

Heritage Citation



Fox Street Bridge

Key details

Also known as	Wynnum Bridge
Addresses	At Fox Street, Wynnum, Queensland 4178
Type of place	Bridge
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Style	Stripped Classical
Geolocation	-27.437685 153.173051
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — August 2011
Construction	Structure

After European settlement in the district, Wynnum Creek was bridged with a shaky structure of logs used as a footbridge by residents. In 1892 the local authority constructed a wooden bridge for use by horse-drawn vehicles. In February 1919 work began on the construction of a new concrete bridge across the creek. Due to financial difficulties the contractors were not able to deliver the bridge until 1921, and it was officially opened in July of that year. The concrete bridge with its creek-bank retaining walls, small jetty and concrete balustrades, is much valued by the local community.

History

Fox Street was originally formed in 1891, and named after the publican of the Wynnum Hotel, Henry George Fox. Fox had requested a road of 1 chain width be resumed from the reserve opposite his hotel, to enable access to a foot bridge over Wynnum Creek. The first vehicular bridge across the creek was constructed in 1899.

The present concrete Fox Street Bridge was commenced in February 1919 and opened on 6 July 1921. Its construction is believed to have taken a number of years, due to its size and some unexpected financial difficulties encountered by the contractors. Later additions of timber decked footpaths and timber handrails were replaced in 1996 with the aforementioned concrete footpath and steel balustrade.

An original brass plaque commemorating the opening disappeared from the bridge, but it was reproduced from a photograph, and re-instated by the Wynnum Manly and Districts Historical society in 1990.

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 important road-link.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as a visually distinctive structure that extends beyond the bridge's span and becomes a part of the surrounding streetscape.

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 a landmark that is valued by local residents and has attracted the continued interest of the local historical society.

References

1. Heritage trail – Wynnum Manly, Series No 8, 4th Edition, BCC Heritage Unit
 2. Fox Street Bridge Conservation Management Study, BCC, 2001
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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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