

## Heritage Citation



### Victoria Barracks - Military Barracks

#### Key details

<b>Also known as</b>	Colonial Police Force
<b>Addresses</b>	At 83 Petrie Terrace, Petrie Terrace, Queensland 4000
<b>Type of place</b>	Defence site
<b>Period</b>	Victorian 1860-1890
<b>Style</b>	Georgian
<b>Lot plan</b>	L329_RP145429; L343_RP145429
<b>Key dates</b>	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — May 2011
<b>Construction</b>	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Masonry

<b>People/associations</b>	Robert Hope (Builder); William Henry Ellerker (Architect)
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<b>Criterion for listing</b>	(A) Historical; (B) Rarity; (C) Scientific; (D) Representative; (E) Aesthetic; (G) Social
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The British Army had a regular presence in Brisbane from its first settlement as a penal colony in 1825 until 1850. When the British Army returned in 1861, plans were made to build a barracks outside the town centre, and in 1864 these barracks were erected for that purpose. After the British Army withdrew from Australia, the barracks were occupied by the colonial police force between 1870 and 1884. From 1885 the Permanent Force of the Queensland Defence Force (QDF) occupied the site and additional building work was undertaken. The QDF became part of the Commonwealth Military Forces from 1901, and since that date the site has remained under the control of the Australian army. The Barracks played pivotal roles in the organised defence of Queensland during two world wars.

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## 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:

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#### Historical

##### CRITERION A

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the city's or local area's history

as a major defence establishment established by the British Army during the early 1860s, and subsequently occupied by civil and military authorities.

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#### Rarity

##### CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage

as the only surviving military barracks established by the British Army in Queensland.

## 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 a site with various occupation layers.

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## Representative

### CRITERION D

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

as a nineteenth century military barracks.

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## Aesthetic

### CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

various structure on the site, in particular the Small Arms Ammunition Magazine, Barracks Block, the hospital, the Commandants residence and the Guard Room.

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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

for its association with the British Army, the Queensland Defence Force and the Commonwealth Military Forces.

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## References

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