

Heritage Citation



Highgate Hill Reservoir

Key details

Addresses	At 113 Gladstone Road, Highgate Hill, Queensland 4101
Type of place	Dam / reservoir
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Lot plan	L24_RP12100
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — July 2011
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls
People/associations	the Brisbane Board of Waterworks (Association)

Criterion for listing

(A) Historical; (B) Rarity; (D) Representative; (E) Aesthetic; (H) Historical association

The Highgate Hill Reservoir was completed in September 1889. It was one of the water storage facilities that was planned to support the second Gold Creek Reservoir completed in 1885. Due to delays in the construction of a cross-river pipeline, the reservoir was not filled and put in service until 28 October 1889. The Highgate Hill Reservoir comprises four in-ground water storage chambers, a concrete valve house and a turncock's house. There is no public access to the site.

History

As part of the second Gold Creek Reservoir scheme, a decision was made in April 1887 to proceed with the construction of another service reservoir at Highgate Hill to serve the southern side of the river. The Board of Waterwork's engineer, Alexander Stewart prepared plans for the Highgate Hill reservoir and also for a reservoir on Red Hill that was not constructed.

Construction of the Reservoir at Highgate Hill required the deviation of Dornoch Terrace, and the removal of a trigonometrical station on the site. The reservoir was completed by September 1889 but was not able to be filled until the pipelines across the river were completed. The construction of the pipes had been delayed by flooding, but on 28 October 1889 the reservoir was placed in service.

There is no public access to the reservoir site.

Description

The site includes a small turncock's residence and a concrete valve house.

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 one of the earliest reservoirs in Brisbane and a source of water established during a time of growing demand.

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage
as an intact and functioning nineteenth century reservoir.

Representative

CRITERION D

The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class or classes of cultural places
as an intact and functioning nineteenth century reservoir.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance
as a structure that adds visual interest to the streetscapes of Gladstone Road and Hazelwood Street.

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 an example of early major urban water supply infrastructure commissioned by the Brisbane Board of Waterworks.

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