

Local Heritage Register: Dalrymple Building

Building Name:	Dalrymple Building (9 Shops)
Street Address:	84 to 104 Victoria Street
Property Description:	Lots 1 to 7 on RP717996, Lot 2 on RP700829 and Lot 2 on RP700827
Land Area:	ca. 1547m ²



David Hay Dalrymple, first Mayor of Mackay in 1869.
Photo on 6 May, 1896, SLQ image 109072

Description

This section of Victoria Street was constructed as a result of severe fires in 1916 which were a constant danger for the timber buildings of the time.

Although there was an inquiry into the fires, Police Magistrate J.W. W. Jackson concluded that there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding the fires of July 2, 1916.

History

The Honourable David Hay Dalrymple was one of Mackay's true pioneers arriving in the late 1860s. Although a chemist by trade, he had wide interests in property and stock. At the gazettal of the town in 1869, D.H. Dalrymple became the first mayor at the age of 29. In those days the mayoral office

was held only for 12 months and Mr Dalrymple served five terms almost consecutively from 1869 to 1874. In 1888 he was elected the State Member for Mackay and he served in public office until his retirement in 1904, holding various State government Ministries in that time. He died in Brisbane on September 2, 1912.

The Buildings

The buildings comprise the large free classical-style structure adjacent to the Palace Hotel which was constructed in 1917 by Mr Alex Anderson of Brisbane to the design of Messrs. Chambers and Powell also of Brisbane.

The fenestration was then, and remains today, a striking feature of the building along with the small 'juliette' balconies.

From accounts, this building was one of the first to employ

cantilevered awnings and did not feature awning posts.

The striking paint work completed in 2015 accentuates the interwar features of the building.

Original tenants in 1918 include P. Dunworthy, auctioneer, Mr. F. Collet's Studio, Mrs Porter's Art class studio and Holyoake's Chemist. Mr W. W. Holyoake having taken over D.H. Dalrymple's business.

This building was again damaged by fire in 1928. Tragically, Mr Kildentoft, a dentist in whose rooms the fire started, was seriously injured and later passed away from his injuries. A Magisterial inquiry again followed, but found no suspicious circumstances.

The second building, referred to as Dalrymple's 'number two', is between the above structure and

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Armati's further west, comprising two tenancies. It is believed to have been built in 1922, possibly designed by W.H. Faircloth, after he completed the QN bank across the street, however few facts are known of the building.



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Statement of Historical Significance

Criteria	Significance
A: Historical significance	The Dalrymple Buildings were constructed in 1917-1918 following the loss of earlier buildings on site as a result of the 1916 fire. The place is important for its historical association with David Hay Dalrymple, and in demonstrating building boom of the interwar period in Mackay.
B: All aspects of heritage significance	Does not meet this criterion.
C: Scientific significance	Does not meet this criterion.
D: Architectural significance	Does not meet this criterion.
E: Aesthetic / architectural significance	The building demonstrates key characteristics of the interwar Free Classical style of architecture and is a dominant form in the Victoria Street streetscape.
F: Aesthetic or other significance	Does not meet this criterion.
G: Social significance	Does not meet this criterion.
H: Historical significance	The place is important for its special association with David Hay Dalrymple, the first mayor of Mackay 1869-1871, and member of the Legislative Assembly from 1888-1904, who owned a number of properties in Mackay in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

References:

- Daily Mercury, 'The Victoria Street Fire', Page 7, 28 July 1916
- Daily Mercury, 'Death of D.H. Dalrymple', Page 5, 2 September 1912
- Wright, B, 2016, personal communications

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