

Heritage Citation



God's Acre Historic Cemetery - Grenier's Burial Ground

Key details

Also known as	Coopers Plains Cemetery
Addresses	At 381 Beatty Road, Archerfield, Queensland 4108
Type of place	Burial ground, Cemetery
Period	Colonial 1842-1860
Lot plan	L2_SP200283
Geolocation	-27.571883 153.013843
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000 Date of Citation — October 2000

People/associations the Grenier family (Association)

Criterion for listing (A) Historical; (A) Historical; (B) Rarity; (E) Aesthetic; (G) Social; (H) Historical association

Established in 1859 by Thomas Grenier as a burial place for his family, it was subsequently used by a number of local families in the district. Grenier left 3 roods of his large property in trust for burial of his family and others. Control of the cemetery passed to the Yerongpilly Shire Council in 1924, and thus to Brisbane City Council in 1925. The cemetery became surrounded by the Archerfield aerodrome from the late 1920s. It is now owned by the Federal Airports Corporation but leased by Brisbane City Council.

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

for the evidence it provides of the development of the Coopers Plains/Archerfield area from the mid-1800s as a European farming community

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for the evidence it provides of 19th century social customs surrounding death, mourning and burial.

Rarity

CRITERION B

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

as a rare example of a private burial ground which is possibly the oldest cemetery in Brisbane.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as a local landmark and a picturesque foreground to the Archerfield Airport, featuring tended lawn, gravesites, mature camphor laurel and associated landscaping.

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 importance to the families of those interred on the site and as a focus for community pride in the social history of the 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 association with the Grenier family who were important early settlers in the district.

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