

Application form

Heritage

Entry of a place in the Queensland Heritage Register

Use this form to apply to have a place considered for entry in the Queensland Heritage Register under the Queensland Heritage Act 1992.

Before completing this application form:

- read the *Application Guide: Entering a State Heritage Place in the Queensland Heritage Register* available at www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/heritage/
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Applicant consents to personal information being released		Yes ☒	No ☐
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3. Place details

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LOT/S ON PLAN/S 109MCH2680	LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA/S Gympie Regional Council
GPS COORDINATES (IF KNOWN) -26.1917720840, 152.6682342922	

4. Consultation with the owner of the place

Do you own the place that is the subject of this application? Yes ☐ No ☒

If you are not the owner of this place, have you consulted with the owner? Yes ☒ No ☐

5. History of the place

HISTORICAL SUMMARY Please see the attached assessment report for detailed history.
REFERENCE LIST Please see the attached assessment report.
LIST OF ATTACHMENTS Assessment Report. Site Plan. Photographic Survey Plan. Niche Environment and Heritage, "Gympie Regional Council Heritage Places Study", 2021. National Trust of Queensland, "COOL 1/36 Gympie Fire Station", 2001. Gympie Regional Council Letter of Support. Gympie Fire Brigade Minute Book Extracts.

6. Description of the place

WRITTEN DESCRIPTION Please see the attached assessment report for detailed description.

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7. Statement of cultural heritage significance

Decide which criteria are relevant to your application and complete a response for each in the boxes below. Write 'not applicable' against the criteria that are not relevant to your application.

CRITERION A the place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history	The Gympie Fire Station is important in demonstrating the evolution of fire services in regional Queensland. It illustrates the transition from early volunteer brigades (established 1875) and modest timber stations (1902) to permanent, purpose-built masonry infrastructure in the interwar period. The 1940 station reflects growing government investment in professional emergency services outside metropolitan Brisbane. Later works including in 1948 and 1972 demonstrate the evolution of safety standards and the pattern of growth in regional Queensland.
CRITERION B the place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of Queensland's cultural heritage	The Gympie Fire Station demonstrates rare aspects of Queensland's cultural heritage. Substantial two-storey masonry fire stations were uncommon in regional Queensland during the interwar period; most remained modest timber structures. The Gympie Fire Station is one of the earliest surviving examples of Interwar Functionalist style in a regional Queensland fire station, with no earlier comparable example identified, as well as demonstrating the adoption of more permanent masonry construction in regional centres.
CRITERION C the place has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Queensland's history	Not applicable
CRITERION D the place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places	The Gympie Fire Station is a good example of a purpose-built interwar fire station, retaining its original engine room, superintendent's quarters, observation tower and staff dormitories. Subsequent repairs and additions including the 1948 repairs and 1972 additions demonstrate the continued investment and growth of a regional fire brigade.
CRITERION E the place is important because of its aesthetic significance	The Gympie Fire Station is architecturally distinct from earlier masonry stations such as Albion and Dalby. The building is an excellent example of Interwar Functionalist architecture. Its face-brick walls, simple geometry, curved tower, motifs and prominent ridge-top location makes it a landmark building in Gympie.
CRITERION F the place is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period	Not applicable
CRITERION G the place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons	The Gympie Fire Station has a strong and ongoing association with the Gympie community and the fire service since 1875. The current fire brigade has continuously served the Gympie community since its inception in 1900. It continues to operate as one of Queensland's oldest active fire stations and is valued by firefighters and residents alike. Through the involvement of community members in the Gympie Fire Brigade Board, the fabric of the building has been significantly influenced by their decisions.

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CRITERION H the place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance in Queensland's history	Not applicable
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8. Site plan showing proposed boundary

Attach a site plan to this form. Tick to confirm:

- ☒ the site plan is drawn or sketched to scale
- ☒ all significant heritage elements of the place are shown and clearly labelled in their approximate locations
- ☒ the proposed heritage boundary is shown
- ☒ the cadastral (lot on plan) boundaries of the place are shown

9. Photographs

Attach photographs to this application that show the place in its current state. Number all photographs and complete the index table below adding more rows if needed.

If submitting an electronic application, submit the photographs in a digital file attached with the application form. Maximum file size for digital images attached to this form is 250kb each.

If submitting an application in hard copy, submit the photographs as an electronic file saved onto a CD or USB and attach one hardcopy print out of images to this application form.

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IMAGE NUMBER	FILE NAME	DESCRIPTION
001	IMG_001	Gympie Fire Station main building from Bligh Street showing Bligh Street and Nelson Road frontage
002	IMG_002	Gympie Fire Station main building and 1970s additions from Bligh Street showing Bligh Street frontage.
003	IMG_003	Gympie Fire Station main building and 1970s additions from Bligh Street showing Bligh Street frontage.

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004	IMG_004	Gympie Fire Station main building taken from Nelson Road showing Nelson Road frontage.
005	IMG_005	Rear of Gympie Fire Station main building taken from Nelson Road.
006	IMG_006	Gympie Fire Station storage shed and communications tower taken from Nelson Road.
007	IMG_007	Communications tower, fencing and BA room taken from Bligh Street.
008	IMG_008	Gympie Fire Station main building signage and lighting taken from Bligh Street.
009	IMG_009	Old fire station bell on hardstand taken from Bligh Street.
010	IMG_010	Gympie Fire Station main building taken from Bligh Street.
011	IMG_011	Entrance vestibule taken from Nelson Road.

10. Lodgement

All sections of this form must be completed and attachments prepared (in particular the site plan showing the proposed heritage boundary and photographs of the place) before an application is lodged. Incomplete applications cannot be accepted.

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Assessment Report

Gympie Fire Station (Station 51)

Prepared June 2026

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Statement of History

Fire protection within Gympie has evolved from volunteer brigades in the 1870s to a permanent professional service, with the current fire station reflecting the growing professionalism and infrastructure investment in regional Queensland emergency services during the interwar period.

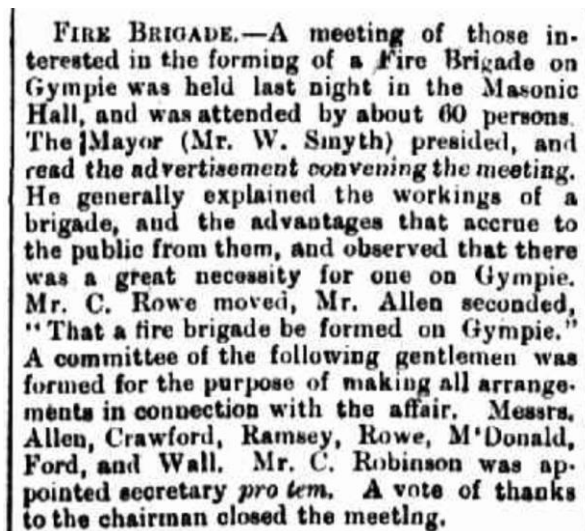
The earliest Fire Brigade in Gympie was established in December 1875ⁱ, as the Gympie Volunteer Fire Brigade. Their first outfit was a “blue serge coat or tunic faced with red, blue serge trousers with red stripe, cap, leathern belt with tomahawk in case”ⁱⁱ. It was reported in May 1876ⁱⁱⁱ that the Brigade intended to have four depots, “the Police Barracks, the Varieties Theatre, Mr Woodrows’s yard, and the Apollonian Vale [presumably Apollonian Vale Hotel]”. However, it appears that the brigade would primarily operate from the old Court House (now demolished)^{iv}.

An early test of the fire brigade proved its effectiveness:

“On the afternoon of Wednesday a cottage on the Calton Hill narrowly escaped destruction by fire, the owners having left the premises carelessly leaving a large fire burning... An extemporised and very effective fire brigade, consisting of school teachers and others, was quickly on the spot, and succeeded in saving the premises before any considerable, damage had been done”.^v

The Gympie Volunteer Fire Brigade was still operating in 1878^{vi}, however by 1882 it appears to have been disbanded owing to their property being purchased by the local Council^{vii}.

At a public meeting at the Masonic Hall on 5 July 1883, a new fire brigade was formed^{viii}.



FIRE BRIGADE.—A meeting of those interested in the forming of a Fire Brigade on Gympie was held last night in the Masonic Hall, and was attended by about 60 persons. The Mayor (Mr. W. Smyth) presided, and read the advertisement convening the meeting. He generally explained the workings of a brigade, and the advantages that accrue to the public from them, and observed that there was a great necessity for one on Gympie. Mr. C. Rowe moved, Mr. Allen seconded, “That a fire brigade be formed on Gympie.” A committee of the following gentlemen was formed for the purpose of making all arrangements in connection with the affair. Messrs. Allen, Crawford, Ramsey, Rowe, M'Donald, Ford, and Wall. Mr. C. Robinson was appointed secretary *pro tem*. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.

Figure 1 The Gympie Miner and One-mile and Monkland Advertiser, “Notes and news”, 6 July 1883, pg. 2.

At a meeting of the Municipal Council in August 1883 the newly formed fire brigade was discussed in detail. In particular, the Council was concerned about the proposed engine, the lack of adequate water supply and therefore were not willing to provide the requested £311^{ix}.

Within a year, the operational status of the new fire brigade was raised at a Council meeting to which the mayor replied, "I think at present it is dead."^x

Despite ongoing pressure through the late 1880s and 1890s, often after fires, to form a new fire brigade, it appears that no additional brigades were formed until 1900.

On 20 November 1900, the city council held a public meeting to gauge the community interest in establishing a new local volunteer Fire Brigade^{xi}. This meeting was well attended, and it was decided to establish a new 20-man brigade.

On 21 December 1900, the services of the newly formed Fire Brigade had been accepted, and the provisions of the Fire Brigades Act of 1881 had been extended to Gympie^{xii}.

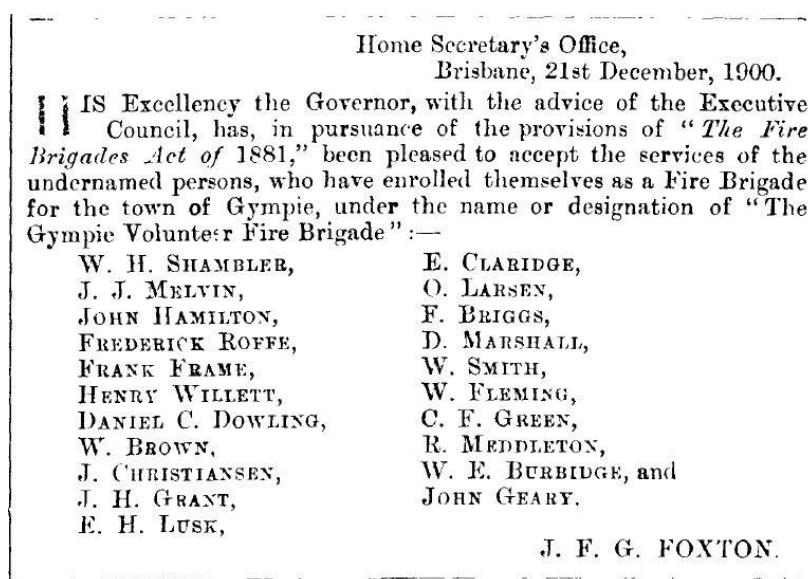


Figure 2 Queensland Government Gazette, 22 December 1900, Vol. 74, pg 1764.

