

Understanding Redland's Heritage

Introduction

The connection between the Redlands' community and its history is displayed through its valued heritage places. This includes places of Indigenous cultural heritage significance and sites of historic (European) heritage importance.

Redland City Council (Council) has formally identified a range of historic heritage places that represent important themes and phases relevant to Redlands' post-European settlement history, which are considered to have local or regional importance. These places are entered onto Council's Local Heritage Register (Schedule 7 – Heritage Schedule) of City Plan. You can access City Plan and its accompanying documents here: <https://www.redland.qld.gov.au/info/20292/redland-city-plan/914/redland-city-plan-document> to see what places are currently included.

To assist property owners of a heritage place and community members understand how places of local heritage significance contribute to the identity of the Redlands Coast, a series of fact sheets have been prepared. This fact sheet outlines what heritage means to Redland Coast why it is important, how heritage significance is determined, and what a 'local heritage place' means.



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Redland Coast's Heritage Values

Cultural heritage includes places, values, traditions and events that helps us understand the past, enriches the present and helps to inform our future values. The Redland Coast's heritage enhances people's lives by providing a deep physical and spiritual connection to the community, the landscape, the past, and individual and collective experiences that reflect our community's diversity.

By identifying, protecting, and managing our local heritage, Council is conserving valuable assets for our community and ensuring that these places will continue to be experienced and enjoyed by future generations. Local heritage places contribute to the identity of Redlands Coast and are vital in understanding how the area has developed to become one of Queensland's most desired regions.

What does 'Local Heritage Significance' mean?

Heritage significance is the term used to identify a local heritage place, or a feature of a place, that makes a significant contribution to our knowledge of the history of a local area, and to our understanding of how that history has shaped the present.

What about Indigenous Cultural Heritage?

Redlands Coast also contains important Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage places that have cultural significance to the local Indigenous

communities. These places are managed under State heritage legislation, including the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* and the *Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act 2003*.

Listing Criteria

The *Queensland Heritage Act 1992* requires Council to identify and register local heritage places in the Local Heritage Register. For a place to be entered in the Local Heritage Register, a place must satisfy one or more of the following cultural heritage criteria:

Criterion for Entry onto a Local Heritage Register (Local Significance)	
A	If the place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the Local Government Area's history.
B	If the place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the Local Government Area's cultural heritage.
C	If the place has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the Local Government Area's history.
D	If the place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places.
E	If the place is important because of its aesthetic significance.
F	If the place is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.
G	If the place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.
H	If the place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance in the area's history.

A Heritage Citation is included within the Local Heritage Register, which outlines how the assessment of each place has been undertaken, including the assessment made under each cultural heritage criteria. This information is designed to assist owners, developers, and Council to understand the heritage values attributed to a place or feature.

There are many examples of places that have heritage significance but have not been listed in the Local Heritage Register. These places may not satisfy the above criteria or an assessment against the local heritage values has not been undertaken.

Anyone can nominate a place to be entered into the Local Heritage Register by contacting Council via the contact details below. Please note that the assessment of nominations may take some time and there is no guarantee that the nominated place will be listed in the Local Heritage Register.

What Local Heritage does not mean

There are often misconceptions about owning a heritage listed place, however living in a local heritage place is not so different to any other.

A listing on the Local Heritage Register is intended to formally identify and acknowledge a site's local heritage values. It helps decide how best to manage and conserve its cultural significance within existing heritage frameworks and planning legislation. Listing ensures that any proposed change to a local heritage place does not unduly or inadvertently reduce, damage, or destroy its cultural significance. Importantly, listing does not:

- Change ownership of a local heritage place.
- Prevent development, renovations, or change to a local heritage place.
- Give the public a right to access a privately-owned local heritage place.
- Mean that Council will make you restore your property to its original state.

References and further reading

Queensland Heritage Act 1992, available at: <https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/pdf/inforce/curr>

The ICOMOS Burra Charter (Burra Charter), available at: <https://australia.icomos.org/wp-content/uploads/The->

The Guideline: Assessing Cultural Heritage Significance – Using the Cultural Heritage Criteria 2013 (DEHP), available at: https://www.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0030/66

Need further information?

If you have any further questions, please contact the Strategic Planning Unit by telephone on (07) 3829 8999 or email rcc@redland.qld.gov.au



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