

Herston Quarter Heritage Buildings

The Herston Quarter is home to a number of heritage-listed buildings, much loved by generations of nurses who lived and trained in the buildings, which are protected by the Queensland Heritage Act 1992 (Qld).



In need of significant investment to preserve them for the future, the adaptive re-use of the heritage buildings on the site was a key component of the Queensland Government's vision and tender requirements for the Herston Quarter redevelopment.

Australian Unity's plan for the Herston Quarter recognises the value of the heritage assets and uses them as the central organising element and a key attractor.



The heritage buildings:

- Lady Lamington Nurses' Home
- Lady Lamington North and South Towers
- Lady Norman building
- Edith Cavell building

A bright future for the heritage buildings awaits

Lady Lamington Nurses' Home

The Lady Lamington Nurses' Home was the first significant work in Queensland by celebrated architect Robin Smith Dods and is arguably the most significant historic building within the Herston Quarter. It was constructed over three stages between 1896 and 1931 to provide improved nurses' accommodation for the hospital.

This building is planned to be restored to its original use as accommodation: students will be housed in this building, which will be linked to the Lady Lamington Towers.



Lady Lamington Nurses' Home (in the foreground)



Herston Square and Lady Lamington Towers

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of heritage assets.

Lady Lamington North & South Towers

The Spanish Mission style Lady Lamington North and South Towers were constructed between 1936 and 1939 to provide additional housing for nursing staff working at the Royal Brisbane Hospital.

This building is planned to provide student accommodation in the upper floors of the southern and northern towers, linked to further student accommodation in the adjoining Lady Lamington Nurses' Home.

Between the two towers a new and separate seven floor student accommodation building at the eastern end of the courtyard will be built and will provide a visual separation between old and new.

The courtyard between the towers and a new 'Herston Square' will be re-landscaped to provide a new setting for the buildings and the approach to the Lady Lamington Nurses' Home.



Lady Lamington North and South Towers

Lady Norman building

The Lady Norman building is a late Victorian L-shaped two-storey timber and brick hospital ward building, established in 1896 as an extension to the children's hospital. It is also one of the few remaining examples of pavilion wards within a hospital environment in Queensland.

This building is planned to be repurposed as a flexible workspace for health-related commercial uses.

The garden space around the building will be maintained and enhanced with new planting.

The western annexe, which is a later addition, will be removed to reveal the original building and improve its visibility and overall setting.



Lady Norman building

Edith Cavell building

Constructed in 1922 to accommodate nurses supporting the expanding children's hospital, the Edith Cavell building presents impressive views across Brisbane's northern suburbs.

The Edith Cavell building will have its openings to the south on the first and second levels reinstated, and the fire shutters, which are later additions to upper levels of the north façade, removed. The setting of the garden and its stone walls to the north will be enhanced and is planned to be used as part of a relocated and expanded, publicly operated childcare centre, to be located at ground level.

The upper floors are planned to be adapted for use by health-related commercial businesses.



Edith Cavell building



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