CLEVELAND: Seaforth Cottage



Street Address	162 Shore Street North, Cleveland
GPS/RPD	L1 RP211344
Place Type	Built





Red-e-map (RCC 2016).

Seaforth Cottage, Cleveland (AHS, 2017).

Condition	Very Good	Integrity	Good
Statutory Listings	Local Heritage Place		
Non-Statutory Listings	No current listing		
Inspection Date	20/01/2017		

Historical Context

The residence at 162 Shore Street North is believed to have been built in the early 1880s, coinciding with Cleveland's second phase of development. Cleveland was gazetted as a township in 1850, with land sales commencing in 1851. It was a potential site for a proposed northern shipping port in the mid-19th century, which heavily influenced the layout of the town in proximity to Cleveland Point. From the late 1850s, it was realised that Cleveland would not become the northern shipping port and the town instead turned its focus to developing local industries and as a seaside resort.

The second phase of development occurred between the 1880s and the 1930s, encouraged particularly by the construction of the railway line in 1889, prompting further settlement to the west of the Cleveland Point, including the area that remains today as the commercial and administrative centre for Redland City. The area towards the point remained prominent for residential development and holidaymakers from this time.

The residence is believed to have been built by Walter Burkitt who purchased the land from Beal in 1883. Burkitt died in 1884 and the property was retained by his widow until 1916, suggesting a building existied on the site by 1884. It was then bought by Myra and Nella Nicholas who retained the property until 1952. The cottage is believed to have been constructed during the Burkitt ownership.[1]

Physical Description

The residence at 162 Shore Street North is a low set, timber framed cottage with gabled roof and a front verandah under main roof. The residence is built extremely close to the boundary with some mature trees and landscaping obvious from the street, including a white painted timber picket fence.

Statement of Significance

Seaforth Cottage is a locally significant building which embodies historic and aesthetic heritage values. The historical significance of the place is derived from its c.1880s construction during the second phase of development at Cleveland and a period of economic prosperity. The cottage is an intact and attractive example of a late 19th century residential dwelling, which makes a positive contribution to the streetscape and Cleveland Point locality.

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Seaforth Cottage (c.1880s) demonstrates the evolution of Redland's history through its construction during the second phase of settlement in a period of economic prosperity, when Cleveland expanded westward and the point was a popular tourist destination.

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

Seaforth Cottage, by virtue of its scale, form and setting, makes a positive contribution to the streetscape and the Cleveland Point locality.

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Primary Themes	
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References

[1] Woods and Bagot, Inventory of Heritage Places, "162 Shore Street North, Cleveland," 1995.