

## 40 - LAMB ISLAND: Dam and Melaleuca Forest

<b>Street Address</b>	5-13 Lavender Street. 40 and 42 Pier Haven, 46 and 48 Nectar Street Lamb Island
<b>GPS/RPD</b>	Lots 82-86 RP125521, L39 on RP131565 and lot 20 on SP252656
<b>Place Type</b>	Landscape



Red-e-map (RCC, 2017).



Dam and Melaleuca Forest, Lamb Island (RCC, 2013).

<b>Condition</b>	Good	<b>Integrity</b>	Good
<b>Statutory Listings</b>	Local Heritage Place		
<b>Non-Statutory Listings</b>	No current listing		
<b>Inspection Date</b>	23/01/2017		

### Historical Context

The Melaleuca forest on Lamb Island is remnant vegetation, believed to be one of the last stands on the island. The remnant forest surrounds a turkey nest dam, likely enlarged from a small natural waterhole.[1]

Lamb Island was originally opened to farmers in 1865 when the Queensland Premier released land to for sugar cultivation.[2] It is believed that the dam was constructed by the Harry Brook, who farmed on Lamb Island in early development period.

### Physical Description

The dam and remnant forest is located near Pier Haven and Nectar Streets, on the western side of Lamb Island. It is a small turkey nest dam with an earthen wall, and is surrounded by melaleuca trees and a walking track.

### Statement of Significance

The remnant melaleuca forest is a locally significant place which embodies aesthetic and associative values. It is an important remnant example of Lamb Island's natural environment prior to its utilisation for farming. The dam, reputedly built by the Brook family who are important in Lamb Island's history, provides a link to the development of the Island as farmland from early times.

<b>Criteria E</b>	The place is important to the region because of its aesthetic significance.
<b>Criteria H</b>	The place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance in the region's history.

The dam is reputed to have a special association with the Brook family, important Redland community members in the early history Lamb Island.

### Primary Themes

2.0 Exploiting, Utilising and Transforming the Land	2.08 Protecting and conserving the environment
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### References

- [1] RPS, Redland City Council – Heritage Citation, "Dam and Melaleuca Forest".  
 [2] "When was it? Russell, Lamb, Macleay and Karragarra Islands: Settlement to 2000", RCC, 2009.