

# Entering a Local Heritage Place into the Local Heritage Register

## 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 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-documents> to see what places are currently included.

The Local Heritage Register does not apply to places that have cultural heritage significance to the local Indigenous communities. Such places are protected under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* and the *Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act 2003*.

This fact sheet outlines what is a local heritage place, what criteria is used to determine if a place should be included in the Local Heritage Register, how a person or organisation may nominate a place for inclusion in Council's Local Heritage Register and how to request the amendment or removal of a place from the Local Heritage Register.

## Council's obligations

Council has an obligation under the Queensland *Heritage Act 1992* (QHA) to identify and register local heritage places in the Local Heritage Register and to maintain the integrity of the register by amending it from time to time.

## What is a local heritage place?

The QHA defines a Local Heritage place as:

*A place that –*

- a) *is of cultural heritage significance for a local government area; and*
- b) *is identified as a place of cultural heritage significance in the local government's planning scheme or on the local government's local heritage register.*

For the purpose of the QHA, a local heritage place means a defined or readily identifiable area of land and may include a building, structure, artefact, and a natural or landscape feature on that land.

## Criteria used to determine if a place should be included in the Local Heritage Register

The process for assessing cultural heritage is often complex and is guided by the principles contained in *The Burra Charter: The ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance 2013*. For a place to be included in the Local Heritage

Register it must satisfy one or more of the following cultural heritage criteria:

<b>A</b>	If the place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Redland Coast's history.
<b>B</b>	If the place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the Redland Coast's cultural heritage.
<b>C</b>	If the place has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the Redland Coast's history.
<b>D</b>	If the place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places.
<b>E</b>	If the place is important because of its aesthetic significance.
<b>F</b>	If the place is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.
<b>G</b>	If the place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.
<b>H</b>	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.

## What is the process to nominate a new place for inclusion in the Local Heritage Register?

Before making an application to nominate a new place for inclusion in the Local Heritage Register, check whether the place is already entered in the Local Heritage Register or the Queensland Heritage Register. If a place is already in either register a new application is not required.

When making a nomination for inclusion in the Local Heritage Register you are invited to make a submission in writing containing as much supporting information as possible including:

1. **The location** – identify the location, including the lot number and property address and any name the place has been known as historically.

2. **A description of the place** – identify the significant heritage features of the place such as building material and fittings and existing or previous use.
3. **A brief history of the place** – identify the importance of the place including when the place was constructed, key people or activities associated with the place and any special qualities of the place addressing the cultural heritage assessment criteria

To support your submission, you are encouraged to provide photographs, historical documents, drawings and published histories of the place.

## What is the process to remove or amend a place in the Local Heritage Register?

Requests to remove or amend a place in the Local Heritage Register must be made in writing. Your submission should be kept brief and must be supported by research and documentary evidence explaining why the place no longer satisfies the cultural heritage criteria for listing in the Local Heritage Register or why the citation needs to be amended.

## What happens after a submission is made?

Council officers will confirm receipt of the request. The request will be considered as part of a future amendment to City Plan in consultation with a heritage expert. Please note that the assessment may take some time and there is no guarantee that the request will be supported.

## 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](https://www.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0030/66)

For further information about how to protect and manage places of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage refer to the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships website at <https://www.datsip.qld.gov.au/>

## 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](mailto:rcc@redland.qld.gov.au)



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