

Federal Theatre

AHC Category	Archaeological	Historic	Indigenous	Landscape
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Other Names	Joseph Egan Memorial Hall			
Address/Location	74 William Street Howard			
Title Details / (GPS)	1RP844774			
Place Type	Theatre			
Place Category	Recreation and entertainment			
Place Components	Theatre Shop/s			
Historical Theme(s)				
6	developing urban services and amenities			
6.3 Building settlements, towns, cities and dwellings				
7	government and public administration			
8.2 Maintaining Order				
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Historical Context	Constructed as a single building theatre in about 1900-05 without front awning. Possible that William Rankin (Queensland Collieries manager) financed some of the costs. One of the first owners was Mr Ike Branch, who ran the theatre from early 1900's to c 1930s when George King took over. Remodelled and an awning added in about 1930. King and his wife ran the theatre until about 1950's when sold to Les Llewellyn. Les operated the theatre until about 1970 when he closed it due to falling attendances. In 1971, Ivan and Doreen Turner bought the theatre and re- opened it soon after for about five years. It closed again, re-opened briefly and closed for the last time in about 1978. In the mid 1970s, it had it had one of the last carbon-arc projectors in Queensland if not Australia (C Ross, 2004).			
Physical Description	Theatre with attached residential house (added later). Theatre at ground level, consisting of gable iron roof; front projection room with gable roof added by 1930s.Timber frame with weatherboard cladding. House is an attached two room bungalow with gable roof and enclosed verandah. Skillion roof over refreshments area added by 1930s and 2 doors. Front awning suspended on timber beams. Ornate front entrance added by 1930s. Facade reasonably intact.			
Integrity	Fair		Condition	Good
Listings	Register of the National Estate	QLD Heritage Register	QLD National Trust	HBCC Planning Scheme Policy 10
Inspection Date	26/09/2010			
References	Archaeo Cultural Heritage Services, Hervey Bay City Cultural Heritage Survey and Assessment, January 2004			
Internal Ref	Place ID: 9			
Entry Date	06 April, 2011			
Amended Date				



Heritage Significance

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
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Criteria	Description
A	<i>The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region's history</i>
Statement	The Federal Theatre is important in demonstrating the evolution and pattern of the region's history, particularly the growth of Howard as a consequence of coal mining and the need for entertainment.
B	<i>The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the region's cultural heritage</i>
Statement	The Federal Theatre demonstrates a rare aspect of the region's cultural heritage, as small, regional town theatres are uncommon in the region.
D	<i>The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places important to the region</i>
Statement	The Federal Theatre is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a small, regional town theatre constructed in the early twentieth century.

