located in a predominantly industrial/commercial environment. It is a single storey low-set precast concrete building with detached kitchen and dining room wing features timber battening between concrete stumps. The hipped tile roof extends over open verandahs each side of the bedroom wing. The open verandahs feature slatted timber balustrades and stairs.

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:

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage as it is a rare surviving example of a precast concrete railway building of the type utilized by Queensland Rail in the twentieth century.

Representative

CRITERION D

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

as it is a good example of a twentieth century, transportable, precast concrete building.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as it is a substantial building on a prominent corner site and features a dominant roof, symmetrical design and restrained detailing.

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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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