



## Heritage Citation



**Hardgrave Park**

## Key details

<b>Addresses</b>	At 155 Petrie Terrace, Petrie Terrace, Queensland 4000
<b>Type of place</b>	Park
<b>Period</b>	Victorian 1860-1890
<b>Lot plan</b>	L326_B3215
<b>Key dates</b>	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — September 2011
<b>People/associations</b>	John Hardgrave (Association); Robert Thurlow (Association)
<b>Criterion for listing</b>	(A) Historical; (B) Rarity; (E) Aesthetic; (G) Social; (H) Historical association

Hardgrave Park, gazetted in 1875, is one of Brisbane's earliest public reserves. It is named after John Hardgrave, the Brisbane Mayor in 1864, who had two houses along Petrie Terrace, across from the park. This public green space retains its nineteenth century elements: tree and shrub plantings, gardens and paths with porphyry stone borders and a distinctive, random range quarry face porphyry retaining wall topped with a cast iron railing fence that faces Countess Street. Other nineteenth century features include the sandstone and marble lion's head drinking fountain that commemorates the 1896 Mayor Robert Woods Thurlow plus an 1887 cast iron drinking pillar.

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## History

Most of this section can be found in the scanned copy of the City Assets Study citation on this park.

The park's cast-iron drinking fountain (also known as a drinking pillar) is similar in design as the drinking fountains located at Newstead Park, Newstead and outside the Mater Hospital at 39 Annerley Road, South Brisbane. They all feature two small hemispherical drinking cups for dogs, attached to the base of the pillar of the drinking fountain. The drinking fountain may have been originally located at a City horse-drawn cab stand as the structure also features a third hemispherical drinking cup located further up the pillar for horses to use. The Brisbane Municipal Council had called tenders in 1887 for Contract No.26 to supply 12 cast-iron drinking fountains in the C.B.D. The foundry of Hood & Binnie was awarded this contract.

## Description

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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

surviving as one of Brisbane's earliest recreation reserves and part of a ridge of early settlement of a military and law enforcement precinct.

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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 an area of landscaped parkland surviving as a verdant green island surrounded by major vehicular thoroughfares in a dense urban streetscape.

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#### Aesthetic

##### CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as a highly visible rich, green landscaped slope located in a dense urban setting that offers and affords important views and vistas to and from the City.

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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

as an important and early municipal-designated pedestrian link between the suburb of Petrie Terrace and the City.

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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

being named for early Brisbane Mayor John Hardgrave and accommodating a structure commemorating Mayor Robert Thurlow.

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## Supporting images



Unidentified photographer,  
'Hardgrave Park - City', 25 April 1949,  
Brisbane City Council Library Services, Brisbane City  
Council.

A view of Hardgrave Park, Petrie Terrace, from near the  
intersection of Petrie Terrace and Princess Street,

Petrie Terrace, looking south-east.



Unidentified photographer,  
'Hardgrave Park, Petrie Terrace, 1949', 25 April 1949,  
Brisbane City Council Library Services, Brisbane City  
Council.

A view of Hardgrave Park, Petrie Terrace, from the  
corner of Countess and Secombe streets, Petrie  
Terrace, looking north-west.



Unidentified photographer,  
'Hardgrave Park viewed from the Corner Countess  
Street and Swan Street - Petrie Terrace', 8 November  
1949,  
Brisbane City Council Library Services, Brisbane City  
Council.

A view of Hardgrave Park, Petrie Terrace, from the  
south-west corner of Countess and Secombe (Swan)  
streets, Petrie Terrace, looking north-west.

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## References

1. *Certificates of Title*, Department of Environment and Resource Management
  2. Brisbane City Council aerial photographs, 1946, 2001, 2009
  3. Brisbane City Council, Properties on the Web, Building Cards
  4. Brisbane City Council, "Hardgrave Park Conservation Management Study site report", *City Assets Study*, (Brisbane: Brisbane City Council, April 2002)
  5. Brisbane City Council, *Drinking Fountain, 39 Annerley Rd. South Brisbane*, (Brisbane: Heritage Unit citation, July 2011)
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before any action is taken which may affect its heritage significance.

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