

18 - REDLAND BAY: Moreton Bay Fig Trees

Street Address	Moores Road, Redland Bay
GPS/RPD	Road Reserve opposite Lot 21 RP46884
Place Type	Landscape



Red-e-map (RCC, 2017).



Moreton Bay Fig, Redland Bay (AHS, 2017).

Condition	Good	Integrity	Good
Statutory Listings	Local Heritage Place		
Non-Statutory Listings	No current listing		
Inspection Date	24/04/2017		

Historical Context

The Moreton Bay Fig on Moores Road, Redland Bay, is believed to have been planted by local resident Arwed Ruster in 1942. The tree is situated on the foreshore in the vicinity of the Redland Bay swimming enclosure and 'Rusters Reserve'. The Ruster family lived on the foreshore and operated as commercial fisherman and crabbers from the mid to late Twentieth century. It is believed that the Ruster family, along with another local family, the Moores, also constructed the swimming enclosure.[1]

Physical Description

The mature Fig Tree is located on 'Rusters Reserve', near the intersection of Moores Road and Esplanade, Redland Bay. The canopy of the tree extends approximately 30 metres in diameter, providing a positive amenity to the foreshore and 'Rusters Reserve.' A memorial plaque is located in the vicinity.

Statement of Significance

The Moreton Bay Fig tree is locally significant and embodies historic and aesthetic values. It was planted in the 1940s by prominent members of Redland Bay, and its location above the swimming enclosure contributes to the Moores Road streetscape and foreshore.

Criteria A	The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region's history.
	The Fig Tree demonstrates the history of Redland Bay, as an important component of the foreshore and 'Rusters Reserve' as a site of recreation.
Criteria E	The place is important to the region because of its aesthetic significance.
	The Moreton Bay Fig tree is important because of its positive contribution to the 'Rusters Reserve' and foreshore in the vicinity of Moores Road and the Esplanade.

Primary Themes

2.0 Exploiting, Utilising and Transforming the Land	2.09 Valuing and appreciating the environment and landscapes
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References

[1] Memorial Plaque, Rusters Reserve (RCC, n.d.).

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