The Gympie Fire Brigade Board was officially gazetted on 30 March 1901^{xiii}.

GYMPIE.
Daniel Mulcahy (Mayor of Gympie)
Daniel Compton Dowling (nominated by Municipal Council of Gympie)
Frederick Vaughan and Charles Beavor Steele (elected by the Fire Insurance Companies)
Jacob Stumm and Jeremiah Swanton Cullinane (appointed by the Governor in Council).

Figure 3 Queensland Gazette, no 110, vol 75, 30 March 1901, pg. 1151.

By May 1901, the brigade had begun advertising for a superintendent with a wage of £50 per annum^{xiv}.

The first fire station erected at a site on Caledonian Hill was constructed in 1902, consisting of a station and belfry at a cost of £253 5s 1d^{xv}. This site had previously been used for gold mining with several shafts having since been capped. The original bell was purchased for £25 from the South Brisbane Fire Brigade^{xvi}. This early building was “a compact weatherboard structure, measuring 30 feet by 30 feet, and built entirely of hardwood.” The inside being divided into 3 compartments, the engine room, recreation room and office. The board also considered future growth of the station and installed “hardwood wall plates” to enable an additional storey to be added later^{xvii}. The second storey was added in 1904 to house the superintendent and his family at a cost of £194 12s. Sometime before 1938, the belfry was replaced with a steel tower^{xviii}.

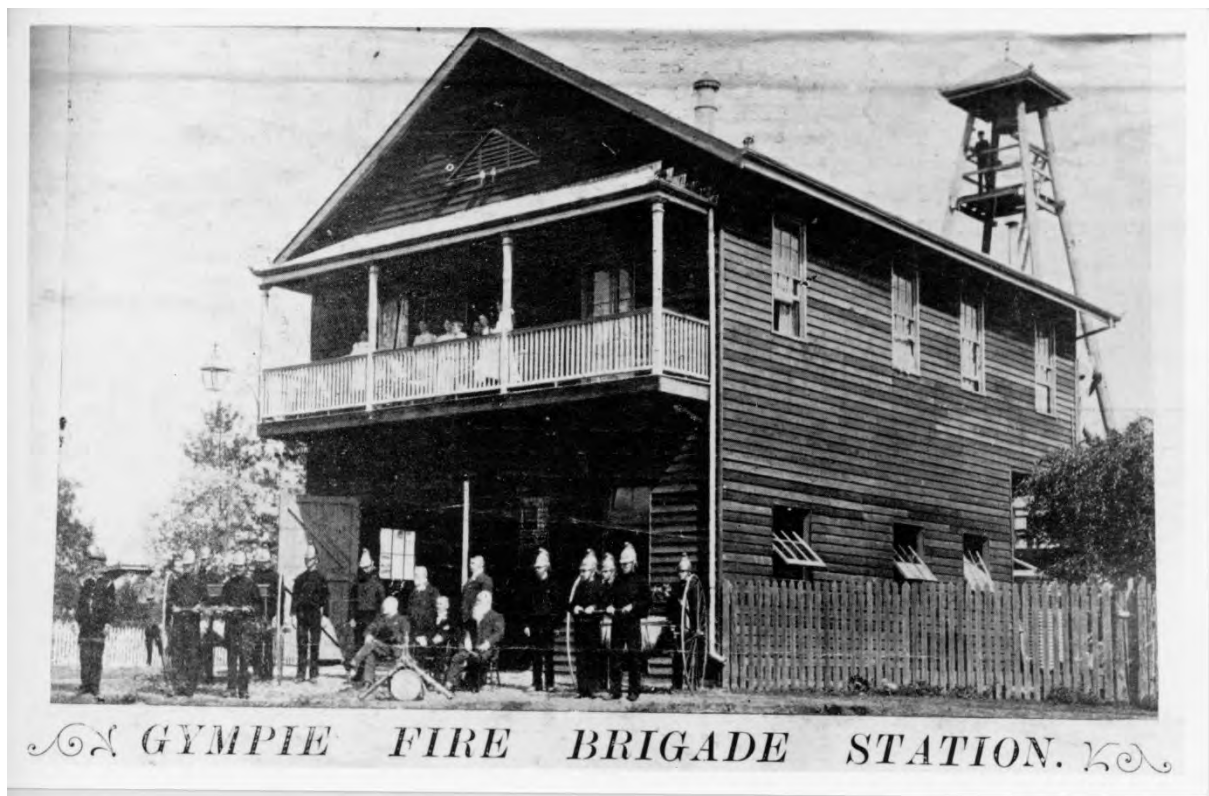


Figure 4 Gympie Times and Mary River Mining Gazette, “The Gympie fire brigade station”, 21 June 1904, pg. 10.

The Board initially sought approval for a £5000 loan^{xix} to replace the existing station, however by September 1939, the Gympie Fire Brigade Board had received permission to borrow £6500 from the Insurance Commissioner^{xx}. This was a considerable amount of money with the annual cost of the State’s fire brigades in 1938 equalling £86800^{xxi}. At the time, the cost of the brigade was shared between the local government, the State Government and insurance companies at two sevenths, two sevenths, and three sevenths respectively.

Prior to construction of the new fire station in 1939, the existing two storey weatherboard building was relocated to Stewart Terrace where it is now used as housing.

On 15 December 1938, The Gympie Fire Brigade Board voted to appoint Charles Herbert Griffin over E. H. Boden as architect for the proposed new building^{xxii}. In May 1939, tenders for builders and removal were placed in the Gympie Times by the Architect and Board^{xxiii}. Twelve contractors tendered and at a special meeting on 13 July 1939, the Board recommended that the original plans by C.H Griffin and David Malcom Kay (tendered £5779) as contractor be accepted by the State Government^{xxiv}.

Prior to construction, a shed was constructed at the rear of the property^{xxv} to maintain operational capacity and house a single fire reel^{xxvi}.

Between 1939-40, a new masonry fire station was built on the site at a cost of approximately £6500. Internally, the ground floor contained the engine room, watch room, dormitory, kitchenette, bathroom, recreation room and board room. The 1st floor contained the superintendent's living area. The 2nd floor contained the tower room and above it the open-air observation deck. Extending from the ground floor to the 2nd floor is a timber staircase that was reportedly constructed in Gympie and transported to site on the back of a ute, requiring helpers to walk beside the vehicle to steady the staircase¹.

Externally, the station was constructed on a corner block between Bligh Street and Nelson Road with face brick. It was reported that the roof was initially intended to be steel, however war time conditions resulted in the roof being of fibrocement. The original architectural plans show that the building was constructed around the steel bell tower, which has now been removed. The original bell is now situated between the two main roller doors.

At the time of opening on 24 August 1940, the then Minister for Health and Home Affairs commented that “[those] that thought expensive and up-to-date public buildings were a waste of money, the Government retorted that the most economical way to build was to erect public institutions that would meet the requirements of a city for years.” This investment was successful with the fire station being one of the oldest operational stations in the state^{xxvii}.

The station was designed in the Interwar Functionalist style for the site and built by local contractor D.M. Kay^{xxviii} with P. J. Coombe as Clerk of Works^{xxix}. Plans for the station were prepared by Brisbane architect C.H. Griffin in 1938-39^{xxx}. From 29 June 1939, C.H. Griffin was present at several Board Meetings in the capacity of architect^{xxxi}.

¹ Greg Albury, 2026

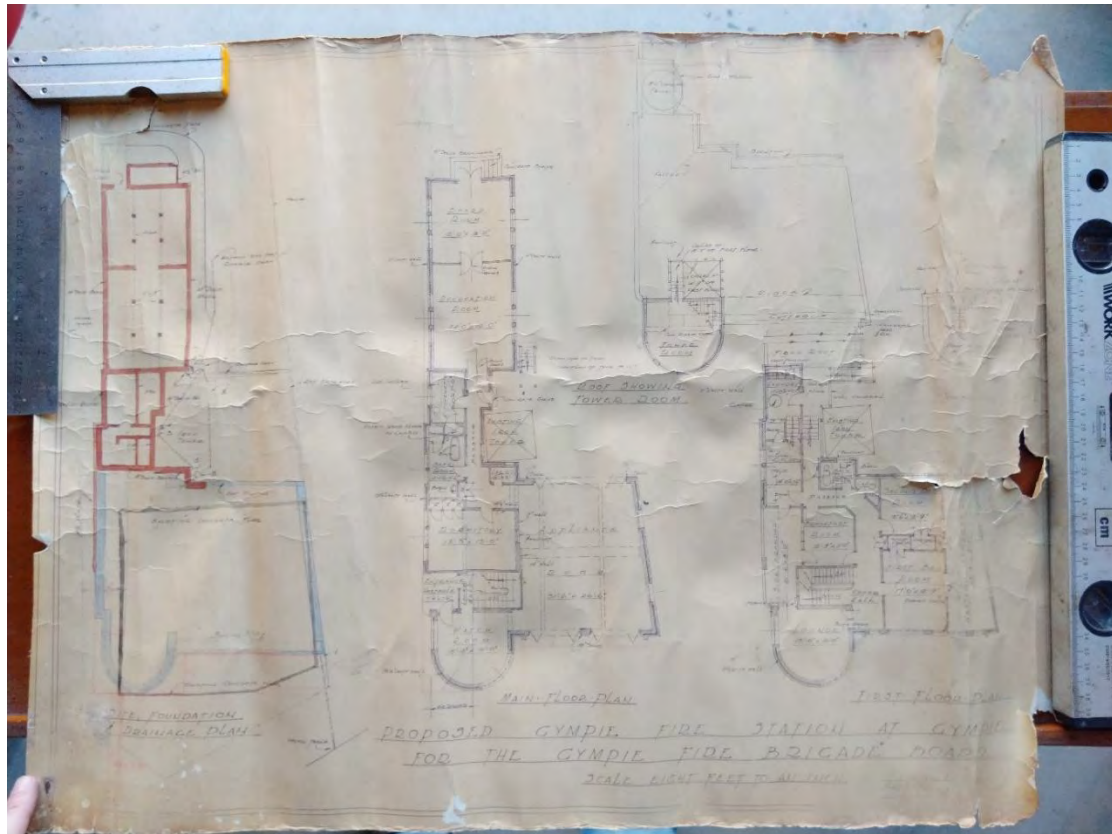


Figure 5 Gympie Mining Museum and Historical Society, Gympie Fire Station architectural plans, 1938

C.H. Griffin was a London trained architect who worked on many residential and commercial projects in Queensland. Between 1933-40 Griffin was a Councillor for the Queensland Institute of Architects^{xxxii}. Other commercial work designed by C. H. Griffin includes the 1939-40 additions to the Gympie Town Hall (QHR 602789). Builder D.M. Kay “was made foreman of Public Works in the Gympie area after the World War II and built and extended many public buildings in the Gympie area”^{xxxiii}. Information contrary to this indicates that D.M. Kay may have gone bankrupt due to costs associated with war time shortages while building the Gympie Fire Station.



Figure 6 State Library of Queensland, "Griffin architectural photo albums", ca 1940, item 6863, box 14278.

