

Street Address	12 Stradbroke Place, Dunwich
GPS/RPD	Lot 2 on D9046
Place Type	Built



Red-e-map, (RCC, 2016).



Residence, 12 Stradbroke Place, Dunwich (AHS, 2016).

Condition	Good	Integrity	Good
Statutory Listings	Local Heritage Place		
Non-Statutory Listings	No current listing		
Inspection Date	21/12/2016		

Historical Context

A mid to late 19th century workers cottage, 12 Stradbroke Place is a former Dunwich Benevolent Asylum building.[1] Prior to the formation of Dunwich Benevolent Asylum, the area was used as a convict out station from 1827-1831, a Catholic mission for the local Indigenous population from 1843-1847, and a quarantine station from 1850-1864. Whilst the early history of the place is unclear, 12 Stradbroke Place appears on the 1913 map of the Dunwich Benevolent Asylum and is therefore believed to be an in-situ example of a Dunwich Benevolent Asylum building.

The Benevolent Society in Moreton Bay was established in 1844 as a citizen run charity. In 1861, the Queensland Government passed the Benevolent Asylum Act, which provided funds to transform hospital wards into these asylums. The Dunwich Benevolent Asylum housed Queensland’s poor and underprivileged, including the aged, infirm and individuals without access to required care from their families.[2]

In 1913, during a time of increasing patient numbers, the asylum site expanded greatly. At this time the buildings on site included a police station, visitor centre, public hall, ancillary service buildings, ward buildings, tent accommodation and recreational facilities. Facilities here catered for live-in staff, including cooks, administration staff, and wardsmen.[3]

Due to an overcrowded patient population and deteriorating health conditions on site, the asylum closed in 1947 after operating for over 80 years. 12 Stradbroke Place, remains in its historical context within the Dunwich township and represents part of the layout of the original Asylum.[4]

Physical Description

This is a modest high set timber mid- to late-nineteenth century cottage with gable roof to the one room wide core. The roof is continuous over the front verandah and there is a skillion extension to the rear. The cladding is timber chamfer boards. There are several established trees on site. There is a second cottage on site.

Statement of Significance

The residence at 12 Stradbroke Place, Dunwich is of local significance, due to its historical value as a remaining building from the Benevolent Asylum. The residence is one of a small collection of remnant buildings surviving from the asylum in its broader original context, and is significant as an important aspect of Redlands history.

Criteria A

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region’s history.

12 Stradbroke Place is associated with the Dunwich Benevolent Asylum and is significant in demonstrating a particular pattern of Redland’s history, reflecting the culture around systems of poverty and health at the time. The asylum was used to house the poor and sick from all over Queensland, and the surviving buildings represent the practices used in this facility.

Primary Themes

10.0 Providing Health and Welfare Services

10.02 Caring for the homeless and destitute

References

[1] RPS, Redland City Council – Heritage Citation, “12 Stradbroke Place, Dunwich,” 2012.

[2] Ibid.

[3] Ibid.

[4] Ibid.