



Australian Heritage Database

Places for Decision

Class : Historic

Item: 1

Identification

List: National Heritage List
Name of Place: QANTAS Hangar Longreach
Other Names:
Place ID: 106064
File No: 4/08/208/0003

Nomination Date: 25/04/2007
Principal Group: Air Transport

Status

Legal Status: 27/04/2007 - Nominated place
Admin Status: 11/03/2008 - Assessment by AHC completed

Assessment

Recommendation: Place meets one or more NHL criteria

Other Assessments: :

Location

Nearest Town: Longreach
Distance from town (km): 2
Direction from town: E
Area (ha):
Address: Landsborough Hwy, Longreach, QLD, 4730
LGA: Longreach Shire QLD

Location/Boundaries:

Landsborough Highway, 2km east of Longreach, comprising the whole of the Qantas Hangar building.

Assessor's Summary of Significance:

The Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services Ltd (QANTAS) hangar is significant as one of the earliest sites of civil aviation activity in Australia. It is the place where Australia's airline, QANTAS, commenced operations and grew from its humble beginnings in the galvanised iron hangar to be a successful international air

carrier.

The place is also important for its association with the commencement of the Aerial Medical Service (the 'Flying Doctor' service), which was founded by the Reverend John Flynn in 1928. Following discussions with Hudson Fysh and Paul J McGinness, QANTAS supplied the first aircraft for the Aerial Medical Service and provided the Service with logistical support from the hangar at its Longreach base.

In addition, the QANTAS hangar at Longreach is nationally significant for its association with the early work of Hudson Fysh, Paul J McGinness and Fergus McMaster, who were the central figures in the formation of QANTAS, and Arthur Baird, whose engineering skills were devoted to making the airline a success.

Draft Values:

<i>Criterion</i>	<i>Values</i>	<i>Rating</i>
A Events, Processes	<p>The Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services Ltd (QANTAS) hangar is significant as one of the earliest sites of civil aviation activity in Australia. It is the place where Australia's airline, QANTAS, commenced operations, growing from its humble beginnings in the galvanised iron hangar to be a successful international air carrier.</p> <p>The place is also important for its association with the commencement of the Aerial Medical Service (the 'Flying Doctor' service), founded by the Reverend John Flynn in 1928. Following discussions with Hudson Fysh and Paul J McGinness, QANTAS supplied the first aircraft for the Aerial Medical Service and provided the Service with logistical support from the hangar at its Longreach base.</p> <p>The QANTAS hangar, Longreach is uncommon because of its close associations with the foundation of QANTAS and the commencement of commercial civil aviation in Queensland, and gives a sense of the environment in which the early airline took shape.</p>	AT
H Significant people	<p>The QANTAS hangar at Longreach Airport is nationally significant for its association with the work of Hudson Fysh, Paul J McGinness and Fergus McMaster, who were the central figures in the formation of QANTAS, and Arthur Baird, whose engineering skills were devoted to making the airline a success. The pivotal work of all four in the early days of establishing QANTAS as a viable airline took place at the QANTAS hangar, and the place is significant for its association with the life and work of these men.</p>	AT

Historic Themes:

Group: 03 Developing local, regional and national economies

Themes: 03.08 Moving goods and people

Sub-Themes:

Nominator's Summary of Significance: