

Heritage Citation



Native Fern Gardens

Key details

Addresses	At 447 Miles Platting Road, Rochedale, Queensland 4123
Type of place	Garden
Period	Late 20th Century 1960-1999
Lot plan	L1_RP66333
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2007 Date of Citation — May 2011
People/associations	Rod Pattison (Landscape Designer)
Criterion for listing	(B) Rarity; (C) Scientific; (E) Aesthetic; (H) Historical association

Native fern collector Rod Pattison established a rain forest garden on a half-acre allotment during the 1980s. The densely-planted garden is unique in the country and holds the largest collection of native ferns in Australia. It includes more than 400 previously unrecorded fern species that Pattison collected during field excursions, as well as a collection of rare native and exotic variegated plants. Pattison's garden has featured in many magazines and on television, and is acknowledged by experts in the field as a significant botanical collection.

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:

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage as a native fern garden unique in Australia.

Scientific

CRITERION C

The place has the potential to yield information that will contribute to the knowledge and understanding of the city's or local area's history as the biological diversity of the garden has considerable scientific and social significance.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance as a densely planted half-acre rain forest garden featuring rare native and exotic plantings.

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

botanical collector Rod Pattison.

References

1. Brisbane City Council Heritage Unit Files
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