The Interwar Functionalist style was a form of Modernist architecture imported by European architects in an attempt to innovate and rationalise design principles. Functionalism was unshackled from the burden of tradition and could innovate to improve the lives of its inhabitants, as the *Courier Mail* wrote in 1936, "Functionalism sets its face resolutely against unnecessary, uneconomic duplication."^{xxxiv} The Gympie Fire Station shares similarities with other notable Modernist buildings such as the Masel Residence (QHR 601552, built 1938, designed by Charles Fulton).

During this period, the construction of masonry fire stations was uncommon in Queensland with other regional examples including the Dalby Fire Station (1935 QHR 602754) while most examples were largely confined to metropolitan Brisbane such as Albion Fire Station (QHR 602246), South Brisbane Fire Station (demolished), and the Brisbane Fire Brigade Headquarters (demolished)^{xxxv}. As such, the Gympie Fire Station is an early surviving example of the adoption of masonry buildings throughout regional Queensland^{xxxvi}. Additionally, the building is an excellent example of the Interwar Functionalist architectural style featuring face brick walls, simple geometry and curved elements^{xxxvii}.

Less than three years after opening, on 5 March 1943 a 20-year-old relieving fire watcher, Keith 'Kevin' Bennett, fell from the open-air observation tower onto Bligh Street^{xxxviii}. He was taken to hospital and died from his injuries the next morning on 6 March 1943^{xxxix}. Kevin's uncle, Henry 'Mick' Bennetts served as a fireman from 1909 to 1950.

In 1944, the Gympie fire station plans were forwarded to the Longreach Fire Brigade Board to consider whether the building would suit their site and needs^{xl}.

In April 1946, a discarded electric air raid siren was installed to notify the public in case of fire and was first tested on the 29 April 1946. In the past, firefighters would activate the air raid siren at midnight on New Years Eve, however one year it was not possible to stop the siren, and it reportedly wailed for an hour before the fuse was removed. This resulted in the original siren being removed and a smaller one being installed on the spire at the rear of the tower². It was also reported that plans to install lights on the tower's cardinal points to denote where fires were located was proposed, however it is unknown if these were ever installed.

In 1947, the board asked for permission to obtain a £2000 loan to undertake repair works to the station^{xli}. On 22 January 1948, architect W.R.H. Goodwin and contractor Baxter were appointed^{xlii}. This was reportedly to replace the fibro-cement roof that had been originally installed as it leaked badly³.

After sitting defunct for several years^{xliii}, On 1 July 1948, the board called for tenders for the purchase and removal of the bell tower excluding the bell^{xliv}.

In 1955 the Toowoomba Fire Brigade Board visited Maryborough, Gympie and Mount Gravatt Fire Stations to help inform them when designing their new Toowoomba Fire Station (Demolished 2010)^{xlv}.

The 1972 additions included enclosing the open-air observation tower, additional engine housing, auxiliary rooms and workshops^{xlvi}. Some sources, including the National Trust of Queensland's heritage listing, refer to these works occurring in 1963; however, they do not appear in aerial imagery taken in 1969^{xlvii}, but are visible in 1974 imagery^{xlviii}.

The recreation room at the rear of the station previously housed a billiards table with ambulance and police officers frequenting the station through the back stairs to play a game.

A 4-bay shed used for vehicle storage was constructed between 1978 and 1984, is located to the south of the main building.

In 1993, the Gympie Fire Station was transferred from the local board to the newly formed and centralised State Fire Department. This saw decision making move from Gympie to Brisbane for the first time. The last superintendent/chief, John Corbet remained at the station until 1995 before departing⁴. A gate was previously installed across the entrance vestibule off Nelson Road but was removed after amalgamation with the State Fire Department⁵.

² Greg Albury, 2026

³ Greg Albury, 2026

⁴ Greg Albury, 2026

⁵ Greg Albury, 2026

In the 2000's all the asbestos was removed from the building including the flooring in the 2nd floor tower room.

Between 2012 and 2014 a room was constructed to the rear of the 1972 engine rooms and is now used as a breathing apparatus room.

Between 2017-2018, due to a vehicle break-in⁶, black security fencing was installed along Bligh Street and Nelson Road.

In 2015, the Gympie Fire Station celebrated its 75th anniversary. Around this time the original bell on Nelson Road was removed, restored and mounted in a frame which now hangs inside the station.

Despite ongoing plans for a new station at Monkland, the site has been continuously used since 1900 with the Fire Station being one of Queensland's oldest operational fire stations as well as a rare regional example of interwar masonry fire station design.

Description

The Gympie Fire Station is located on the corner of Bligh Street and Nelson Road, Gympie. The site comprises the main 1940 fire station building, 1970s additions as well as associated outbuildings and hardstand areas. Occupying a prominent ridge-top position, the station is a landmark in Gympie with commanding views over the surrounding region.

The 1940 two-storey, excluding tower rooms, masonry building is constructed of face brick with strong horizontal and vertical elements, particularly around the windows, doors, and the distinctive curved observation tower. The tower features a stylised Art Deco sunburst/flame motif symbolising the fire service. The external façade remains significantly intact, with later additions including window awnings and air conditioner units.

The ground floor contains the engine room (originally housing two appliances, extended westward in 1972 to accommodate two more), turnout room, breathing apparatus room, control room/office, kitchen, locker room, bathrooms, laundry, dormitories and training/rec room. This level has had the most significant changes, primarily for operational purposes. These changes include moving the bathroom door, constructing a new female bathroom opposite the existing bathroom, installation of false ceiling and dormitories in the original recreation room and removal of the original timber doors leading to the recreation room and board room. The original board room table is now used in the main kitchen located behind the main engine room.

The first floor remains significantly intact, retaining all of the original 1940 rooms. Additionally, much of the fabric such as timber doors including lead light French doors,

⁶ Greg Albury, 2026

fittings, cornices etc remain. The kitchen, bathroom and lavatory, while still retaining the same use, have been renovated. Both of the two verandahs have been fully enclosed and the original bifold timber doors to the western verandah have been removed.

The tower includes a ground-level control room, an office in the original lounge room on the second floor, an observation room on the third level with six small windows now used to house server equipment, and access to the now-enclosed observation deck. Originally a vestibule was located on the observation deck to keep the station weather tight, however after enclosing this area it was converted into a balustrade. A siren is located on a spire attached to the top of the tower and replaced an earlier larger one.

A significant amount of the cornice is extant. Simple dental cornice is used throughout with more elaborate styles used in rooms such as the original bedrooms, boardroom and dormitory.

The internal timber staircase is in good condition and extends from the ground floor to the 2nd floor tower room. It features curved banister between the ground floor and 1st floor and turned balusters.

The original bell has been replaced by an electronic bell and is displayed on the hardstand between the two main roller doors.

The 1972 additions (additional engine housing, auxiliary rooms, and workshops) and the enclosure of the observation deck are sympathetic to the original design utilising simple geometry, parapet walls and face bricks. The grounds include concrete hardstand areas for engine access on Bligh Street and Nelson Road, with grassed areas along Nelson Road.

A large communication tower is located to the south-west of the 1972 additions.

The 2010s breathing apparatus room, while not face brick has been painted in a brown colour to blend with the existing.

The buildings and grounds are well maintained and appear to be in good condition.

Existing Heritage Listings

National Trust of Queensland's Heritage Register COOL 1/36

On 9 May 2001, the fire station was added to the National Trust of Queensland's heritage register^{xlix}.

The National Trust's report noted that fire station met criterion B2, D2, E1, F1 and G1.

Gympie Regional Council's Local Heritage Register

The Gympie Fire Station is listed in Schedule 4 Local Heritage Places of the Gympie Regional Council's Planning Scheme 2013 version 4ⁱ.

In the endorsed local heritage study report by Niche Environment and Heritage the Gympie Fire Station met criterion A, B, D, E and Hⁱⁱ.

Historical Photographs



Figure 7 Gympie Regional Libraries, Old Gympie Fire Station, N.D.



Figure 8 State Library of Queensland, "Griffin Architectural photo albums", ca 1940, item 6863, box 14278.



Figure 9 State Library of Queensland, "Griffin Architectural photo albums", ca 1940, item 6863, box 14278.



Figure 10 Gympie Regional Library, Gympie Fire Station showing timber tower, pre-1948.



Figure 11 State Library of Queensland, Gympie Fire Station, 1955

Photographic Survey



Figure 12 IMG_001 - Gympie Fire Station main building from Bligh Street showing Bligh Street and Nelson Road frontage



Figure 13 IMG_002 - Gympie Fire Station main building and 1970s additions from Bligh Street showing Bligh Street frontage.



Figure 14 IMG_003 - Gympie Fire Station main building and 1970s additions from Bligh Street showing Bligh Street frontage.



Figure 15 IMG_004 - Gympie Fire Station main building taken from Nelson Road showing Nelson Road frontage.



Figure 16 IMG_005 - 005 IMG_005 Rear of Gympie Fire Station main building taken from Nelson Road.



Figure 17 IMG_006 - Gympie Fire Station storage shed and communications tower taken from Nelson Road.



Figure 18 IMG_007 - Communications tower, fencing and BA room taken from Bligh Street.



Figure 19 IMG_008 - Gympie Fire Station main building signage and lighting taken from Bligh Street.



Figure 20 IMG_009 - Old fire station bell on hardstand taken from Bligh Street.



Figure 21 IMG_010 - Gympie Fire Station main building taken from Bligh Street



Figure 22 IMG_011 - Entrance vestibule taken from Nelson Road.

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Appendix A – Site Plan



Gympie Fire Station Heritage Register Application - Site Plan

Date Created: 30/04/2026

Legend

-  Road network
-  Significant features (approx only)
-  Proposed heritage boundary
-  Cadastre

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Scale: 1: 500

Appendix B – Photographic Survey Plan

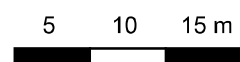


Gympie Fire Station Heritage Register Application - Photographic Survey

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Legend

-  Photograph Direction
-  Road network
-  Proposed heritage boundary
-  Cadastre



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Appendix C – Niche Environment and Heritage, “Gympie Regional Council Heritage Places Study”, 2021

Gympie Fire Station



Gympie Fire Station, 2019.

OTHER NAMES	None known
ADDRESS / LOCATION	6 Bligh Street, Gympie
LOT/PLAN	Lot 109 on MCH2680
AREA FOR PROTECTION	Lot on Plan
PLACE TYPE	Emergency services/fire control
PLACE COMPONENTS	Building, location on allotment, original fabric, fixtures, fittings and architectural detailing (internal and external), associated moveable heritage
YEAR CONSTRUCTED / PERIOD	1940
THEMES	6.3 Building settlements, towns, cities and dwellings: Developing urban services and amenities
OTHER LISTINGS	National Trust of Queensland, COOL 1/36
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local, potential State significance

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Gympie was established in 1867, when James Nash discovered gold in the district and a major gold rush commenced. Gympie's gold saved the Queensland economy from bankruptcy as it struggled for sufficient capital and investment following the colony's separation from New South Wales in 1859.

Gympie was originally called Nashville, but in 1868 the name was changed to Gympie, said to be a corruption of the local Indigenous name for the endemic stinging tree. The goldfield's two main centres – Nashville around Mary Street and the One Mile near Deep Creek – developed rapidly and by 1869, the area had a population of many thousands. By the time the official surveyors arrived in 1868, many businesses and residences had already been laid out and this resulted in the

town being laid out in an irregular pattern, following the hilly topography and the mining sites, rather than the standard grid pattern typical to most Queensland towns.

