

Heritage Citation



Brookfield Cemetery

Key details

Addresses	At 665 Brookfield Road, Brookfield, Queensland 4069
Type of place	Cemetery
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Lot plan	L341_SL4327
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — September 2001
Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (B) Rarity; (B) Rarity; (E) Aesthetic; (G) Social

The Brookfield Cemetery, covering just over 1.6 hectares, was gazetted in 1872, with the earliest known burial dating from 1876. It was held in private trust before ownership was transferred to the Brisbane City Council in

1930. Located in the semi-rural community of Brookfield, the cemetery is only small, but reflects changes in burial practices that occurred throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Its layout and earliest funerary furniture are especially indicative of Victorian era cemeteries. The cemetery retains significant social and cultural importance to the local community, and family and friends of those deceased.

History

Portion 61 of the Parish of Indooroopilly was gazetted as the Brookfield general cemetery in May 1872. The earliest known burials, those of the infant Logan sisters, occurred in 1876 and 1877, though extant burial registers only begin at 1882.

Administered by Trustees from its establishment, the cemetery was transferred to the control of Brisbane City Council in July 1930.

Due to the relative isolation of the community in earlier times, this cemetery contains the burials of former residents in the immediate district, rather than a larger catchment area.

One of the recent burials in the cemetery (1967) is that of Dr. Kenyon Leslie St. Vincent Welch, the first flying Doctor.

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 a district cemetery established in the mid-19th century.

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage

as a mid-Victorian era cemetery.

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage as a cemetery in use for over 100 years.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance as its layout and funerary furniture are indicative of 19th century cemeteries.

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 the family burial place for many of the district's citizens.

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