

Heritage Citation



Retaining wall east (between Hawthorne & Peterson St)

Key details

Addresses	At Merton Road, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102
Type of place	Retaining wall
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Geolocation	-27.487989 153.030412
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000 Date of Citation — May 2011
Construction	Walls: Stone

This porphyry stone retaining wall was constructed between 1867 and 1873 for a land developer as part of street layout of a housing estate. After the closure of the Moreton Bay penal colony in 1842, Brisbane porphyry stone was dug from three quarries at Fortitude Valley, Herston and Spring Hill. The stone was laid to build a retaining wall to stabilise the embankment that was created by the formation of Merton Road and its arterial links of Hawthorne and Peterson Streets. The wall borders land that was subdivided into four urban blocks in 1865. The streets and blocks were created for either Peterson's "Fleurs Estate" of the 1870s or for the 1876 "Claredon Estate". It is possibly the earliest privately-built retaining wall located on Brisbane's south-side.

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:

Aesthetic

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The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

for the visual contribution of the wall to the streetscape of Merton Road.

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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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