Mining operations progressed through three phases: alluvial to the early 1870s; shallow reef mining to 1880; and then deep underground mining until the 1920s. The largest mine was the Scottish Gympie which worked at levels from 650 to over 800 metres deep and had underground roadways exceeding 50 kilometres in length. The gold encouraged the development of agriculture, government services and commerce, transforming Gympie from a ramshackle collection of tents and makeshift wooden structures into a permanent settlement. The onset of deep mining drove an economic boom for the town in the 1880s, which saw many fine, substantial buildings of brick and timber erected. The 1890s were also a period of general prosperity for Gympie, assisted by the completion of the North Coast Railway to Brisbane which opened the area to more intensive development. However, the period was also punctuated by difficulties such as the global banking collapses of the opening years of the decade, disastrous flooding in South East Queensland in 1893, labour unrest and towards the end of the century, a sustained drought and political uncertainty in the lead-up to Federation.

Changes in mining processing (such as adoption of cyanidation) delivered Gympie a record yield in 1899, and the field experienced its most profitable period from 1901 to 1906. By 1909, fifty-one mining companies were operating in the region. This renaissance in gold production led to another burst of building activity within the township during the first two decades of the Twentieth Century and in 1903, Gympie was declared a town and became the administrative centre of the Widgee Shire. However, the prosperity was not sustained as gold production declined after 1906, finally resulting in the closure of the last mine around 1927. In response to this downturn, Gympie consolidated itself into a service town for the region's growing dairying, timber and agricultural industries. In the post-World War II period, the economy was boosted by the development of a large powdered milk factory in 1953 and the building of the Borumba Dam in the 1960s.

With many wooden buildings, Gympie was impacted by a number of devastating fires in its early history. A central fire station was built on a prominent location on Caledonian Hill in 1902. This was a two-storey wooden building that was extended in the 1920s to accommodate the fire trucks which replaced the earlier horse-drawn carts. In 1938, the Gympie Fire Brigade Board sought a loan of £5,000 from the State Government to build a new, modern station, but the funding for the project was to be a joint venture between the State Government, Gympie City and insurance companies. A substantial two-storey brick and concrete station with distinctive curve-fronted tower was designed to suit the site and built at a cost of £6,500 in the Interwar Functionalist style by local master builder, David Malcolm Kay in 1940. It had accommodation for two large engines, staff rooms and a board room on the ground floor. The private quarters of the superintendent (Mr. W. J. Smith) were on the second floor. Side extensions to increase accommodation for engines and a glass-enclosed observation deck on the tower were later added.

Generally, throughout the 19th and early 20th Centuries, Queensland fire stations were small timber buildings, often only sheds or garages, but the Gympie Fire Station, along with the State-listed Albion Fire Station (built 1927) (QHR 602246) and now demolished South Brisbane Fire Station (built 1927), represented a move towards more commodious and substantial two storey brick and concrete buildings. As the Albion Station demonstrates, the typical format was for the ground floor to be devoted to garage space for two fire engines, a repair shop and pit, and facilities for staff, and the top floor to be private accommodation for staff living on site.

The builder, Mr Kay (b.1894 - d.1961), was made foreman of Public Works in the Gympie area after the World War II and built and extended many public buildings in the Gympie area including schools and hospitals, including the Gympie Fire Station in 1940.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Gympie Fire Station is a place of local heritage significance as it demonstrates the evolution of emergency services in the Gympie region as evidenced by, but not limited to, criterion a), b), d), e) and h) of the Heritage Places Study as follows:

A. The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the Gympie region's history.	The Gympie Fire Station is important in demonstrating the growth of Gympie and the provision of fire-fighting services in the region during the inter-war period.
B. the place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of Gympie region's cultural heritage.	With its distinctive curve-fronted tower, the Gympie Fire Station is a rare example of the substantial two-storey brick and concrete buildings which replaced earlier timber fire stations during the interwar period.
D. The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places.	The Gympie Fire Station is important in demonstrating the class characteristics of the brick interwar and mid-20th Century fire stations built in Queensland.
E. The place is important because of its aesthetic significance to the local area.	The Gympie Fire Station is a significant landmark in Gympie, situated on a prominent hill location with commanding views of the surrounding district. The place is of aesthetic significance due to its landmark qualities, sculptural form, proportions and finishes characteristic of the Interwar Functionalist style of architecture.
H. the place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance in Gympie region's history.	The Gympie Fire Station has a special association with the Gympie Fire Brigade Board and the Gympie fire-fighting service as well as builder David Malcolm Kay, who was made foreman of Public Works in the Gympie area after the Second World War and built and extended many public buildings in the Gympie area.
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Appendix C – National Trust of Queensland, “COOL 1/36 Gympie Fire Station”, 2001

GYMPIE FIRE STATION

CITATION**FILE REFERENCE NO.** C000 1/36

PRESENT NAME: Gympie Fire Station

FORMER/OTHER NAMES:

ADDRESS Bligh St. and Neilsin Rd., Gympie

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Cooloolool Shire

PRESENT USE: Fire Station

PRESENT OWNER: State Fire and Emergency Service

LAND DESCRIPTION: Lot 109 on MPH 2680

ACCESS: View from Street

YEAR of CONSTRUCTION: 1940/1963

HISTORY

Gympie was a gold mining town in S E Queensland founded after the discovery of gold by James Nash in 1867. During the rush that followed, miners camped in tents and wood huts that were closely packed together. As the alluvial gold was worked out and the reef mining began, the structures in Gympie became more substantial but were still mostly wooden and crowded. Fires were frequent because open fires were used for cooking and lighting and the huts were flammable.

The earliest fire services in Queensland were formed by interested groups of people who used mostly borrowed equipment, collecting money from the public and competing for work. When the fire alarm was rung, gangs of firefighters would rush to the scene and often there were disputes over who should fight the fire. All this while the fire burnt and spread to other buildings, especially in crowded areas. The Queensland Government passed the Fire Brigade Act and centralised control of the various groups. It allotted the costs of new stations in the ratio of 2/7 for the local Council, 2/7 to the State government and 3/7 to the Insurance Companies.

Gympie had a two storey Fire Station with a wooden bell tower on the site and this was carefully moved to make way for the new brick building in 1940. The site was ideal because as one of the highest vantage points in Gympie, fires could be seen early. The Queensland Government had been asked to replace the old station and Charles Herbert Griffin was asked to design a substantial building that would last for 100 years and encourage the public to build to a high standard. This he did and D Kay tendered for the construction. Unfortunately for Kay, the Second World War intervened and bricks became both scarce and expensive because the government imposed controls on building materials for the war effort and hospitals. Kay completed the project but went bankrupt in the process. The station cost £6500 and this was shared in the ratio of 2:2:3 with the local council, State Government and the Insurance Companies.

The fire station was opened by the Hon E M Hanlon MLA on the 24th August 1940 with great celebrations. The new Art Deco building had many innovative features including a spacious Superintendent's flat on the first floor to encourage him to remain in Gympie, a recreation room and equipment rooms on the ground floor and a tower with a radio room and open observation roof. The building has remained intact except for the addition of two more bays and work areas behind them in

1963 and the enclosure of the observation deck. These additions are in sympathy with the original building and form a unified design.

The Fire Station has been an important part of Gympie's history. The firemen have controlled fires and prevented them from spreading both in Gympie and the surrounding areas and mines, and it was the place where many people were trained for self defence during World War Two and for volunteer country fire brigades.

DESCRIPTION:

The Art Deco brick building has retained its integrity with minimal modifications. It occupies a corner position with the round observation tower prominently displaying an Art Deco stylised design. Strong horizontal and vertical lines are seen in the metal window frames and prominent window hoods. Because of its ridge top position this imposing building is visible from most parts of Gympie.

The building is purpose built with the equipment and fire fighters quarters on the ground floor and room to house two engines. This area was extended in 1963 to house two more engines. The first floor contains the Superintendent's flat with its moulded ceilings and glass panelled doors. The open verandah has since been enclosed. The tower contained a radio room and an observation room with three small windows and entry to the roof. This external observation deck has been enclosed to make it weather proof. The base of the tower is now a small museum. The interior of the building is intact and original.

The original bell now stands near the main doors and has been replaced by an electric bell. Other communication transmitters are attached to the building.

SIGNIFICANCE:

1. It is important in demonstrating a distinctive function and a design that is of great interest and no longer practised. Criterion B2
2. It is important in demonstrating a way of life as it was purposed built to reflect the needs of the time and its function has remained unchanged. Criterion D2
3. It is valued by the people of Gympie for its aesthetic value as a good example of the Art Deco style of architecture. Criterion E1
4. It has a high degree of creative achievement and is a landmark building in Gympie. Criterion F1
5. It has a strong connection with the community both visually and socially. It has been an essential part of the infrastructure of Gympie. Criterion G1

REFERENCES: Gympie Times, 27th August 1940.
The Weekly Observer, 26th March 1997.

RESEARCHED BY: Kay Brown
PRESENTED TO THE LISTINGS COMMITTEE BY: Kay Brown
APPROVAL OF THE LISTINGS COMMITTEE: Date 9th May 2001.
RATIFICATION BY EXECUTIVE OF THE NATIONAL TRUST OF QUEENSLAND: Date

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Notes on Fire Station

Built by D. Kay, architect C.H. Griffiths
opened 24/8/40 by Hon. E.M. Hanton NI LA.

Brick, asymmetrical bldg with round 'tower'
metal frame windows have mostly been replaced
by modern equivalents. Ground floor houses
offices and garages for engines. Upper floor
was a flat for the (fire chief?) This is quite
large & has nice detail like moulded ceiling
decoration and glass panelled doors. Above this
is the 'tower' with a single room lit by high
small windows. Described as the 'radio room'.

① On top is an observation platform, originally
open but now roofed and glassed in. The
building is intrinsically little changed.

Terry Kay said it broke his father (grandfather?)
because material prices soared & hard to get.

Now seems to have volunteer firemen - ask
about this, members involved etc. Flat is now
used as a domestic space to practice rescues.

Also look up in A & B Journal.

Gympie's Golden Heritage

COOL 1/36



Gympie's original Wooden Fire Station was carefully relocated to Stewart Terrace to allow for the construction of the imposing redbrick

building, at 6 Bligh Street in 1940.

Commanding impressive views over the city, it originally housed two 1938 Ford fire trucks. Later a 1942 International was

added to the fleet.

This vehicle is still in use at Tiaro.

In 1963 a further two bay extension was added to the western side. The building was erected around the old

wooden bell tower, now replaced with a steel tower with electric bell. The old bell is proudly displayed at the front of the building.

At the time of the extensions, the Gympie Fire Service boasted three vehicles, nine permanent and 15 auxiliary staff.

Today, in spite of the fact that the rescue vehicle attends as many call-outs as any other station in Queensland and more than either

Maryborough or Bundaberg, the station is manned by only seven permanent staff and 10 auxiliary. Only two staff are on duty at any given time, and only one person at a time can take holidays or attend courses.

