

## Heritage Citation



### Merthyr Road Ferry Terminal (former) remnant elements and Headwall & Outfall

#### Key details

<b>Also known as</b>	Merthyr Road Ferry Terminal (former) remnant elements
<b>Addresses</b>	At Merthyr Road, New Farm, Queensland 4005
<b>Type of place</b>	Drainage, Ferry terminal
<b>Period</b>	Victorian 1860-1890, Federation 1890-1914
<b>Geolocation</b>	-27.462379 153.050872

**Key dates**

Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000  
Date of Citation — April 2011

**Criterion for listing**

(A) Historical; (B) Rarity; (E) Aesthetic

The northern end of Merthyr Road contains evidence of major late 19th and early 20th century municipal works, including a former cross-river ferry service and drainage works. In 1888 plans were drawn up for main intercepting drains to service the Merthyr Road due to public health concerns. The porphyry river walls lining the ferry landing and surrounding the sewer outlet were probably built about 1913. Drainage works remaining include the porphyry river retaining wall incorporating steps and drain outfall as well as porphyry gully trap in kerb. By mid-1905 a cross-river ferry service was operating between Merthyr Road, New Farm and Hawthorne Street, Bulimba. In 1908 Balmoral Shire Council, which maintained the Merthyr Road facilities, organised for a large floating kiosk to be used as a temporary terminal. In 1913 it was replaced by the 'Merthyr Road Ferry Depot' which operated until the introduction of the CityCat service in 1996.

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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

as visible evidence of major late 19th century and early 20th century municipal works and of the ferry services that operated on the site for many.

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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 site containing rare, intact elements of major late 19th century and early 20th century municipal works.

## Aesthetic

### CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

for the visual contribution of the ferry waiting shelter and the porphyry infrastructure to the riverscape and streetscape.

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## References

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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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