

## Heritage Citation



**Oasis Swimming Pool & Gardens'  
Jacaranda Tree**

## Key details

Addresses	Adjacent 141 Station Road, Sunnybank, Queensland 4109
Type of place	Tree/s
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Lot plan	L106_RP803213; L7_GTP2482
Geolocation	-27.574439 153.055228
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — January 2011
Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (E) Aesthetic; (G) Social

This mature Jacaranda tree (*Jacaranda mimosifolia*) stands on the corner of Turton St and Station Roads where the 'Oasis Swimming Pool & Gardens' was once situated. The site was developed by the Pottinger family from a flower, fruit and vegetable and poultry farm in the 1920s to one of Brisbane's most popular tourist attractions which opened in 1938. The grounds included swimming pools, landscaped gardens, a miniature zoo of native birds and animals and a reception centre. The Pottinger family sold the site in 1966 but it continued to be used as a recreation venue, hosting weddings and conferences until the 1980s. The land was purchased by Miramar Australia in 1989 and has been redeveloped for residential use. The tree, which is highly valued by local residents, is over 70 years old and is a valued local landmark.

## 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 remnant of the 'Oasis Swimming Pools and Gardens' which operated on the adjacent site from 1938 to 1985 and was a popular Brisbane tourist attraction.

## Aesthetic

### CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

for its large, spreading canopy, pleasing trunk and branch form, colours and textures and for its landmark qualities.

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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 a tree which is highly valued by the local Sunnybank community for its beauty and historical significance.

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## References

1. Roberts, Beryl. *Stories of the Southside*. Vol 1, 1991
  2. *Southern Star*. 20 Sept 1989, 24 Sep 2003
  3. *Sunday Sun*. 4 Mar 1990
  4. *Telegraph*. 27 Jul 1968
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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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