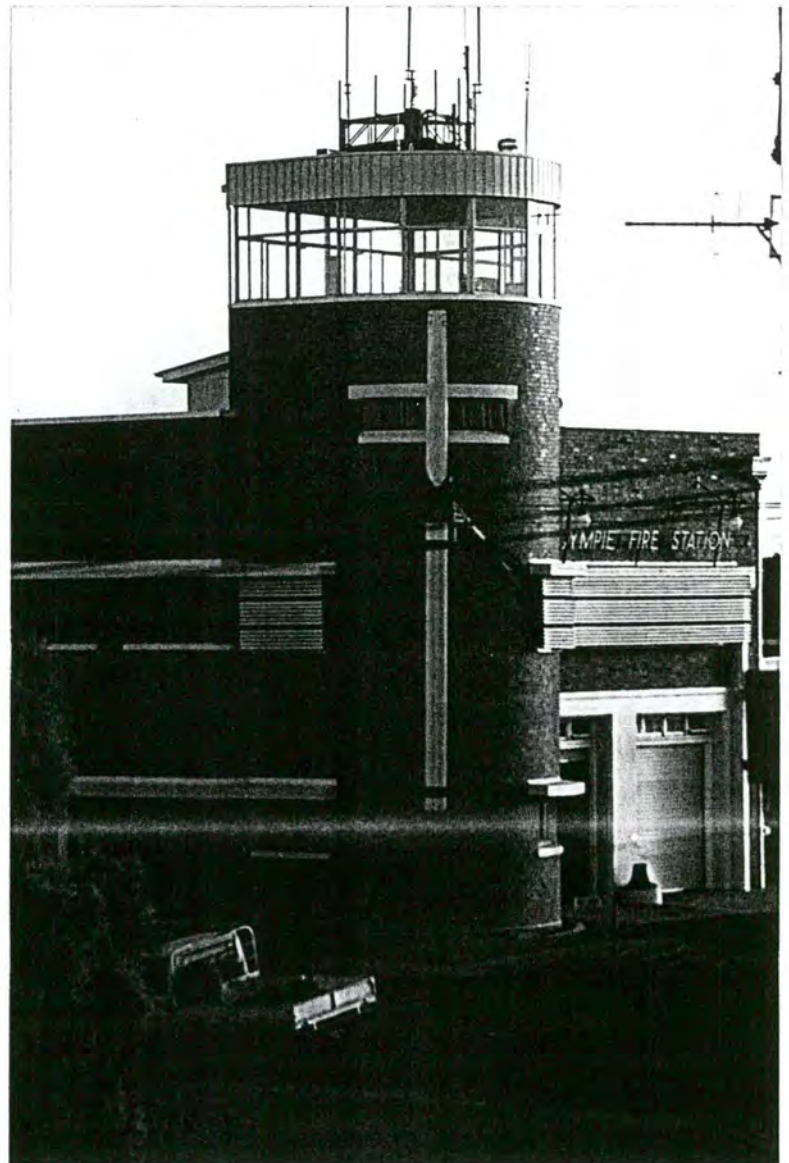
Because of its position, the station is easily visible from most areas of the City, and local photographers have been known to take photos from the "round-tower" at the corner of the building.



COOL 1136

Original
Fire Station
Bligh Street
Gympie





GYMPIE FIRE STATION

WELL AND TRULY BUILT

GYMPIE'S NEW FIRE STATION OFFICIALLY OPENED

FIT TO STAND THE TEST OF YEARS

AFTER less than 12 months since it was proposed the Gympie Fire Brigade Station was officially opened, in the presence of a large number of the public, by the Minister for Health and Home Affairs (Mr. E. M. Hanlon) on Saturday afternoon. Declaring it to be well and firmly built the Minister said it was worthy of the city of Gympie and would remain to serve the needs of a city ten times the present size of Gympie. That he said was the essence of economical building; anything the present Government undertook would be built well and built truly and would set a high standard for private builders to follow. For the present fine structure the ratepayers of Gympie who would bear two-sevenths of the actual cost would be contributing only 8d. in each £100 of ratable property.

Mr. Geo. Thomas, President of the Board, welcomed Mr. Hanlon and invited him to open that "fine new building on the heights of Gympie." He informed the Minister that the first Fire Brigade Board originated in November 1860, and the first board meeting was held in 1901. Most of the originators had passed away, but the first president was Mr. D. Mulcahy who had been followed by many fine members and fine men at the head of it. The first Superintendent was Mr. Frank Frame who was followed in 1911 by the present officer (Mr. Walter J. Smith). Thus in 40 years there had been only two superintendents of the board. A fire brigade was

a very important organisation in any community. It was essential as much to prevent fires from spreading as it was to check them from getting a hold in the first place. The Gympie brigade had reached an efficient level as the boards in the past had steadily acquired up-to-date appliances including now two of the most modern fire-fighting engines. Gympie was also fortunate in possessing a good water supply. Many people said that Mary Street with its many wooden buildings was a menace to the town, but with the efficient brigade and the high pressure of the water supply there need be no fear of any fire extending far.



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The Mayor (Ald. L. J. Thomas) said he shared in the pleasure with which the welcome was extended to the Minister. It was not the first time Mr. Hanlon had readily accepted an invitation to come to Gympie in his official capacity. He had been very good to the city in fact in many ways and the completion of the fire station to a large extent was due to his efforts in arranging the finance. Gympie people appreciated that and also Mr. Hanlon's assistance in the hospital extensions. But for those extensions he did not know what the sick of the district would be doing. The hospital was four times as large as it was 25 years ago and now its capacity to cope with the growing district was again taxed. In the near future more extensions would be needed. Mr. Hanlon would realise that. But the Minister and his Department were busy elsewhere also, and in Brisbane the State possessed a general hospital second to none in the Commonwealth.

As a citizen the Mayor said he was proud of the new fire station which was equal to any in Queensland, particularly for a city the size of Gympie. It had been erected by a local contractor (Mr. D. M. Kay). Mr. P. J. Coombe had also taken a prominent part and practically the whole of the work had been carried out by local labour. The capital cost had been about £6500. Of that the tax upon the Gympie people would be two-sevenths, thus leaving approximately £5000 foreign capital that had been brought to Gympie. It had thus helped to employ workmen as well as beautifying the hill upon which it was erected.

Mr. T. Dunstan, M.L.A., paid a tribute to Mr. Hanlon's willingness always to accede to requests to assist Gympie and to come to the city. As the head of a very important department (in which he had a multiplicity of duties to attend to in connection with hospitals, local authorities, police, fire brigade boards, etc.) his full time was more limited when the House was in session than at other times. Yet when the call came from Gympie, through the speaker, for him

to open the new fire station he had no more hesitation in accepting than he had ever had. It was further evidence of the kindly interest he had previously shown in Gympie. The speaker said there was no real "burning" question about the Gympie Fire Brigade—about its ability to cope with any conflagration. Added to the City Council's good water supply were the active insurance companies. In the past with the wonderful pressure of water there had been cases of the hydrants blowing the roof off the burning building. An evidence of the brigade efficiency was the Theatre Royal fire. Five or six hydrants were played upon it and upon the Hotel Royal which was saved. The fire had a good hold but it was kept well within its own area. The new building was a distinguished landmark in a distinguished place. He was satisfied that very efficient service would be given Gympie and district from the new headquarters of the brigade.

The Minister (Mr. E. M. Hanlon) said he appreciated the invitation from the Board to perform the ceremony. He agreed that a Minister of the Crown was particularly busy and never had they been compelled to devote more time and energy to public affairs than in these days; but work such as that ceremony was, after all, a change from their ordinary activities. He enjoyed visiting the towns and cities of Queensland because it gave an opportunity to meet the people and hear their problems. Mr. Dunstan was always bringing forward people and problems from Gympie and he was a capable advocate. He did not allow any Minister in fact to forget or overlook the needs of the area. But when a Minister had first-hand knowledge of the district itself his own work was made easier. That station, he said, was not the only

public building he had opened in Gympie but Governments were inclined to help people who tried to help themselves. If a community were progressive, willing to supply good roads, good water service, good public utilities generally they would find that the Government would do its best to assist them.



When he was here last year a deputation put before him the case for a new police headquarters; they also mentioned that the hospital was gradually filling up and that extensions would be needed. At that time he thought there would be no difficulty in getting a new police station. In fact plans had been prepared for a new modern building in keeping with the importance of Gympie. But at that time the country was at peace, although there were rumours of war. They had believed that the people of Europe, after the terrible period (1914-18) they had gone through would somehow resist any attempt to drag them into another war. That belief had proved to be groundless and the world was again involved in a life and death struggle. It meant that there had to be a complete change in Governmental expenditure. The whole of the great British Commonwealth of nations was concentrating as far as possible all the energy they had upon defence matters. While people in Queensland seemed to be a long way from the war they had to understand that the people of Britain—not only of England, Scotland and Wales but "chaps" from Canada and Australia were dying day by day over the English Channel.

"They are placing themselves between the enemy and the people of London and equally between you and danger," he continued. "Not one drop of blood has been shed on our soil but we are in just as great danger of losing our liberty and all we hold dear—the freedom and the high standard of living that we value and boast of. All these things are threatened as much in Brisbane as in London."

The people of Australia and the various Governments, Mr. Hanlon resumed, decided that—in view of the fact that we had no guarantee that the blood of Australians would not be shed here—to co-operate in the expen-

diture of public moneys. By agreement between the States and the Commonwealth all accounts were submitted to a Co-ordinator-General of Works (Sir Harry Brown). He then rated the proposed works in their order of urgency for service to the civilian population and also for defence needs. So they had more to contend with to-day than merely catering for the ordinary civilian population. No one, he thought, would disagree with or show impatience if the Government had to hold up the less urgent undertakings longer than they wished to. The war, which had brought them to that stage, was the main preoccupation of the people of Australia and members of Parliament as well as Ministers of the Crown (State and Commonwealth) were organising in the one direction. The organising of air raid precautions was one of his added jobs. He had been told by Mr. Dunstan that there were 171 air raid wardens in Gympie and 135 of them had gone through the complete course of instruction. He thanked the men of the City Council, Fire Brigade, Police and other authorities for the time they had devoted to that work. He would naturally have thought they would not be behind the rest of the State in such work, for the Gympie district was particularly rich in military history. It supplied a large number of men to the last war and was doing so again. The names of private soldiers from this district who had risen to the highest rank were legion.

The late Sir Brudenell White, who held one of the highest ranks in the British Army, was associated in his boyhood with Gympie where he started his military life; then there was Sir William Glasgow, who after a brilliant career as a soldier was serving his country in Canada; General Wynter in command of the Australian troops in England was originally a member of the old Wide Bay Regiment when he started soldiering. So Gympie had a glorious record.



