

Heritage Citation



Wahgunyah

Key details

Addresses	At 22 Victoria Avenue, Chelmer, Queensland 4068
Type of place	House
Period	Federation 1890-1914
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L3_RP198810
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2005 Date of Citation — May 2011
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

Criterion for listing (A) Historical

This large, Federation styled house was constructed on a large block in Chelmer during the 1890s. When the farmlands of Chelmer and surrounding districts were subdivided into residential lots a proportion were taken up to build fine residences for wealthier citizens. This house, constructed on part of the old Riverton Estate, enjoyed close proximity to the rail line (opened 1876) which allowed residents to commute to the city. Typical of the pattern of development in Chelmer, the large grounds on which this house was constructed were not subdivided until the 1950s.

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 it is a large, timber, Federation styled residence set on large grounds that were later subdivided, and sited to take advantage of rail access to the City thus reflecting the development of Chelmer from farmland to residential suburb.

References

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