



Housing Style

Soldier Settler Cottages – 1900 to 1920's

Soldier Settler Cottages were popular for housing government employees and were primarily the result of a decade of Queensland Government efforts to stimulate the building industry and house soldiers returning from the Boer War and First World War.

These tough timber bungalow style homes were simple in plan, modest usually in size and generally provided a front verandah protected by a downward extension of the hipped pyramid style galvanized iron roof. Side walls were weatherboard clad with minimal roof overhang and side wall windows were protected with individual iron clad hoods.

A general lack of embellishment combines with a practical housing building form to provide a simple base for additions, alterations and improvement.

Positive Features and Renovation Potential

Their smaller size and sturdy timber construction means they are readily transportable and many in the past have been relocated out of inner city development areas and to outer suburban or country allotments.

Sometimes two houses are brought together to provide a base for a larger estate style residence on acreage lands. Sometimes small lot development potential can be achieved with subdivision of the allotment of land and the sliding of the home sideways.

Even today in inner city small lot configuration and in their outer suburban and country locations these homes can provide an important new start for first home buyers and will in time with thoughtful contemporary additions and sensitive decoration be appreciated as forming part of the late 20th Century inner suburban gentrification and character renovation revival period.