

## Heritage Citation



**Fig Tree**

### Key details

<b>Addresses</b>	At 57 Wattle Street, Mount Crosby, Queensland 4306
<b>Type of place</b>	Tree/s
<b>Period</b>	Victorian 1860-1890
<b>Lot plan</b>	L12_SP167216
<b>Key dates</b>	Local Heritage Place Since — 20 February 2004 Date of Citation — January 2008
<b>People/associations</b>	Swenson family (Association)
<b>Criterion for listing</b>	(A) Historical; (G) Social; (H) Historical association

Fig trees in this vicinity were planted in the early 1880s by the Swenson family, early Mount Crosby settlers whose descendants have remained in the area. The Swensons were Swedish and German immigrants who were among the first inhabitants of the Mount Crosby district, a remote and sparsely populated area primarily devoted to farming and timber-getting before the 1890s. The site on which the tree stands, near the corner of Wattle Street and Flaggy Creek Road, was close to Victor Swenson's dairy farm and residence. The trees were possibly planted to provide shelter for Swenson's cattle. The trees provide evidence of the development of the Mount Crosby area during the late nineteenth century, particularly of the dairy and timber industries and the efforts of European immigrants to establish themselves in their new community, and are valued by local residents.

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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

for the evidence they provide of the development of the Mt Crosby area during the late 19th century as a pioneering farming district and of the presence of a dairy farm on the site.

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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

for its value to the local residents of Mt Crosby as physical evidence of the history of the area, specifically the dairy and timber industries and the efforts of European immigrants to establish themselves in their new community.

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## 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

for its special association with the Swenson family, immigrants from Sweden and Germany who were among the first settlers in the Mount Crosby district and whose descendants have remained in the local community.

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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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