
Anzac Hostel Brighton Memorial Plaque



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Location

BRIGHTON, BAYSIDE CITY

Municipality

BAYSIDE CITY

Level of significance

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Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 154715

Property Number

Veterans Description for Public

The present day Brighton Anzac Hostel opened in 1998, and is set in the beautiful gardens of the Kamesburgh property on the corner of North Road and Cochrane Street, Brighton. In the grounds of the hostel is a small memorial commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

This hostel is a current day incarnation of the Anzac Hostel in the Kamesburgh Mansion that was purchased by the Repatriation Department in 1919. Severely disabled soldiers lived there from the early 1920s. The Kamesburgh Mansion became an Anzac Hostel after the First World War. It is a large two storey, rendered brick, Italianate mansion set in an extensive formal garden that was built in 1874 for businessman William Kerr Thomson by builder David Mitchell to the design of architect Lloyd Tayler. The property was bought by the Repatriation Department in 1919 with a gift of 25000 pounds from the Baillieu brothers for the care of severely incapacitated soldiers. In this period the building was converted with the addition of a lift and an enlargement of the service wings. The Repatriation Department also constructed an occupational therapy building (the day centre) and a mortuary.

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