

Heritage Citation



Drinking fountain

Key details

Addresses

Outside 39 Annerley Road, South Brisbane, Queensland 4101

Type of place	Drinking fountain
Period	Federation 1890-1914
Geolocation	-27.486826 153.028853
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — September 2011
Construction	Structure: Cast iron
People/associations	Harvey Sargeant & Co. (Association)
Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (B) Rarity; (D) Representative; (E) Aesthetic; (H) Historical association

This cast iron drinking pillar was manufactured by Harvey Sargeant & Co. at its Brisbane foundry. This company was founded in 1880 but went into insolvency in 1892. Evidently cast in the late nineteenth century, the fountain was not in its current location when the Mater hospital was under construction in the early decades of the twentieth century. Although its exact history is not currently known, it remains an important part of the city's engineering heritage.

History

The Mater Hospital's private and public sections were constructed between 1908-11. This drinking fountain cannot be seen in the John Oxley Library photograph of the construction of the Mater Hospital Annerley Road main entrance stairs.

This cast-iron drinking fountain (also known as a drinking pillar) is similar in design as the drinking fountains located at Newstead Park, Newstead and Hardgrave Park, Petrie Terrace. They all feature two small hemispherical drinking cups for dogs, attached to the base of the pillar of the drinking fountain. The drinking fountain may have been originally located at a City horse-drawn cab stand as the structure also features a third hemispherical drinking cup located further up the pillar for horses to use.

A base plate on the Annerley Road drinking fountain identifies its manufacturer as Harvey Sargeant & Co. Formed in 1880, the company's foundry was located in Alice Street, the City. Harvey Sargeant & Co went into insolvency in 1892, but a new company was formed to continue operating their Alice Street foundry. This drinking fountain must have been cast at the foundry before 1893.

The lion's head sculpture affixed to the pillar above the third hemispherical drinking cup is indicative of the Victorian era. This specific design feature can be found only one other Brisbane drinking fountain, located in Newstead Park.

Description

This nineteenth century drinking fountain is incomplete. It is missing its cast iron, finial-style cap.

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 an example of a nineteenth century civic improvement manufactured locally for Brisbane residents.

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage being one of only two lion's head design, cast iron drinking pillars in Brisbane.

Representative

CRITERION D

The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class or classes of cultural places

as an example of a late Victorian era drinking pillar designed to provide water to both people and animals.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as early street furniture contributing, along with a nearby cast-iron CEL junction box, to the streetscape of this part of Annerley Road.

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 is identified with the foundry production of the major engineering firm of Harvey Sargeant & Co.

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