

Street Address	6 Melrose Court, Redland Bay
GPS/RPD	Lot 1 SP127719
Place Type	Built



Red-e-map (RCC, 2016).



Residence, 6 Melrose Court, Redland Bay (AHS, 2016).

Condition	Good	Integrity	Fair
Statutory Listings	Local Heritage Place		
Non-Statutory Listings	No current listing		
Inspection Date	09/12/2016		

Historical Context

The property at 6 Melrose Court was originally owned by William Henry Melrose. Melrose was a prominent fruit grower in the Redland Bay area, serving as a director of the Brisbane Fruit Growers' Co-operative Company Limited in 1912.[1] He was instrumental in establishing the Redland Bay Cooperative Sawmill, which operated from 1913 until 1937 and was established to provide case timber and housing timber.[2] In 1919, Melrose offered the adjoining paddock on this property for use of the Redland Bay Golf Club, which is still in operation.[3] Melrose was an active member in his community, being an elected member of the Tingalpa Divisional Board/Tingalpa Shire Council from 1914 until 1918.[4] The architectural style of the house suggests it was built in the 1930s.

Physical Description

A substantial, high set, English revival style dwelling with double gable roofs to the front elevation and side projecting gable. The gables have the traditional panels with painted cover straps. The building appears to be brick construction with a cream painted render. The building's original rural setting has been the subject of a residential subdivision resulting in the change of address and the loss of extensive gardens. The house retains its original form and, while having lost its expansive garden, is still set within a complimentary garden. The original fence is reflected in the new fence.

Statement of Significance

The residence at 6 Melrose Court holds local significance as it is historically associated with developments in Redland Bay and remains aesthetically important. William Henry Melrose originally owned the property on which the house was constructed, which was likely during the 1930s. Melrose was a notable figure in the construction of the Redland Bay sawmill and the fruit growing industry, as well as holding a position with the Tingalpa Divisional Board/Tingalpa Shire Council. Aesthetically, this place is a rare example of a large c.1930s gabled farm house of this type in Redlands. Although the house is not surrounded by its original rural setting, the building's current landscape and garden still contribute to its pleasing aesthetic qualities.

Criteria A The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region's history.

The residence located at 6 Melrose Court is significant in demonstrating Redland Bay's development during this period. The original owner of the place, William Henry Melrose, was instrumental in the development of the Redland Bay Cooperative Sawmill and contributed to the fruit-growing economy of the time. Additionally, the adjoining paddock to this property was the original site of the Redland Bay Golf Club.

Criteria E The place is important to the region because of its aesthetic significance.

This house remains as an important example of a c.1930s residence in the local area. The design and appearance of the dwelling positively enhances the more contemporary urban surrounds. Although the surrounding farmland of the place have been lost due to residential subdivision, the remaining landscape still retains a moderate, well-kept garden and the dwelling and its setting contribute positively to the locality.

Primary Themes

6.0 Buildings, Settlements, Towns, Cities and Dwellings

6.04 Dwellings

References

[1] The Brisbane Courier, 27 July 1912, p. 16.

[2] RPS, Redland City Council – Heritage Citation, “6 Melrose Court, Redland Bay,” 2012; John Kerr, “Brisbane and South Brisbane Sawmills,” Geographical Overview of Sawmilling, 1998, p. 47; Redland City Council, “Timeline: Redland Bay,” 2016, p. 4

[3] Redland Bay Golf Club, “History of RBGC,” 2016.

[4] Tracy Ryan, “Government of the Redlands: Tingalpa Divisional Board 1880-1902, Tingalpa Shire Council 1902-1947, Chairmen, elected members, and clerks,” Redland Shire Council, 2007, p.7.



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