

Heritage Citation



John Herbert Memorial Vista

Key details

Addresses	At 57 Dewar Terrace, Sherwood, Queensland 4075
Type of place	Reserve
Period	Postwar 1945-1960
Lot plan	L73_RP29710; L1_RP125701; L21_RP29709; L20_RP29709; L19_RP29709; L56_RP29709; L39_RP29709; L55_RP29709; L63_RP29709; L62_RP29709; L61_RP29709; L60_RP29709; L59_RP29709; L2_RP29709; L40_RP29709; L41_RP29709; L42_RP29709; L44_RP29709; L45_RP29709; L26_RP29709; L25_RP29709; L24_RP29709; L23_RP29709; L22_RP29709; L1_RP841288; L3_RP29709; L4_RP29709; L5_RP29709; L6_RP29709; L7_RP29709; L8_RP29709; L1_RP29709; L38_RP29709; L58_RP29709; L57_RP29709; L37_RP29709
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — September 2002
People/associations	John Herbert (Association)

The Park was gazetted in 1945 and named the John Herbert Memorial Vista in 1984. Herbert represented Sherwood in the Queensland Parliament for thirteen years and was associated with conservation efforts with the National Trust of Queensland. Overlooking the Sherwood Arboretum, the park provides recreation for local residences as well as a public vantage point. An undulating grassed and treed site providing a green haven within a suburban setting, the park is an important visual element to this part of Sherwood.

History (previous revision)

The Park was gazetted in 1945 and named the John Herbert Memorial Vista in 1984.

The Memorial Vista was named for John Herbert, State Member for Sherwood from 1956 to 1978. Herbert was a Cabinet Minister for thirteen years with portfolios including Labour and Industry, Community and Welfare Services, Tourism and Sport and Prisons. An active member of the community, Herbert had a close association with the many sporting, youth and church groups in the Sherwood area. Herbert had a long association with the National Trust of Queensland, serving for a number of years as president. The National Trust annual conservation awards as known as the John Herbert Awards in recognition of his contribution to the Trust. The Memorial Vista was developed with the assistance of the Lions Club of Brisbane (Sherwood) between 1979 and 1984.

The park adjoins the Sherwood Arboretum, a site important in the pattern of the development within the scientific/horticultural movement of the nineteenth century during which there was considerable interest in experimentation with the planting of trees and plants in different locations.

Description (previous revision)

A rectangular block of parkland in the suburb of Sherwood, the John Herbert Memorial Vista is bounded by Dewar Terrace to the east, private residential properties to the north and south and the wetlands area of the Sherwood Arboretum to the west. A fine prospect across the park and beyond the Sherwood Arboretum to the west is afforded from the ridge along Dewar Terrace. There is a small bitumened carpark off Dewar Terrace and an entrance off Turner Street to the southwest.

The park falls steeply from an elevated ridge on Dewar Terrace down to the wetlands area. There is also a dramatic fall across the site from the higher grassed south slope into a densely treed gully to the north. The south slope is planted with a scatter of trees including eucalypts and has a number of immature staked plantings. A distinctive stand of paper bark trees is planted on the flat adjacent to the wetlands area. The Dewar Terrace frontage is distinguished by a distinctive shade tree standing to the north.

There are a number of seats positioned across the site offering fine prospects through the site and across the larger Sherwood Arboretum.

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 a park reserve established in the mid-twentieth century.

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage for its links with the Sherwood Arboretum and the growing of native and exotic trees for scientific purposes.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance as a landscaped park of dramatically sloping ground affording fine prospects across the Sherwood Arboretum and beyond.

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 through its value to the local and wider community as a place of informal recreation and as a vantage point offering fine prospects.

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 it is named for John Herbert in recognition of his contribution to the local community during his terms as a member of Queensland State Parliament representing the area.

References

1. Conservation Management Study Site Report September 2002
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