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Mr. Hanlon, turning to the new building, said it was very imposing. Some times people were inclined to say that such structures were too "hash" or expensive for the purpose, and that the money was wasted. The same was said about modern hospitals, Council Chambers, etc. But, he believed if a thing were worth building at all, it should be built in the most economical way and that was a way that would ensure a long life to the building. That had been done; and that station would stand for 100 years if need be. It would fit in usefully with the life of a city ten times as big as Gympie was now. If they expected private buildings to be of a high standard the public buildings should first set that standard; with a poor public standard there would be a poor private one. Experience actually did show that where there was a good type of public building the hotels and then private buildings became of equal standard. In the Fire Brigade they had a body of guardians of not only their property, but of life itself. Only recently at Goomeri there

had been a shocking example of how human life could be lost through the absence, or inadequacy, of a fire brigade. In Gympie they had two of the most modern engines and over 6000 feet of hose, besides a fine body of firemen. In the new building he was glad to see that good and adequate provision had been made for the Superintendent. They did not want a permanent officer who was continually scanning papers to see if he could find another centre that would offer him better inducements to serve them. Referring to the development of the fire brigade system he said he was associated with a volunteer fire brigade at Paddington in his youth. They used to sell tickets for raffling fowls, ducks and geese to get a few shillings every year and they also had to be civil to the local grocer in order to get the loan of his horse to pull the reel. Since there was no control of the fire brigades then anyone could start one. His own brigade had an in-

ternal row and split into two brigades; when they were out collecting or selling raffle tickets they would often come upon collectors from the rival brigade. There would always be a fight. Even a fire sometimes burnt itself out while the rival brigades were fighting as to who should have the plug. (Laughter). Once they took a hand reel which got away while they were going down a steep hill to a fire and ended up under someone else's house. (Laughter). With the passing of the Fire Brigades Act responsibility was allocated to one central fire fighting authority and it was now not necessary to raffle fowls to get a few feet of extra hose. The cost of the brigade were borne by: The local Council 2-7ths, the Government 2-7th, and the insurance companies operating in the area 3-7ths. The insurance companies sometimes thought they were paying too much, but on the whole he thought it an equitable arrangement. The costs of the new Gympie station when all was told would be about £6500; on the basis of responsibility he had just mentioned, the respective shares would be: City Council £1857, Government £1857 and Insurance companies £2785. The share to be met by the people of the area therefore represented a rate of 8d. in £100 of ratable property. For that there was the insurance against bad fires because no matter if a building were well insured it was a definite loss to the community if destroyed.

The Minister then declared the new station open and pressing the alarm button at the Nelson Road entrance, swung open the wide doors of the engine (or appliance room) to allow the two engines to rush out in a demonstration; while the national flag floated from the flagstaff erected above the roof of the "round tower" which was itself 42 feet above the ground.

Subsequently the large number of people who attended the opening, inspected the building for over an hour



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AFTERNOON TEA.

Afternoon tea, at which the Chairman (Mr. Geo. Thomas) presided, was served in the staff recreation room on the ground floor.

Ald. J. A. Cullinane, making his first public appearance since his illness, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hanlon, whose address, he said had been very instructive. The site on which the new station stood was of historical interest because nearby was discovered the Caledonian gold reef which, after the end of the alluvial period, was the very foundation of Gympie as a city. Other reefs were found and Gympie became one of the most historical gold fields in the country. The speaker was pleased also that amongst those present that afternoon was Mr. G. A. Buist, a former early president of the Gympie Fire Brigade Board. Mr. Buist must be delighted to note the progress that had been made since he first became chairman of the board, and he hoped Mr. Buist would be spared to see further progress.

Cr. W. H. Kidd, on behalf of the people of Widgee Shire, seconded the vote of thanks and also congratulated Ald. Cullinane upon his first public appearance after a long illness.

Mr. Hanlon, responding, said that as a Minister of the Crown he had covered most parts of the State, and, although his portfolio was a worrying one, a compensation was the number of people he found performing voluntary and unselfish public service in every little centre between the border and Birketown. Most of them were busy men too, although it would be found that the most busy were always the most capable. In New South Wales, an older and larger State and the original point of settlement in Australia, a tremendous part of the country was not reached by local government of its own. In Queensland there was not a town or settlement where men were of giving service to local government or social work, even in places where they had to go 120 or 130 miles to a meeting. He had formed great appreciation of these big hearted people of Queensland. He had enjoyed every trip to Gympie; it was one of the cities that gave him a feeling of confidence and faith. It had a lot of difficulties to overcome because of the nature of the terrain, but the local government progress in eight years had been fine.

He hoped it would not be long before they were laying the foundation stone of a new police headquarters and he gave them an assurance that it would be no cheap wooden building. Anything the Government built would be fit to stand for years. "We shall build well and build truly as soon as the finances are available."

Colonel D. D. Woodrow, a member of the board, proposed a vote of appreciation to the architect (Mr. C. H. Grillin) which was carried and responded to by the architect.



28 June 2001

Chief Executive Officer
Queensland Fire and Rescue Authority
Park Road & Kedron Park Road
Kedron
Brisbane
Queensland 4031

Dear Sir/Madam

I have pleasure in advising you that the National Trust of Queensland has recently added the Gympie fire station to its Register of places worthy of preservation as part of our heritage.

A listing by the National Trust carries no legal obligations, but is done with the aim of identifying places of historical and cultural significance to the people of Queensland and of publicly acknowledging that significance.

I enclose a copy of the citation that explains why this place has been included in the Register. This citation is based on the best information available to the National Trust at the moment, and I would be very pleased to hear of any further information which might add to that contained in the citation.

Although the Trust's resources are limited, its officers may be able to advise on the conservation and care of properties on the Register.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Burmester
Architect
Encl.

29 May 2001

Chief Executive Officer
Cooloola Shire Council
PO Box 155
Gympie QLD 4570

Dear Mr Faulkner,

As you know, the National Trust works towards the identification and preservation of places that are of special value to present and future generations because of their aesthetic, historical and scientific value. One of the ways the Trust draws attention to such places is by including them on its Register. This imposes no legal obligations on the owner, but is an acknowledgment that a building, site or area has outstanding cultural value.

I have pleasure in advising you that the Trust has recently decided to include the Gympie Fire Station Bligh Street and Nieilsin Road, Gympie on its Register. The reasons for its inclusion are set out in the enclosed citation.

The National Trust believes that Local Authorities have an important role to play in the protection of culturally significant places. We urge you and your Council to promote community awareness of these places, and to assist in their preservation.

Yours faithfully

Paul Burmester
Architect

Encl.

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National Trust of Queensland

From: Judy Gale Rechner
Sent: Tuesday, 15 May 2001 09:58
To: Paul Burmester
Subject: CITATION
Importance: High

Urgent

This needs to be printed out and included in the next Council bundle.

The Citation is from Kay Brown via me.

It is an entry that the Listing Committee is recommending be added to the Trust heritage register

cheers

Judy Gale

15/05/2001

Appendix D – Gympie Regional Council Letter of Support

Our Ref: MM:FENP01932 Folder ID 329878
Your Ref: Gympie Fire Station

29 May 2026

Jack Carr

GYMPIE QLD 4570

Attention: Jack Carr

Gympie Regional Council provides this letter in support of the consideration of the Gympie Fire Station, located at 6 Bligh Street, Gympie (Lot 109 MCH2680) for entry in the Queensland Heritage Register.

Council notes that members of the Gympie Family History Society have undertaken detailed research to support this nomination, building on previous work including Council's Heritage Places Study, which identified the place as having potential State-level significance.

The proposal has been presented to Council's Heritage Advisory Committee, whose members have indicated their support for the nomination proceeding to assessment.

Council acknowledges that the final determination of State heritage significance rests with the Queensland Heritage Council.

Yours faithfully



Andrew Parker
Acting Director Community Sustainability

Appendix E – Gympie Fire Brigade Minute Book 1938- 1944 pages 25-26 and 37-60

Gympie 15th Dec 1938

Meeting of the Gympie Fire Brigade Board
held at the Fire Station 15th Dec 1938

Present Messrs J A Sullivan (pres) & A Fisher,
J W Hughes, D W Woodrow, G Thomas
L J Thomas & H R Henderson

Minutes of meetings (2) held on Nov 17. 1938
were read & confirmed

Correspondence toward Boulevard was read
& adopted on motion of A R Henderson
see. by W Woodrow Carried

G. Thomas That Mr W C Briggs application to
H R Henderson discontinue the fire alarm at his
factory in Natch. It be granted, the
Superintendent to confer with him
on the matter. Carried.

Appointment Mr G. Thomas proposed that Mr C H
of Baden be appointed Architect in
charge of connection with the new brick building
designed for work of a recorder.

H R Henderson That Mr C H Griffin be appointed
& A Fisher to confer with the Board.

Carried Mr G Thomas dissenting
L J Thomas That Mr Griffin be written asking him
J W Hughes to get in touch with the chairman
(Mr J A Sullivan) as to a suitable time
& date of conference and that the

Gymore 18th Decr 1938

City Councils Engineer be invited to attend
same

Superintendents report was not received

Pay sheet amounting to \$95 12 0 was passed
for payment

The Chairman extended the Compliments of the
Season which were heartily reciprocated

Conferred

January 12th 1939

J. A. Sullivan
Chairman

GYMPIE FIRE BRIGADE BOARD.

Gympie May 2. 1939.

Special Meeting of the Gympie Fire Brigade Board
held at School of Arts. May 2. 1939.

Present Messrs J A Bullman (Pres) G Thomas
J W Hughes, H J Thomas & W W Woodrow.

Resolved that Mr J H Griffin, Architect, be
written to furnish a fresh estimate
of the cost of the new brick station
as set out in the plans & specifications
submitted to the Works Department.

Confirmed

Jan 1st 1939

J A Bullman

Chairman

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Gympie Touch
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Gympie Fire Brigade Board

TO BUILDERS.

TENDERS are invited for a new
Brick Fire Station. Closing date
Noon, June 22, 1939, at Gympie.

Plans and quantities obtainable from
the Secretary of the Board at Gympie,
or the Architect,

CHAS. H. GRIFFIN, BRISBANE.

Gympie Fire Brigade Board

TENDER FOR REMOVAL.

THE Board invites tenders for the
removal of Existing Wooden Fire
Station. Closing date Noon, June 22,
1939. Particulars obtainable from the
Secretary of the Board at the Fire
Station.

By Order,
J. A. BARNES, Secretary.

GYMPIE FIRE BRIGADE BOARD.

TO BUILDERS: Tenders are invited
for a new Brick Fire Station.
Closing date: Noon, June 22nd, 1939,
at Gympie.

Plans and Quantities obtainable
from the SECRETARY OF THE
BOARD AT GYMPIE or the ARCHI-
TECT.

CHAS. H. GRIFFIN, BRISBANE.

ALSO

GYMPIE FIRE BRIGADE BOARD.

TENDER FOR REMOVAL: The
Board invites tenders for the re-
moval of Existing Wooden Fire Sta-
tion. Closing date: Noon, June 22nd,
1939. Particulars obtainable from the
Secretary of the Board at the Fire
Station.

By order,
J. A. BARNES,
Secretary.

Gympie, 30th May, 1939.

Gympie 1st June 1929.

Meeting of the Gympie Fire Brigade Board held
at the Fire Station 1st June 1929.

Present Messrs J. A. Buchanan (pres) D. A. Baker,
J. W. Hughes, W. W. Woodrow, L. J. Thomas, G. Thomas,
& W. W. Woodrow.

Apology from also R. H. Runden

Minutes of meetings held May 4th & 5th 1929 were
read & confirmed

Correspondence forward & backward was read & adopted
on motion of Mr. J. W. Hughes

Received

Department of H. & A. Affairs 12th May intimating
that Messrs R. H. Runden & D. A. Baker had
been appointed Government Representatives
for the ensuing 2 years.

The Secretary reported that at a meeting of
Fire Insurance Agents held on May 5th,
Messrs G. Thomas, L. J. Thomas, & W. W. Woodrow
had been appointed as their representatives
for the ensuing 2 years.

The Secretary was also intimating that plans
& specifications submitted by the Architect,
Mr. Giffen had been approved of by the
Works Department, & that there were no
objections to the Board calling tenders
for the work, to be submitted to the
Treasury for approval before acceptance

Lynne 1st June 1929.

