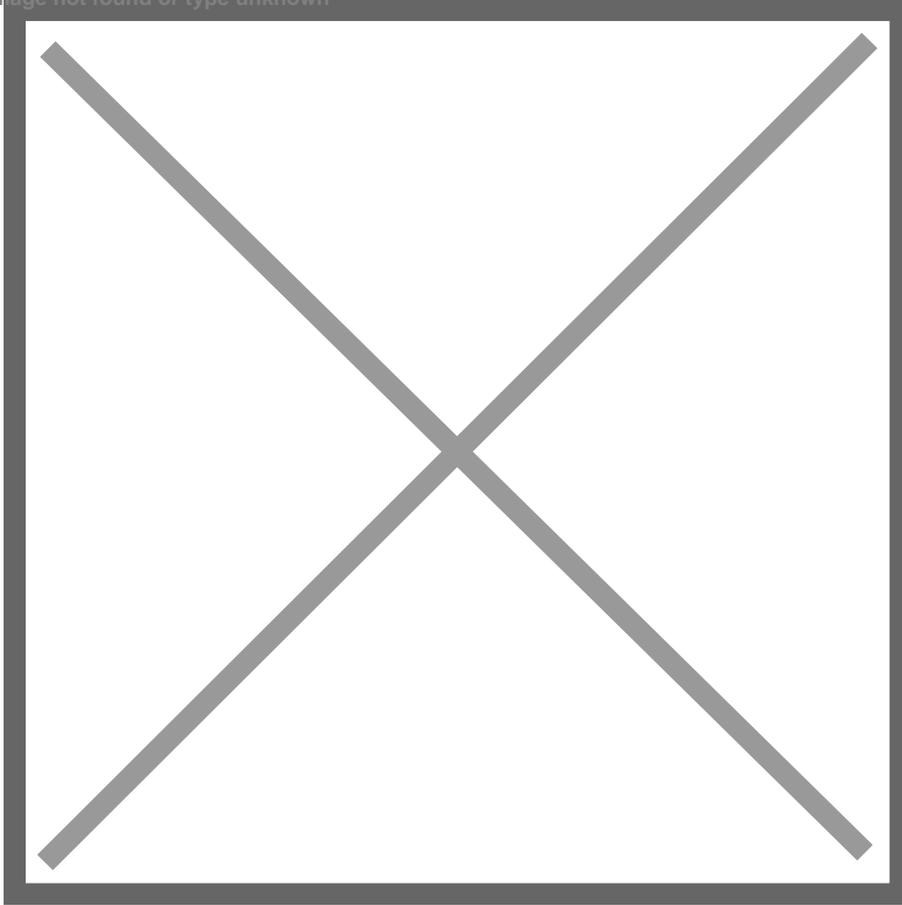


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Waratah

Key details

Addresses	At 18 Locke Street, New Farm, Queensland 4005
Type of place	House
Period	Federation 1890-1914
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L1_RP881205

Key dates Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000
Date of Citation — July 2011

Construction Roof: Corrugated iron;
Walls: Timber

People/associations George Valentine Hellicar (Occupant)

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

History

This Federation era house was the first registered dwelling in Locke Street. Both street and dwelling first appeared in the 1900 Post Office directory as “Waratah”. As the titles names differ from that of the listed resident, it can be assumed that the house was a rental from its inception. Henry James Marshall and George Valentine Hellicar, a Solicitor, jointly owned the site until 1910.

Hellicar was one of the foundation members of the Queensland Law Society when it was formed at the Supreme Court in Brisbane in August 1873. Appointed as honorary secretary, Hellicar became an early member of one of the most politically oriented of the early solicitors’ firms when James Malbon Thompson opened an office in Brisbane in the early 1870s and admitted Hellicar to partnership. After the death of Hellicar in 1910, the house went through several changes of title and is listed as “Umbria” in 1925.

Description

This raised timber residence is of the colonial style with a separately roofed L-shaped verandah and a chimney to the back. The roof is sheeted in corrugated iron and the exterior walls are clad in timber boards. Square timber posts with timber brackets support the verandah roof. The verandah entrance is highlighted as a frontispiece by paired posts and a gable pediment. The front door with sidelights and fanlight above is central to the house frontage with faceted bay windows to the left side.

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 Federation era upmarket rental built close to transport, workplaces and shopping facilities and as the first recorded dwelling in Locke Street.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as an example of a timber turn-of-the-century residence.

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

for its association with George Valentine Hellicar, honorary secretary of the Queensland Law Society and a foundation member.

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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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