

## Heritage Citation



**Fig Tree**

### Key details

**Addresses** Opposite 52 Haig Road, Milton, Queensland 4064

**Type of place** Tree/s

<b>Period</b>	Victorian 1860-1890
<b>Geolocation</b>	-27.468366 152.998788
<b>Key dates</b>	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2002 Date of Citation — April 2002
<b>Criterion for listing</b>	(A) Historical; (B) Rarity; (D) Representative; (E) Aesthetic; (G) Social

This tree, planted more than 120 years ago, is one of the best known Brisbane trees. It is in a very prominent location at the intersection of three roads and a very well known landmark. This site is a place of local heritage significance as it has aesthetic, historic and social significance in the local area for past, present and future generations. It should live another 100 years provided it is not damaged by a natural disaster or beset by disease. It has a particular social significance to the staff and students of the local Milton State School.

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## History

While the exact age of this tree is not known, it is believed to be at least 100 years old. It is one of Brisbane's most well known trees and is located in a prominent position on Haig Road, a busy local road of the suburb of Milton.

The tree provides evidence of public 19th century planting in the streets of the local area that was done to improve the visual amenity of the suburb. Avenues of similar trees can be seen on both sides of the adjacent Gregory Park between Haig Road and Baroona Road.

Because of its close proximity to the Milton State School that has several similar fig trees in its grounds, the tree on the corner of Haig Road and Bayswater Road has a special significance for the staff and children of the school. Signage for the school in Bayswater Road includes an illustration of a mature fig tree.

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## Description

This is a magnificent and healthy *Ficus microcarpa*. It is a venerable specimen and its majestic appearance and size provide a great visual impact due to juxtaposition of the large scale, textures and colours.

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## 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:

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## Historical

### CRITERION A

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the city's or local area's history  
surviving as evidence of a program of public street planting undertaken in the late 19th century.

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## Rarity

### CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage  
as a fine example of a mature specimen of *Ficus microcarpa* var. *hillii*.

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## Representative

### CRITERION D

The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class or classes of cultural  
places  
in association with other nearby public street plantings.

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## Aesthetic

### CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance  
as a prominent landmark distinguished by its luxurious and extensive canopy.

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## 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 one of Brisbane's best-known trees and as one of a group of mature *Ficus* associated with the Milton State  
School.

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## References

1. Information kindly provided by the Milton State School, 15 February 2001
  2. Brisbane City Council. Brisbane Conservation Atlas. Nominations for the register of highly valued natural assets
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