

Heritage Citation



Railway footbridge

Key details

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| Addresses | At 161A Kitchener Road, Ascot, Queensland 4007 |
| Type of place | Bridge |
| Period | World War I 1914-1918 |
| Lot plan | L58_SP122233; L13_SP122231 |
| Key dates | Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2005 Date of Citation — March 2011 |
| Construction | Structure: Timber |
| People/associations | Queensland Railways Department (Architect) |

Criterion for listing (A) Historical; (D) Representative

This timber railway footbridge is thought to date from circa 1914 and provides pedestrian access over the railway line between Kitchener Road and Gordon Street, Ascot. This branch line from Eagle Junction was opened in 1882 after successful lobbying by the Brisbane Turf Club for railway access to Eagle Farm Racecourse, established in 1863. The station was initially named Racecourse, but in 1897, it was renamed Ascot Railway Station after the famous English racetrack and the line was extended to Pinkenba. The footbridge provides evidence of Queensland Railways provision of railway services in Brisbane's suburbs in the early twentieth century with particular reference to passenger safety in an era before widespread motorcar usage.

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 evidence of the provision of railway services to Brisbane's suburbs in the early twentieth century.

Representative

CRITERION D

The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class or classes of cultural places

as a relatively intact example of an early twentieth century railway footbridge.

References

1. Buchanan Architects. Report for QR: A Heritage Management Survey - Metropolitan Area North. 2002
2. DERM. QHR entry for Eagle Farm Racecourse and Ascot Railway Station
3. <http://www/epa/qld/gov.au/chims> accessed 21 Mar 2011

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