



Important Buildings in Liverpool



St Lukes Anglican Church

St Luke's was commissioned by Governor Macquarie and designed by Francis Greenway. The foundation stone was laid in 1818. While the first service was held on the 18th October, 1819 the church was not completed until the early 1820s.

Although it is not the oldest church building in Australia (this claim goes to St Matthew's in Windsor), it can lay claim to being the oldest congregation, with Reverend Cartwright preaching in an unfinished church since 1819.





Collingwood House



Eber Bunker was the first resident at Collingwood. Bunker was the first to bring whaling to the waters of Australia and was granted many acres of land in NSW. One of these grants was for 400 acres which he named Collingwood, immediately south of the future site of the town of Liverpool.

The Bartlett family lived in Collingwood in the late 19th and early 20th century. A collection relating to their lives can be found at Liverpool Regional Museum.

Collingwood House is Heritage Listed as a rare example of a modified Georgian residence. The home was restored by Liverpool City Council and the official re opening was attended by Prime Minister Gough Whitlam on 6th September 1975.





Rosebank



17 Speed Street,
Liverpool. Heritage listed
house since 2005



Rosebank was designed by Varney Parkes, the architect son of Sir Henry Parkes. The first owner of Rosebank was Louis Haigh, and his initials appear above the front porch. Haigh's family operated a large wool wash in Liverpool and he was the Mayor in 1880. Mayor Martin Christiansen lived here also. In 1930 the house became a day and boarding school for girls and was renamed Queen's College. Reverend Bain and his family ran the school until it closed in 1957.

After the college closed, the house was used as a boarding house for men. Finally in 1972, Rosebank was purchased by Liverpool City Council and has since had varied uses.





Liverpool State Hospital and Asylum



The Liverpool Hospital was one of Francis Greenway's last designs. The hospital was completed in 1830, eight years after he was dismissed after arguments with Governor Macquarie over charging exorbitant fees. Its use as a hospital finished in 1958. From 1960, the building has housed Liverpool TAFE.





Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre



Built in 1951, the Casula Powerhouse was erected to supplement electricity production when there were shortages. The Powerhouse was closed in 1976 and bought by Liverpool City Council in 1978.

In 1985, a plebiscite was held and the residents of Liverpool decided that the building should become an arts centre. The centre eventually opened in 1994. It temporarily closed in 2006 and reopened after improvements in 2008.

The centre now houses an international standard exhibition space and a state of the art theatre, artist's residency, and children's spaces.



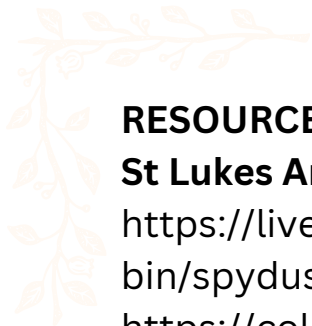


Liverpool City Library - Yellamundie



Designed by architects FJC Studio, Yellamundie was a finalist in the IFLA public library of the year award 2024. The library is designed across six floors and includes two gallery spaces, a create space and an archive room. This building replaced the previous library on George Street, Liverpool.





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