

Heritage Citation



Fire hydrant

Key details

Addresses

Outside 191 Dornoch Terrace, Highgate Hill, Queensland 4101

Type of place	Fire hydrant
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Geolocation	-27.487545 153.018421
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — July 2011
Construction	Structure: Cast iron
People/associations	A. Sargeant & Co. Ltd (Association); the Metropolitan Water Supply & Sewerage Board (Association)
Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (B) Rarity; (D) Representative; (E) Aesthetic; (H) Historical association

In 1896, Brisbane Fire Brigade Superintendent John Hinton called for fixed pillar fire hydrants to be installed Brisbane's city centre. Pillar hydrants were hydraulically more efficient than the stand pipes or portable hydrants then in use. Across the river, the South Brisbane Municipal Council followed suit, installing hydrants for the South Brisbane Volunteer Fire Brigade by 1902. Initially the hydrants were placed around South Brisbane's commercial centre of Stanley Street. In 1913, the South Brisbane Fire Board requested another 25 hydrants, (cost of £120) to be installed in other streets. This hydrant was manufactured by A. Sargeant & Co. under instructions from the Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board. The MWSSB ceased in 1928 and it is likely that this fire hydrant dates from the 1920s. Less than half a dozen cast iron fire hydrants remain across Brisbane.

History

Placed strategically near the intersection of Dornoch Terrace, Gladstone Road and Gloucester Street, this cast iron fire hydrant provided protection against any building or vehicle fire from blocking this major Brisbane artery.

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 pillar-style fire hydrant.

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage
as in-situ example of pillar-style fire hydrant from the early 20th century.

Representative

CRITERION D

The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class or classes of cultural
places
as an in-situ example of pillar-style fire hydrants from the early 20th century.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance
as finely crafted cast iron artefacts that contribute to the visual character of the immediate area.

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 link to the Metropolitan Water Supply & Sewerage Board and as a fine example of the work of A. Sargeant
& Co. Ltd.

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