

DUNWICH: Former Benevolent Asylum Building, 14 Bingle Road



Street Address	14 Bingle Road, Dunwich
GPS/RPD	Lot 719 on D9044
Place Type	Built



Red-e-map (RCC, 2016).



Residence, 14 Bingle Road, Dunwich (AHS, 2016).

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

Historical Context

A late-19th century workers cottage, 14 Bingle Road 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, 14 Bingle Road appears on the 1913 map of the 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. 14 Bingle Road remains in its historical context within the Dunwich township and represents part of the layout of the original Asylum.[4]

Physical Description

14 Bingle Road is a high set timber bungalow from the late nineteenth century with a pyramid roof to the core. There is a stepped roof over the front verandah. The building is clad externally with timber chamfer boards and the verandah is enclosed with horizontal timber battens.

Statement of Significance

The residence at 14 Bingle Road, 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.

14 Bingle Road 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.

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Criteria C	The place has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the region's history.
The former asylum building has the potential to contribute new knowledge about Redland's history, specifically relating to the asylum, that will lead to a greater understanding of the area's development. The building is believed to be in-situ and therefore has the potential to yield recreations of the Benevolent Asylum's history and physical layout. This site, along with the other in-situ asylum houses, is a reflection of greater philanthropic services and Benevolent Society facilities in the Redlands area.	

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, "14 Bingle Road, Dunwich," 2012. [2] QHR Listing, "St Mark's Anglican Church and Dunwich Public Hall," 2016. [3] Ibid. [4] Ibid.



14 Bingle Road, Dunwich (AHS, 2016).