

Heritage Citation



Balmoral Park (includes Scout & Guides halls, Bowls Club & AA Battery)

Key details

Addresses	At 481 Wynnum Road, Morningside, Queensland 4170
Type of place	Hall, Sportsground, Defence site, Reserve, Tree/s
Period	World War I 1914-1918
Style	Arts and Crafts, Bungalow
Lot plan	L1_SP286687; L2_CP894302; L1_CP852759; L2_SP286687
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — June 2011
Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (E) Aesthetic; (E) Aesthetic; (G) Social; (H) Historical association

Balmoral Park was gazetted for recreational purposes in 1916. Over the years the reserve has been used for a variety of purposes, supporting the Balmoral Bowls Club, Scouts, and Girl Guides. A memorial avenue of weeping figs was established after World War One and the hilltop played host to an anti-aircraft battery during World War Two. Post war, the park has supported Meals on Wheels, pre-school and Returned Services League purposes. The wooded hilltop has remained largely undisturbed in the centre of the park since it was gazetted.

Statement of significance

Relevant assessment criteria

This is a place of local heritage significance and meets one or more of the local heritage criteria under the Heritage planning scheme policy of the *Brisbane City Plan 2014*. It is significant because:

Historical

CRITERION A

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the city's or local area's history

as a cemetery reserve in use since the mid nineteenth century and then as a recreation reserve since the late nineteenth century.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as it is a tree covered hill surrounded by busy roads and the railway, making it a distinctive green landmark in a busy urban setting.

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as it is a natural bushland hillside setting for Bulimba Cemetery.

Social

CRITERION G

The place has a strong or special association with the life or work of a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons

as it has been valued by the local community as a place of informal recreation since the late nineteenth century.

Historical association

CRITERION H

The place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organization of importance in the city's or local area's history

as it has accommodated the facilities of the Balmoral Bowls Club and the Scout and Girl Guides Association.

Supporting images



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