

Building: "Clifton Hall"  
Address: 85 Queens Parade



Allotment Reference: Section 3, Lot 10  
National Estate Register: -  
Historic Buildings Council Register: -  
National Trust Register: -  
Location within Precinct: Clifton Hill Western Residential Precinct  
Photo Date August, 1988  
Grantee: T.G. Atkinson 28-6-1867  
Original Owner: Trustees of St. Johns Catholic Church  
Present Owner: -  
Original Use: Picture Theatre and Shops  
Present Use: Vacant/Clifton Dance Studio

**Construction Date:** 1917-1918

**Architect:**

**Builder:**

**Description:** A large two storeyed red brick building with stuccoed dressings consisting of theatre entrance (vacant), hall entry (Clifton Dance Studio) corner shop (vacant), lobby and large hall. The shop front verandah is cantilevered and the shop fronts substantially altered. The upper level has projecting stuccoed bays alternating with paired windows with stuccoed architraves.

**Condition:** Good

**Integrity:** Fair. Parapet altered, shop fronts altered, evidence of iron verandah posts in bluestone kerb which is marked '15-6-33.

**History:** In 1917 the Trustees of St. John the Baptist R.C. Church on the south side of Heidelberg Road near Wellington Street, demolished four brick shops they owned between the Church and Wellington Street. The 1917-1918 rate book recorded five vacant lots each with 20' frontage, on which in 1917-1918 the Trustees built the Clifton Picture Theatre with two brick shops either side. All the shops were let. The foundation stone was laid by Archbishop Mannix on Sunday 2-9-1917.

By 1919-1920, the properties were owned by the Trustees of the Clifton Theatre, (1916-1917 to 1919-1920 RB).

**Significance:** "Clifton Hall" is of interest as a closed suburban theatre owned and built by the adjoining Catholic Church. Its picturesque and somewhat faded street facade forms a prominent element in the Queens Parade streetscape.

**Recommendations:** Recommended for Planning Scheme protection. Re-instate posted verandah.

**References:** Rate Books

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