A R B. Motor Agency 29 May stating that
Rehead building & contents were not actually
covered by insurance, but that portion of
the stock covered by insurance in the main
brick building had been burnt & the Insur-
ance Coy had recognized their claim by making
a payment of £160.

Letters (5) from Commercial Bank of Australia
Giffith Grant also, A R B. Motor Agency, O H Kemp
& E D Elving conveying appreciation of
the Superintendents & Foremen's efforts in
suppressing & checking the spread of the
outbreak at the A R B. premises on the 5th Feb.

L J Thomas That the Chairman's actions in calling leaders
J W Hughes through the press for the new brick
station be confirmed passed

L J Thomas That no action for any claim that may
O D Woodrow have existed through the burn out of the
brigade to the A R B. premises on 5th Feb
be taken passed

Thomson's Roughly discussion took place over these
for & after a list of requirements had been
New Station compiled it was left in the Chairman's
hands to attend to specifications & the
calling of leaders to place staves on
the 29th Feb.

Superintendents report was read & received

Gympie 1st June 1939

Pay Sheet amounting to £63. 16. 3 was passed for payment

Approved

June 29th 1939

J. A. Bullman

G. Jones 1. 6. 39

Chairman

Gympie Town

31. 5. 39

£5600 FIRE STATION

Plans and Specifications Approved

The Public Works Department has approved plans and specifications for the new fire station and tenders for its construction have now been called.

The estimated cost of the new, two-storey building, which is to be of brick with structural steel reinforcement and grey fibro-cement roofing, and which is to be built on the site of the existing 36-year-old wooden structure, is approximately £5600, and advice has been communicated to the Fire Brigade Board by Mr. T. Dunstan, M.L.A., that the Treasury is prepared to consider authorising the Board to enter into negotiations for whatever amount may be required. The tender accepted will be subject to approval by the Treasurer.

Provision is made in the plans for a 50ft. frontage to Bligh-street and the building will extend back along Nelson road almost the full length of the Board's property. The corner will be semi-circular in shape.

Reel rooms, with a depth of 34ft. 6ins. will occupy 32 ft. of the frontage, narrowing to 26ft. 6ins. at the rear. A concrete pathway will be laid as a rear entrance for fire engines. The watch tower will be 45ft. above the ground and the tower room on the ground floor will be used for automatic alarms and for office purposes. In the Nelson-road extension will be located a staff dormitory with adjoining bathroom, lavatory, and kitchenette, a 24 ft. by 18 ft. recreation room and the board room. The entrance vestibule will be on the Nelson-road side of the tower. Living quarters for the Superintendent with verandas on the eastern and western sides, will be provided on the second floor.

The steel bell tower of the present building will be retained. A shed which will be built at the rear will house one reel while the old building is being demolished and with the completion of the new building will be used as a storeroom.

G. Jones

1/6/39

NEW BRICK FIRE STATION.

Plans and specifications for the two-storey brick fire station to be erected in Gympie have been approved by the Public Works Department, and tenders for the construction of the building are invited in this issue. It is estimated that the cost involved in the replacement of the old wooden station will be about £5600, and advice has been communicated to the Fire Brigade Board by Mr. T. Dunstan, M.L.A., that the Treasury will be prepared to consider authorising the Board to enter into negotiations for whatever amount may be required. The tender accepted will be subject to approval by the Treasurer. The new building will be on the site of the existing station, which is about 36 years old, at the corner of Bligh Street and Nelson Road (Caledonian Hill). The plans provide for a substantial building of utilitarian design and pleasing appearance, with a frontage of 50 feet to Bligh Street and extending back along Nelson Road almost the full length of the Board's property. The corner will be circular shaped (15 ft. by 15 ft.) at the ground and rising about 45 ft. to a watch tower. On 32 ft. of the frontage will be the reel rooms, with a depth of 34 ft. 6 ins., the rear length narrowing to 26 ft. 6 ins. A concrete pathway will provide a rear entrance for the fire engines to these garages. The tower room on the ground floor will be utilised for automatic alarms and office purposes, and the extension along Nelson Road will contain a staff dormitory, with adjoining bathroom, lavatory and kitchenette, then a recreation room (24 by 18) and finally the Board room. The entrance vestibule will be on the Nelson Road side of the round tower. The second floor will provide the living quarters for the Superintendent, with verandas on the eastern and western sides. The building is to be of brick with structural steel reinforcement and grey fibro-cement roofing. The present steel bell tower will be retained. During the demolition of the old building, a shed will be built at the rear to provide for one reel, and this will be used as a storeroom when the new building is finished.

Gympie Town
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TENDERS

GYMPIE FIRE BRIGADE BOARD. FURNISHINGS FOR NEW STATION.

TENDERS, closing at noon on THURSDAY, June 29th next, are invited for the supply and delivery of Furnishings for the New Station.

Specifications may be obtained from the Secretary of the Board at the Fire Station. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

J. A. BARNES,
Secretary.

Gymre 29th June 1939

Meeting of the Gymre Fire Brigade Board
held at the Fire Station 29th June 1939.

Present Messrs J. A. Dullinane (Pres) & D. Woodrow,
& A. Fisher, G. Thomas, & L. J. Thomas, also
Architect C. H. Griffin

Apologies from Mr. R. R. R. & Hughes.

Minutes of meeting held 1st June 1939 were read
& confirmed.

Correspondence forward was received on the motion
of Mr Fisher Sec. by Mr G. Thomas.

Superintendent's report was read & received.

Pay Sheet amounting to £92. 6. 4 was passed
for payment. ✓

Estimates Estimates for the ensuing 12 months were tabled,
1939-40 discussed & approved of, for submission
to the Health & Home Affairs Department. ✓

G. Thomas That this meeting stand adjourned for a
D. Woodrow fortnight, in the meantime Mr Griffin
(Architect) prepare tentative plans of an
approximate cost of £4500 for submission
to the meeting.

Convened
G. Thomas

28 7 39 Chairman

Gympie 13th July 1929.

Special Meeting of the Gympie Fire Brigade Board
held at the Fire Station 13th July 1929.

Present Messrs J W Hughes (Chair) & A Fisher, G Thomas
W D Woodrow, H J Thomas & P H Brundesen.
Architect J H Griffin

Apology from Mr J A McIlwaine

Tenders for the new brick station were opened as follows:-

T. F. Woodrow	Wilsdon	60.47	0	0
Hugh Warle	Brisbane	63.80	0	0
A. W. Wankle	"	63.61	0	0
J. M. Greene	Gympie	62.69	"	0
Ashley H. & Co. Ltd	Annerley	57.76	0	0
H. Leahy	Bundaberg	64.79	"	0
H. Lee	Brisbane	64.65	0	0
W. M. Kay	Gympie	57.79	0	0
Gordon Major	Shepparton	61.20	0	0
MacKenzie & Co	Brisbane	66.00	0	0
E. J. Taylor	"	60.49	0	0
S. A. Warrick	S. Brisbane	60.78	0	0

After lengthy discussion Mr Brundesen moved
& Mr Fisher seconded that subject to the
Government finding the money, the original
plans be accepted & that the lowest tender
(W. M. Kay's) be recommended to the Govern-
ment for acceptance.

Carried

Confirmed

[Signature]

28 7 29 Chairman

Gympie July 28. 1939.

Meeting of the Gympie Fire Brigade Board held
at the Fire Station July 28. 1939.

Present Messrs J W Hughes (pres) R St Bunden,
J A Fisher, W W Woodrow, G Thomas &
H J Thomas.

Apology from Mr J A Buelmeier

Rev. Mr Woodrow moved & also G Thomas seconded
Chairman that Mr Geo. Thomas be appointed Chairman
for the ensuing twelve months (Carried)
Mr Thomas then took the chair & returned
thanks for the honor conferred upon him

Minutes of meetings held 29th June & 13th July. 39
were read & confirmed

Correspondence Inward & Outward was read &
adopted on motion of J W Hughes Sec by Mr
W W Woodrow Carried

H J Thomas That Mr Wm Kaye tender to remove present
W W Woodrow building, erect temporary premises, and
pay the Board £70 be accepted subject
to the Government sanctioning the acceptance
of Wm Kaye tender of £5779 for the
erection of the new brick station and the
Treasurer's approval of the loan of £6000.
Carried

Gympie July 28 1939.

W W Woodrow That upon receipt of information from
S A Fisher the Treasury of the approval of the
loan the President & Secretary proceed
with the signing up of the contracts
Carried

Superintendent's report was read & received.

S A Fisher That the Board's appreciation of the Super-
intendent's efforts in instructing the Boy
Scouts in the Brigade work be recorded
in the minutes
Carried

Pay sheet amounting to £62. 5. 8 was passed for
payment.

Resolved that a letter of sympathy be forwarded
to Mr J. A. Sullivan

appointments Mr Henderson moved & Mr Hughes seconded
that Mr J. A. Burns be reappointed Secretary
for the ensuing three years at £20. per week
Carried

Visiting By resolution Mr Henderson & Mr W W Woodrow
Committee were appointed as the Visiting Committee
for the coming 3 years.

Mr Thomas That Mr W W Woodrow be appointed Deputy
Mr Hughes Chairman for the ensuing 12 months
Carried

Lynne July 28. 1939

Auditor The Secretary was instructed to notify
Mr E. J. Stealy that his Auditorship had
ceased on account of a Government
Auditor being appointed

Confirmed
Effmora

Chairman
24 8. 39.

Gympie August 24. 1929.

Meeting of the Gympie Fire Brigade Board held at the Fire Station August 24. 1929.

Present Messrs G. Thomas (Pres) L. J. Thomas, J. W. Hughes & A. Fisher & W. W. Woodrow.

Apologies from Messrs J. A. Buchanan & R. St. Bruden

Minutes of meeting held July 28. 1929 were read & confirmed

Correspondence Outward was read & adopted on motion of Mr Thomas Sec. by Mr Woodrow
Carried

Pay sheet amounting to £60. 16. 6 was passed for payment.

W. W. Woodrow. That the H. & Home Affairs Department be justified in their view that the Treasury had approved of borrowing £6500 it only awaited the State Government Insurance Office intimation that they are prepared to advance this amount.

Carried.

Confirmed

W. W. Woodrow
Chairman

21. 9. 29

Gympie Aug 29. 1939.

Special Meeting of the Gympie Fire Brigade Board held at the Fire Station 29. 8. 39.

Present Messrs G. Thomas (Pres) W. D. Woodrow, J. W. Hughes, I. A. Fisher & H. J. Thomas.

Correspondence forwarded from the Treasury 24. 8. 39. relative to passing a resolution to borrow additional £1500, State Govt. Insur. Office 25. 8. 39 that approval of debenture loan of £6000 had been granted was read received on motion of Mr Fisher Sec by Mr Woodrow.

I. A. Fisher That the Board be authorised to borrow W. D. Woodrow an additional sum of £1500, making a total of £6000 from the State Government Insurance Office at 4 1/2 % repayable in 25 years & that an order in council authorising the Board to borrow for the sale of debentures be obtained from the Treasury. Carried

J. W. Hughes That the State Government Insurance Office I. A. Fisher be advised that the necessary motion authorising the borrowing of the additional £1500 had been passed & forwarded to the Treasury for approval. Carried

G. Thomas That the action of Mr H. J. Thomas in J. W. Hughes communicating with the State Government Insurance Office relative to the loan of

Symposium August 29, 1929

\$6000 be confirmed.

