

Heritage Citation



Gate Posts & Fig Trees (former entry to Kirkston)

Key details

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| Addresses | Road Reserve Palmer Street, Windsor, Queensland 4030 |
| Type of place | House, Tree/s |
| Period | Victorian 1860-1890 |
| Style | Queenslander |
| Geolocation | -27.428876 153.031758 |
| Key dates | Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — April 2011 |
| Construction | Structure: Face brick |

The Flower Street gateposts were constructed in 1889 as part of the grand home Kirkston. When the Kirkston estate was later subdivided for residential use, the gates were retained. They are a valuable reminder of the old estate and, in combination with the large fig trees, add considerable aesthetic value to Flower Street.

History

These brick gateposts are flanked by two large *Ficus benjamini* fig trees and are a well-known landmark to the residents of Windsor. They were once the gateposts at the entrance to the grand residence, *Kirkston*, built on the hill behind Windsor Quarry in 1888-89 for John Henry Flower, a Brisbane Solicitor who co-founded the legal firm of Flower and Hart. *Kirkston* was designed by architect G.H.M. Addison. The estate once covered some 10 acres but has since been subdivided to within a short distance of the residence.

The gateposts are now separated from the house by subsequent subdivision of the grounds for housing. Despite this, they are a physical reminder of Windsor in the late nineteenth century when many substantial homes with large grounds were built on the surrounding hilltops. The gateposts are included in the BCC Heritage Trail of Windsor and historical walks conducted by the Windsor and Districts Historical Society.

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

for the evidence they provide of the former large estate of Kirkston, one of several, grand, nineteenth century residences in the Windsor area, and which was subsequently subdivided for residential uses.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as the gateposts, nestled within the trunks of the large fig trees, form an attractive and distinctive gateway to the Flower Street that combines natural beauty with distinctive nineteenth century architectural forms.

References

1. Department Of Environment. Entry in the Queensland Heritage Register 600351. Kirkston. Sunday Mail. 3 July 1988

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Note: This citation has been prepared on the basis of evidence available at the time including an external examination of the building. The statement of significance is a summary of the most culturally important aspects of the property based on the available evidence, and may be re-assessed if further information becomes available. The purpose of this citation is to provide an informed evaluation for heritage registration and information. This does not negate the necessity for a thorough conservation study by a qualified practitioner, before any action is taken which may affect its heritage significance.

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