



Heritage Citation



Toohey Forest Park

Key details

Also known as	Mount Galway
Addresses	At 170 Mayfield Road, Moorooka, Queensland 4105
Type of place	Reserve, Tree/s
Period	Interwar 1919-1939, Postwar 1945-1960
Lot plan	L200_RP811549; L821_SL10163; L1_RP165918
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — March 2011
People/associations	James Toohey (Association)
Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (B) Rarity; (E) Aesthetic; (G) Social; (H) Historical association

Toohey Forest Park contains remnant dry eucalyptus bushland of the type that once covered a large area of Brisbane before the advent of European settlement. The Park's site was part of the cattle grazing property 'Mount Galway' that was the home of district pioneers, the Toohey family from 1872 to 1946. The Commonwealth acquired the first section of the park in 1919 for a proposed post World War 1 Soldiers Settlement. This proved unsuccessful but unemployed men and their families squatted in the undeveloped bush during the 1930s. During this decade, the Brisbane City Council bought more parts of 'Mount Galway'. In 1946, the purchases were completed and the forest declared parkland.

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 recreation reserve since the 1930s.

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage as a large public park of natural bushland surrounded and impinged upon by urban development.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as an important visual element in the immediate and surrounding, a large area of bushland with walking tracks and picnic areas surrounded by urban development with vantage points affording expansive views across Brisbane.

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 place for informal recreation, offering opportunities for enjoying a natural bushland landscape and as a valuable educational resource.

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

named for James Toohey and serving as a reminder of the pattern of early settlement of the district.

References

1. Brisbane City Council, *Toohey Forest Park Salisbury – conservation management plan*, (Brisbane:

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