Consent

Lythema That Mr Wm Kay, contractor, be written
Dowdson asking him to put in writing his altered
proposition as submitted to the President
in connection with the erection of the garage
& Dormitory at the rear of the premises. A
copy of same be forwarded on to Mr Ch. Griffin
architect for his approval or otherwise.

Confirmed

Monroe

Chairman

21. 9. 29.

Gympie Sept. 21. 1929.

Meeting of the Gympie Fire Brigade Board held
at the Fire Station Sept. 21. 1929.

Present Messrs G Thomas (Pres.) La Fisher, W W Woodrow
L J Thomas & R H Rudesean

apologies from Messrs J A Bullman & J W Hughes

Consequent on his continued illness it was resolved
that leave of absence be granted to
Mr J A Bullman

Minutes of meetings held 31st & 29th Aug 1929
were read & confirmed

Correspondence Inward & Outward was read &
received on motion of Mr Rudesean Sec by
Mr Fisher Carried

Mr Rudesean That the Architect Mr Giffen be written
La Fisher to get in touch with the State Government
Insurance office & expedite matters.

Carried

The Secretary was instructed to write the
State Government Ins Office that Mr Giffen
Architect had been requested to furnish the
necessary dates & amounts on which the
loan advances will be required.

L J Thomas That Mr W M Kaye tender of £5479 for
W W Woodrow the erection of a new brick station be accepted
Carried

Gympie, Sept 21. 1929.

Lf Thomas That Mr Wm Kaye tender to remove the existing
 W Woodrow building & erect garage & dormitory & pay
 the Board the sum of £90 be accepted
 in accordance with his signed tender.
 Passed

Lf Thomas That Mr Wm Kaye be given the alternative
 W Woodrow right to use new first class materials in
 the erection of the garage & dormitory
 & be subject to all other conditions
 contained in his original tender as per
 his letter of the 20th Sept.
 Passed

Lf Thomas That a copy of Mr Wm Kaye letter relative
 Lf Thomas to the increase in the basic wage and the
 resultant increase in costs occasioned thereby
 be forwarded to Mr R. H. Giffen for his views.
 Passed

W Woodrow That Mr Wm Kaye letter of the 20th inst be
 La Fisher acknowledged & that the matter is receiving
 consideration of which he will be advised
 later.
 Passed

Superintendent's report was read & received

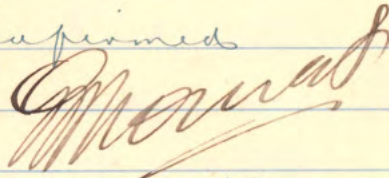
Resolved that the Secretary write the Fire Underwriters
 Association & ascertain the position where
 fire are insured with other than contributory
 companies & do the insurance companies

Gympie Sept 21. 1939.

include in premiums for insurance.

Pay sheet amounting to £94 17. 1 was passed for payment.

L. Thomas That the Secretary & Superintendent include P. H. Dunstan Enquiries re Awards in connection with Fire Brigades. Resolved

Confirmed


Chairman
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Gympie Fire Brigade Board

CLERK OF WORKS.

APPLICATIONS, closing on Wednesday, 18th October, will be received at the Fire Station, Bligh st., Gympie, for the position of Clerk of Works on the new Fire Station building.

Applicants must set out full particulars of experience and qualifications, state salary required, and endorse envelopes "Clerk of Works."

J. A. BARNES,
 Secretary.

Gympie, 29th September, 1939.

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20. 9. 39.

Gympie Sept. 29. 1929.

Special Meeting of the Gympie Fire Brigade Board
held at the Fire Station Sept. 29. 1929.

Present Messrs L Thomas (Pres) W W Woodrow, Lf.
Thomas, J W Hughes, S A Fisher & P H Brundeen
& Architect J H Griffin

Business To meet & confer with Mr Griffin (Architect)

Letter dated 27th Sept. from State Government
Insurance office enclosing Deductions & Interest
J W Hughes & Interest & Redemption Coupons was received
S A Fisher & cheque for £16. 18. & stamp duty papers.

Letter dated 26th Sept. with attachment bearing on
Mr Kaye (Contractor) appeal for extras through
L Thomas basic wage increase from CH Griffin (Architect)
W W Woodrow was received

S A Fisher That it be left in the hands of the Chairman,
P H Brundeen Secretary & Architects to meet Mr Kaye &
make the best bargain possible in connection
with the basic wage increase

J W Hughes That applications for the position of Clerk
S A Fisher. of Works. be called to close Wednesday,
18th October next.

Confirmed

Griffin

Chairman

19 10 29.

Gympie 19th Oct. 1929.

Meeting of the Gympie Fire Brigade Board
held at the Fire Station 19th Oct. 1929.

Present Messrs G Thomas (pres) L J Thomas, L A Fisher,
J H Rundenen J W Hughes & D W Woodrow.

apology from Mr J A Cullinane

Minutes of meetings held 21st & 29th Sept 1929
were read & confirmed

Correspondence Inward & Outward was read &
adopted on motion of Mr Rundenen Sec
by Mr Woodrow. Carried

The Chairman reported that in conjunction with
the Architect & Secretary they had inter-
viewed Mr W M Kay (Contractor) & agreed
to pay him an additional £40 on his
contract consequent on the increase in
the basic wage.

Action confirmed on motion of Mr Fisher
Sec by Mr Hughes Carried

Superintendent's report was read & received

J H Rundenen That for 20 expenses he allowed the
J W Hughes Secretary in connection with his visit to
Brisbane re the new station

Carried

Lynne 19th Oct 1939.

£ay sheet amounting to £82. 4 0 was passed ✓
for payment.

Resolved That a letter of condolence be forwarded
to the widow & family of the late Mr H. Carey
passed

applications for the position of Clerk of Works. were
opened & received as under:-

W. Woodson	T. G. Hillman	£6	10	0	per week
	E. N. Chambers	£5	5	0	"
	W. W. English	£6	0	0	"
	H. Price	£6	10	0	"
	M. Schuck	£6	0	0	"
	P. J. Coombe	£6	10	0	"

Resolved That Mr P. J. Coombe be appointed Clerk
of Works passed

Confirmed

W. Woodson

Chairman

16 " 39

Gympie, Nov 16. 1939.

Meeting of the Gympie Fire Brigade Board held
at the ~~Fire Station~~ ^{Gympie Hall} Nov 16. 1939.

Present Messrs G Thomas (Pres) L J Thomas, Esq.
Bundesen, S A Fisher & J W Hughes.

Apologies from Messrs D W Woodhouse & J A Pullenane

Minutes of meeting held October 19. 1939 were
read & confirmed

Correspondence Inward & Outward was read and
adopted on motion of A L Hughes Sec by
A L Thomas Carried

Superintendent's report was read & received

Pay Sheet amounting to £95 8 7. was passed for
payment ✓

Resolved that the Superintendent be allowed £20.
per week in lieu of rent during the erection
of the new station.

Letter dated 10th Nov. from Esq Griffin (Architect)
re bricks was read.

At this stage the architect Mr C H Griffin
& Clerk of Works Mr D J Baumbach were
invited into the meeting.

Lynne Nov 16. 1939

Ed Henderson that all Brisbane bricks be procured
for Hughes & used in the ^{new} building in accordance
with the specifications. • Coarner

Confirmed

Monroe

Chairman

14. 12 39.

Gympie Decem. 14. 1929.

Meeting of the Gympie Fire Brigade Board
held at the Town Hall Decem 14. 1929.

Present Messrs G. Thomas (pres.) J. H. Bunden, J. W. Wainman, D. A. Fisher, & J. W. Hughes.

Apologies from Messrs L. J. Thomas & J. A. Bunden.

Minutes of meeting held 16th Nov. 1929 were read & confirmed.

Correspondence received & returned was read & adopted on motion of Mr Bunden, Sec. by Mr Wainman.

Letter dated 14 Dec. from Fireman G. V. Rourke applying for annual leave was discussed.

J. H. Bunden that Mr Rourke be informed that holidays J. W. Hughes cannot be granted as from the 22nd inst. owing to its being a dangerous period in the year. but leave will be granted in January at a time to be arranged between him & the Superintendent.

As to the matter of night leave it was resolved that it be left in the Superintendent's hands to deal with.

Superintendent's report was read & received.

Pay sheet amounting to £4. 1. 3. was passed for payment.

Gympie December 14. 1939.

At this stage Mr C H Griffin (Architect) & Mr P Hooman
(Clerk of Works) were invited into meeting

Mr Hughes That the Architects certificate for £27. 10. 0
progress payment to Mr W M Kay contractor
be accepted & that out of this amount
£200 be paid to the Co. of Mr Kays as
with the Q. W. Bank Ltd, the balance
to be held against orders pending further
enquiries. Carried

G. Thomas That Messrs Power & Power letter of the
10th inst enclosing order from W M Kay to
Byrne & Co Pty Ltd of Brisbane for £125. 1. 2.
be received & that Messrs Power & Power be
informed that Mr C H Griffin Architect
is interviewing them on the matter. Carried

The Chairman extended the compliments of the
Season which were heartily reciprocated.

Confirmed
G. Thomas
Chairman

12. 1. 40.

Gympie Jan 12 1940.

Meeting of the Gympie Fire Brigade Board
held at the Town Hall Jan 12. 1940.

Present Messrs G Thomas (Pres.) P H Rundenen,
J W Hughes, D A Fisher, D D Woodrow, &
L J Thomas.

Apology from Mr J A Sullivan

Minutes of meeting held Decemr. 14. 1939 were
read & confirmed

Donner's Resolutions Linnard & Oulward was read
& adopted on motion of J W Hughes,
Sec by D D Rundenen Carried

J W Hughes That the Mackay Fire Brigade Board be
D D Woodrow informed that the Mackay Fire alarms
installed here are not similar & therefore
the occasion has never arisen as to an
accident, such as they suggest. Carried

The Secretary was instructed to write to the
D A Fisher Metropolitan Fire Brigade & enquire if
D D Woodrow brass helmets can be reconditioned & if
so where?

J W Hughes That Messrs Power & Powers letter be ack-
P H Rundenen nnowledged & assurance given that Order
to the effect will be met on or before
the 29th Feby. 1940 Carried

Gympie Aug 12. 1920

Superintendent's report was read & received

Pay sheet amounting to £78. 16. 11 was passed for payment

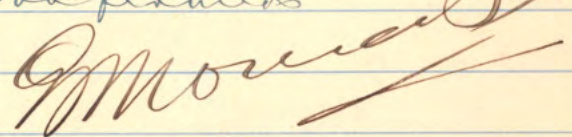
L. Thomas That consequent on going into camp Col. LaBiche W. W. Woodrow be granted three (3) months leave of absence

at this stage Messrs J. H. Griffin (Architect) & P. J. Launce (Clerk of Works) were invited into the meeting

It was then decided that the Clerk of Works reports be received & LaBiche & the Architect to certify for £750, second progress payment to W. M. Kay contractor to be accepted & allocated as under:-

Arch Supplies	40.	13.	9
Spillings etc	50	0	0
In abeyance	109	6	3
W. M. Kay	550	0	0
	<u>750</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

passed

Confirmed


Chairman

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