

Heritage Citation



Tulloona

Key details

Addresses	At 81 Alexandra Road, Ascot, Queensland 4007
Type of place	House
Period	Federation 1890-1914
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L1_RP55670
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — July 2003
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

People/associations William Pagan (Occupant)

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

This substantial residence was constructed circa 1894 for William Pagan, Chief Engineer of Railways. Built in what has always been a prestigious suburb of Brisbane, 'Tulloona' is a good example of a residence constructed for an accomplished professional man of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

History

The land on which this house stands is a part of a 32-acre portion first purchased by John Buckley in 1856. Over a period of several decades the portion was gradually cut into smaller allotments, until in 1890, two five-acre subdivisions were bought by William Pagan and Andrew Hoggan.

William Pagan was a railway engineer, appointed Resident Engineer for the Central Division from January 1882. Pagan had a posting at Toowoomba for a short time, but by 1894 moved to Brisbane. Hoggan was probably Pagan's brother-in-law. Pagan married Sarah Hampton Hoggan, and a daughter was born in 1886. Andrew Hoggan and wife Catherine had a daughter in 1887, making it probable that Sarah and Andrew were of the same generation. Andrew Hoggan was a railways engineer, appointed Assistant Engineer in the Southern and Central Division in 1886.

Pagan built this house around 1894 when he returned to work in Brisbane. McKellar's map published in 1895 names the ten-acre block "Tulloona", and Pagan is recorded as living here on Franz Road (later renamed Alexandra Road) from 1897-99. The Post Office Directory of 1900 lists the house as "Tulloona".

From 1894 Pagan was listed in the *Post Office Directories* as a Railway Department District Engineer. He was steadily promoted within the Railways, was appointed Chief Engineer of Railways in March 1902, twenty years after he began employment there. He still served in that capacity in 1910, but retired to Southport some time before his death in 1924.

In March 1909 Pagan and Hoggan split their ten-acre holding, Pagan retaining the lot containing "Tulloona" and Hoggan the other five acres. Hoggan does not seem to have ever lived in the street, and it is not known whether he built a rental house here. Pagan remained here until the 1910s, subdividing the land in 1914 (when Palm Avenue was formed), and selling "Tulloona" to Mrs Lilly Addis in November 1917. Mrs Addis sold off further subdivisions during 1930 (by which time Franz Road had been renamed Alexandra Road) and again in 1941, when the land reached its current form. By the time the 1933 Detail Plan was surveyed, 'Tulloona' had a tennis court to the east, and was surrounded by the smaller houses built on the subdivided lots.

Local history records that the larger area surrounding this house was called "Pagan's Paddock". A swimming pool was added in 1969 and replaced in 1981.

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 residence constructed in the late nineteenth century as the original house of a subsequently subdivided ten acre block.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as an substantially intact federation style house.

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 a house built for Chief Engineer of Railways, William Pagan.

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