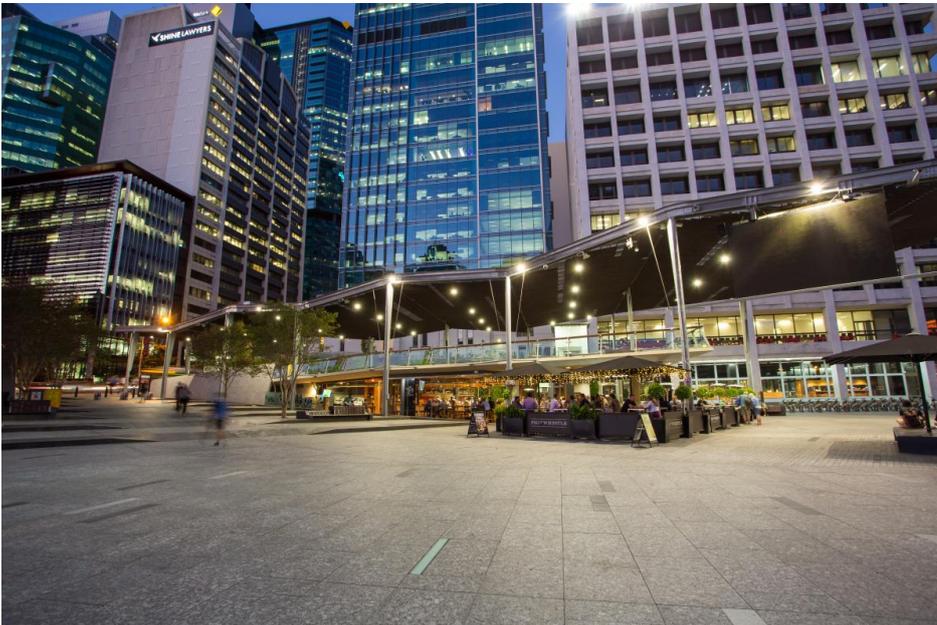


Heritage Citation



King George Square

Key details

Also known as	Albert Square
Addresses	At 100 Adelaide Street, Brisbane City, Queensland 4000
Type of place	Public square
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Lot plan	L9_SP207228; L21_SP207228
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — September 2011
Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (E) Aesthetic; (H) Historical association

City Hall opened in 1930, with the open space in front of its granite steps that was beautified with gardens known as 'Albert Square'. In 1938, it was renamed 'King George Square', when a statue of the British monarch, who

had led the British Empire during World War I, was unveiled on the site. George V had died in 1936. A fountain was installed in 1949. From 1968, the adjoining section of Albert Street was closed and the buildings along its frontage demolished. An expanded 'King George Square' reopened in 1975. Some Expo'88 sculptures were relocated there for a time. Another major redevelopment of King George Square was completed in 2009.

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 the formal forecourt to the City Hall providing a civic and multi-functional community gathering space.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance offering views and vistas to and away from City Hall.

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 commemorates the life of King George V and it contains statues that commemorate the pioneering Petrie family and suffragette Emma Miller.

References

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Note: This citation has been prepared on the basis of evidence available at the time including an external examination of the building. The statement of significance is a summary of the most culturally important aspects of the property based on the available evidence, and may be re-assessed if further information becomes 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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