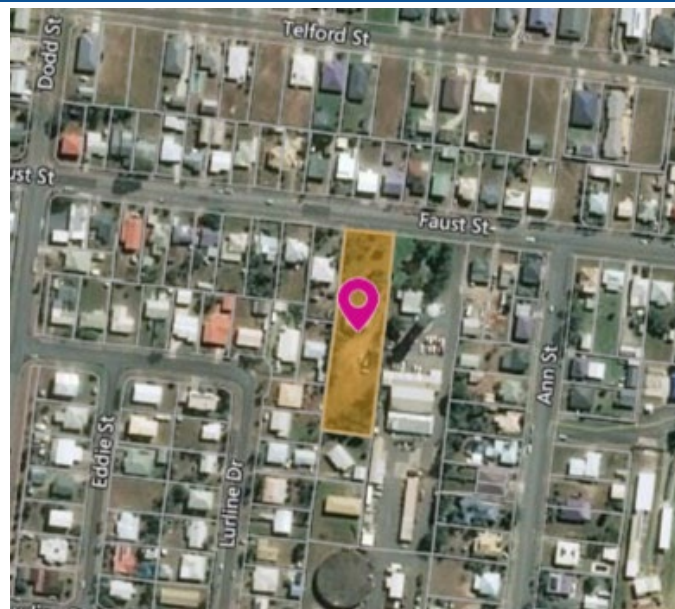


THE GRANGE

Address	34 Faust Street, Proserpine
Lot Plan	1RP739903
Coordinates	(E: 664362 N: 7743322)
Integrity	Fair
Condition	Good
Statutory Listings	Nil
Non-Statutory Listings	Nil
References	Historical information provided by Proserpine Historical Museum.

Street View

Location Map

Physical Description

The Grange is located in Faust Street on to the west of Proserpine's major commercial street, Main Street.

Set back on the block in a mature garden and behind timber gates and a cyclone fence this timber high set Queenslander style residence has a hipped roof and a veranda enclosed by glass louvres. The veranda is accessed by stairs either side of the central portico with a small gable roofline, which lead to lattice double doors.

Numerous renovations have altered the physical traits of the property, however there are many original elements of a traditional Queenslander home. There is still exposed timber flooring, and paneled ceilings. Corrugated iron roof with the hipped roofing over the wrap around verandahs.

Many of the windows of the house are the traditional double hung window whose dimensions are consistent with the 1:2 ratio of traditional Queenslanders. The windows are typically grouped in threes.

Historical Context

The Proserpine district was first settled by European pastoralists in the 1870s. One property, Glen Isla, was set aside for a 3000-acre sugar plantation in 1882. Although land was cleared by Pacific Islander and Chinese labour, and machinery and a mill were ordered for crushing, the Crystal Brook Sugar Company Limited was not successful (due to the Pacific Island Laborers Act Amendment Act 1884, the depression and the poor seasons and sugar process). The land was subdivided under the auspices of the Crown Lands Act 1884 which provided for the resumption of larger pastoral runs and conversion to small selections. In the 1890s, part of the Glen Isla property was included in the Proserpine township.

Proserpine township and district developed quickly after the establishment of the Proserpine Central Sugar Mill in 1897. The mill, which was financed under the provisions of the Sugar Works Guarantee Act 1893, was located in the centre of town, with frontage on Main and Mill Streets. Cane was transported to the mill via a tramway and then transported to a wharf on the Proserpine River.

The Grange located on Faust Street, which is an extension of Main Street, in Proserpine is an early timber residence in the style of a Queenslander. Although the exact date of construction is unclear, the certificate of title for the land notes that the property was owned by Joseph Anderson in August 1911. Anderson's son, Henry was a local doctor (the first doctor at Proserpine Public Hospital) and extended the estate to include the grounds on which the current water tower and council depot stands in 2011. According to the Proserpine Historical Museum, Henry Anderson constructed a substantial residence called Parkfields (now demolished) as well as the Grange.

The Grange was purchased by Joseph (Joe) and Amy Faust in 1915. This family ran the Faust store, butchery and hardware store in Proserpine. The Faust family are a well-known local family whose business supported farmers during difficult periods. Joe Faust died in 1959 and the house has remained in the family since this period.

Historical Significance

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

The Grange in Proserpine was built c.1910 by the first doctor of Proserpine Public Hospital, Henry Anderson, and is an early example of a Queenslander residence in the region. Owned by the Faust family since 1915, the Grange is also important residential evidence of the Faust family's commercial prominence and social standing in the Proserpine district.

Criteria H - *the place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance in the region's history*

The Grange has special association with the Faust family, prominent settlers and merchants in the district whose contribution to the town's prosperity has supported its development and evolution.



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