

<b>Other Names</b>	Linden Medical Centre	
<b>Street Address</b>	Corner Woongarra Street and 11A Barolin Street	Bundaberg Central Street
<b>Title Details/ GPS Coordinates</b>	38B1582	

**Historical Context**

The Linden Clinic (former) was built by Dr Egmont Schmidt in 1913. Schmidt was the son of CF Schmidt, who became a permanent Lutheran pastor in Bundaberg in 1892 (he was previously based in Maryborough, where Dr Egmont Schmidt was born in 1886). Dr Egmont Schmidt completed his medical training by 1910 and, after a twelve month residency at Warwick Hospital on the Darling Downs, returned to Bundaberg and practiced medicine with Dr Thomas Henry May. Schmidt took over the practice when May retired; it appears this process was carefully managed, as May was still practicing until 1913, presumably in Schmidt's new residence and surgery, Linden.

Linden was designed by the prominent Maryborough architect, POE Hawkes and erected in 1913. Although based in Maryborough, Hawkes designed a significant number of buildings in the Bundaberg region, including for the local businessman, Frederic Buss. The site of the new building was originally occupied by the Pioneer Schoolroom, which was owned by the Lutheran Church and is believed to have been constructed c1876-7. The Hawkes-designed building originally consisted of exposed brick on the ground level and 'rough cast' on the first floor, although the entire exterior of the building is now rough cast. The architectural style is loosely coined 'Federation', which incorporated various features common in other established architectural styles such as 'Queen Anne', and was popular at the turn of the twentieth century. The origin of the name of the building is unclear: it could either refer to an avenue in Berlin lined with Linden trees (Lindenstrasse), the suburb of Linden in Hanover where Schmidt's mother was born or simply after the Linden tree.

The building functioned as a residence and doctor surgery. The property was originally larger, as there was also a tennis court and hall adjacent to the house. Schmidt continued to practice medicine in the clinic until his death in 1956. He was a well-loved doctor in Bundaberg, noted for his care of people from all backgrounds, sometimes for free. Schmidt was also the Government Medical Officer and Railway Medical Officer in Bundaberg, and president of the local sub-branch of the British Medical Association. He was also prominent in local association: he was one of the founders of the Bundaberg Royal Automobile Club of Queensland (RACQ) and the Bundaberg Art Society. His private art collection was bequeathed to the city of Bundaberg and it is now located at the Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery. The building has undergone substantial interior renovations, both the residence and surgery sections. Although there have been some external additions and changes (including, for example, extending the rough cast across the whole façade), the exterior of the original building remains relatively intact in its prominent corner position.

**Physical Description**

The Linden Clinic (former) occupies a quarter acre block on the corner of Woongarra and Barolin Streets in the Bundaberg CBD. A rendered brick pillar and panel fence separates the building and landscaped front yards from the street. At the rear of the building is a carpark with access from Woongarra Street.

Linden is designed in Federation Queen Anne style and consists of a double storey rough cast finished brick building with corrugated iron clad Dutch gable roof with two additional Dutch gables protruding from the main roof to the west, all gables featuring ridge ornaments. On the southeast corner a turret with conical roof cantilevers from the upper level and extends through the roof. The main entrance is from Barolin Street through a porch set-back into the building and framed by an arch. A single storey rough cast finished brick add-on extends from the side of the arch to the street front and features a roof terrace and a narrow wraparound tiled awning. The former main entrance is located on the corner underneath the tower element. There are a number of windows on ground level including an oculus window on the southern elevation next to a narrow tiled awning. The upper level features an integrated verandah above the arched entrance on the eastern elevation. Attached on the northern elevation is a sunroom. A large enclosed verandah and a small open balcony are located on the southern side. There are several windows on the upper level including oculus and bay windows.

<b>Integrity</b>	Fair	<b>Condition</b>	Good
<b>Statutory Listings</b>	No statutory listings		
<b>Non-Statutory Listings</b>	No non-statutory listings		
<b>Inspection Date</b>	21/10/2014		

**References**

Peta Browne, 'Local History Feature: Dr Egmont Schmidt and Linden', Lib News, v.2 no. 1, Bundaberg, Bundaberg Regional Council, Spring 2010.

**Heritage Significance**

Criteria	Definition
<b>E</b>	<i>The place is important to the region because of its aesthetic significance</i>
<b>Statement</b>	The Linden Clinic (former) is important for its aesthetic significance, as a good example of the 'Federation' architectural style in the early twentieth century, particularly the rough cast exterior and other external elements associated with the style. The building's aesthetic significance is further enhanced by its prominent corner location.
<b>H</b>	<i>The place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance in the region's history.</i>
<b>Statement</b>	The Linden Clinic (former) has a special association with Dr Egmont Schmidt, a prominent and well-known Bundaberg doctor who was also active in the city's art community, playing an important role in the establishment of the Bundaberg Art Society. The place is also associated with the architect POE Hawkes who, although based in Maryborough, designed a number of buildings in Bundaberg in the early twentieth century.

**Location Map**



View to original entrance from corner of Woongarra and Barolin Streets.



View to eastern elevation.



Close-up of turret element above original entrance on southeast corner.