

Heritage Citation



South Brisbane Memorial Park

Key details

Addresses	At 459 Stanley Street, South Brisbane, Queensland 4101
Type of place	Monument / memorial, Park
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Lot plan	L2_SP172795
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — May 2011
Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (B) Rarity; (D) Representative; (E) Aesthetic; (G) Social; (H) Historical association

The South Brisbane Memorial Park was opened in 1920 and gazetted in 1925 in recognition of the patriotic

endeavours of the South Brisbane citizens in the Great War (WWI). The park, originally a much larger site which was reduced over time for civic improvements, was a popular recreation spot after improvements altered it from a series of barren cliffs to a grassy terraced site. Greater acknowledgment of its role as a memorial park occurred from the 1930s. Notable structures in the park include a memorial arch (1934), a porphyry Second World War Memorial erected by the 2/31st Infantry Battalion (1955), a General Memorial in black granite and white marble, and an early wrought iron drinking fountain (cast in 1888). The park forms a cool, shady oasis in a busy urban area and has provided a recreation and memorial area for the local community since the 1920s.

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 early 20th century memorial park.

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage surviving as a park reserve in a dense inner-city streetscape.

Representative

CRITERION D

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

as a memorial park laid out with a formal design of paths, lawns, planted beds and memorial structures.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as it provides an interlude between the busy thoroughfare of Vulture Street and the east edge of the South Bank Parklands as a prominent, shady green oasis enlivened by the memorial arch and imposing sweep of stairs with pedestal at the South Bank Parklands corner.

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 a place of informal recreation since the early twentieth 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 is a place for remembering the participation of local men and women in the major wars of the twentieth century and particularly the involvement of the 2/31st Infantry Battalion.

References

1. Brisbane City Council Heritage Unit, South Brisbane Memorial Park Conservation Management Study, April 2002

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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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