

Heritage



Wall & Gardens

Key details

Addresses	Along Royal Esplanade, Manly, Queensland 4178
Type of place	Retaining wall, Garden
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Geolocation	-27.455442 153.186411
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Information — May 2011

Constructed in the 1930s, the stone walls and gardens along the Royal Esplanade were built as a result of government relief works and a movement to reclaim and beautify the seafront. Wynnum, Manly and Lota had become popular as seaside locales, and Manly had improved its appeal with the addition of bathing boxes in 1929. After the impacts of the Depression were felt, government-funded projects were undertaken to provide relief work for the unemployed. The stone retaining wall was one of several constructed in this period and was erected as part of the improvement of the Esplanade between Manly and Lota. The gardens were planted under

a beautification scheme, following complaints from residents that the walls had destroyed the scenic beauty of the open, grassy banks. The wall and gardens continue to provide protection and privacy for the houses along the Esplanade, as well as evidence of the government relief projects of the 1930s.

References

1. Brisbane City Council City Design, *Stone Retaining Walls and Embankments Conservation Plan*, 2005
2. Brisbane City Council Heritage Unit, *Wynnum/Manly/Lota Foreshores Conservation Management Study Site Report*, September 2002
3. National Library of Australia, Trove newspapers, *Brisbane Courier*, *The Queenslander*, *Courier Mail*
4. Brisbane City Council aerial photographs, 1946, 2001, 2009
5. Brisbane City Council Department of Works, Detail Plan W44 (1951?)
6. Picture Australia

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