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OPTOMETRY HOUSE UNVEILED

The Optometrists Association of Australia (Queensland and Northern Territory) has bought its own premises - a three-level historic building in Spring Hill. The original building on the corner of St Paul's Terrace and Rogers St is 138 years old and was substantially renovated in 1994.

Now part of a strata title development known as St Paul's Place, the original three-level building, which comprises of 195 sq m of net lettable space, was sold to the association for \$392,500. Ken Lucht of Colliers Jardine negotiated the sale.

"The association's been saving up for 80 years for this," executive director Greg Johnson said.

"Because we've been in existence for 80 years, there were some funds accumulated."

"We wanted to communicate to the wider professional community that optometry is a vital part of the health and medical professional in Queensland. "

"About three months ago we started looking seriously. We always knew in our minds that we wanted something with historical significance. "

The association was this week in the process of moving its administration from leased premises in Spring Hill.

"We went to Desks Etc in Coorparoo to find office furniture which would match the cedar door and window fittings. "

The association plans to use the property for branch meeting, members' seminars and ongoing professional education training. The association is now seeking expressions of interest from other health/medical associations to lease the basement level, which has its own rear access.

St Paul's Place was developed by David Tyler, who operates Mrs Dibble's Deli in the neighbouring property, that has a residence upstairs and was built new in a style to complement the Heritage listed building.

The four-strata title property in the development is a house built in the same style that is behind Optometry House.

Mr Johnson said several other medical-related associations including the Stroke Association and the Arthritis Foundation, had their headquarters nearby.

Mr Lucht said the sales market in the city fringe was quite active at the moment. He said most of the activity in Spring Hill was being generated by residential development, with the Trebeca Apartments project under way on the corner of Wharf St.

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