

## Heritage Citation

### Fire hydrants (2) - IN STORAGE

#### Key details

Addresses	Road Reserve Macquarie Street, Teneriffe, Queensland 4005
Type of place	Fire hydrant
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Lot plan	L5_SP124138
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000 Date of Citation — August 1994
Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (B) Rarity; (C) Scientific; (E) Aesthetic

These fire hydrants were installed in the mid 1920s as a safeguard against fire in the nearby woolstores. Hydrants like this are now rare in Brisbane and these examples inform us about the industrial landscape of the woolstores and about early twentieth century fire safety measures.

## History

The highly flammable nature of woolstores and their contents led to an apparent proliferation of fire hydrants within the woolstores precinct at Newstead during the peak of its use. From at least as early as 1916, the Fire Brigade was installing pillar hydrants in various parts of the city. During the late 1920s and early 1930s, Council's Water Supply and Sewerage Department adhered to what had by then become the standard practice of installing a fire hydrant every 4 chain (81m) along a water main. The woolstores took extra precautions with the installation of additional hoses and in some cases a sprinkler system.

Only two pillar style fire hydrants remain in public view in this precinct, both in Macquarie Street between Beeston and Hastings Street. There were initially three hydrants in this section of the road, connected to a six inch water main which was laid in 1926. The hydrants were manufactured by Rolley & Padgett, a Brisbane

engineering firm which operated from its Charlotte Street address between 1924 and 1928.

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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 once integral parts of the industrial landscape and as visual connections with the Woolstores' original function.

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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 rare examples of in-situ pillar style fire hydrants.

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#### Scientific

##### CRITERION C

The place has the potential to yield information that will contribute to the knowledge and understanding of the city's or local area's history  
as examples of the implementation of fire safety measures within Brisbane in the 1920s.

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#### Aesthetic

##### CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as elements of street furniture, they contribute to the character of the immediate area.

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