

## 'Avondale' - a Timeline



'Avondale' August 2012. Lynda Young, photographer.

**1890s:** built for Benjamin and Elizabeth Sinnamon who had a farm on the surrounding land and raised their family there. From an initial landholding of about 20 acres, Benjamin gradually acquired 3 more land portions. From 1915, the farm comprised almost 80 acres. The major land usage was dairy farming, from the 1890s/early 20th century until the early-mid 1990s when the property was sold to a developer.

**1942 (Sep.):** sold to Spessor family, dairy farmers with a Jersey stud, following Benjamin's death in 1941.

**1944 (Nov.):** sold to Hogberg family who also operated a dairy farm.

**1946 (Sep.):** sold to Susannah Rohlf, a widow.

**1948 (Feb.):** sold to Mr and Mrs Kennedy.

**1948 (Sept.):** sold to Walter Richters.

**1949 (Sept.):** sold to Hercules Sinnamon. Continued to operate as a dairy farm, worked by a series of share farmers.

**1980:** listed, along with other buildings in the Sinnamon Farm precinct, on the Register of the National Trust of Queensland in 1980.

**1990:** registered along with the other Sinnamon Farm precinct buildings under the Queensland Heritage Buildings Protection Act (1990) schedule.

**1992 (Oct):** listed on the Queensland State Heritage Register under the Sinnamon Farms entry.

**1994 (27 Feb.):** Sir Hercules Sinnamon died.

**1996:** 'Avondale' house and farms, along with the other buildings and farms in the former Hercules Sinnamon estate, were sold by his heirs to a developer, Larna Pty Ltd (owner Ronald William Baldwin).

**2000:** listed on the Brisbane City Council Heritage Register (2000).

**2004:** With the major part of Avondale, along with the other Sinnamon farm 'Glen Ross' having been subdivided to develop Windermere Estate, the land on which 'Avondale' and associated farm remnants are located was reconfigured to form the current 2500 square metre block at 645 Seventeen Mile Rocks Road.

**2011 (Sept.):** Larna Pty Ltd sold the property to Renard Developments Pty Ltd.

**2012:** After Renard Developments Pty Ltd had undertaken renovations with care to preserve the heritage features of the house and external facade, the property was put on the market.

**2013-2014:** Mrs Sandra Ivy Mar-ree Dunstan purchased the property.

**2017 (Dec.):** Parmac Investments Pty Ltd, authorized by Mrs Dunstan, submitted a Development Application to erect a child care centre on the site.

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