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17 February 2025

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Re: Notice of compliant Queensland heritage register application

Dear Ms Russell

Thank you for your letter of 7 January 2025 about the application that has been received to enter Victoria Park (North) at 454 Gregory Terrace, Spring Hill, into the Queensland Heritage Register (the register) as a State Heritage Place.

Council notes that the Queensland Government is currently carrying out its 100-day review of Games infrastructure (the Review). Victoria Park / Barrambin is currently earmarked to host equestrian cross country and BMX freestyle temporary events in the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Council is also aware of potential proposals to locate stadia within Victoria Park / Barrambin.

Further to Council's correspondence with respect to the matter (ref CO00355-2025) dated 21 January 2025, as trustee of the subject properties and the local government area within which the place is located, Council has reviewed the application and provides the following submission.

Council takes the protection of its heritage places very seriously and we acknowledge the importance of retaining Local heritage places that provide evidence of Brisbane's unique past.

As such, Council is taking significant steps as a responsible custodian to ensure Victoria Park / Barrambin's currently listed Local and State heritage values are protected. As you will know, the northern portion of Victoria Park / Barrambin (the site) has been listed as a Local heritage place since 1 January 2004 to recognise and protect its importance to the Brisbane community.

Council is appropriately managing the site under the Heritage overlay code within *Brisbane City Plan 2014* to ensure it is managed in accordance with the requirements of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992* (the Act).

As trustee of the site, Council has collated an abundance of information and conservation studies relating to the history and heritage of Victoria Park / Barrambin to support and manage its heritage values and significance. Materials include conservations studies for different components of the park, including the former golf course, the former clubhouse, Centenary Pool complex, Substation No. 4 and the stone piers. Furthermore, a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) covering the entirety of the site has also been completed in 2023.



A significantly advanced program of works is occurring as part of Council's plans to conserve and revitalise the site as a critical open space for the Brisbane community. The *Victoria Park / Barrambin Master Plan*, released by Council in 2023 following extensive investigation, planning and community consultation, identifies a key focus on creating a natural space that celebrates its Aboriginal and European heritage. The master plan has been approved by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing, and Regional and Rural Development as the Land Management Plan for the site. The master plan also makes provision for temporary events to occur during the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Following release of the master plan, Council has delivered early park upgrade works including new park furniture and shelters, Spring Hill Common and Herston urban pump track. Council is now progressing with priority works under the Catalyst Works program. These works will be delivered in partnership with the Queensland and Australian Governments through a \$120 million tripartite grant funding agreement announced in 2024 under the SEQ Liveability Fund.

In keeping with the site's listing as a Local heritage place, the Catalyst Works will be delivered in accordance with best-practice conservation management including adherence to the CMP, Heritage Impact Assessment, an Archaeological Management Plan and completion of site investigations, including test-pitting and ground-penetrating radar scans.

Council's initial assessment of the application indicates that new evidence would be required to demonstrate that the site satisfies the cultural heritage criteria under Section 35 of the Act for which it has been nominated. This includes:

- *Criterion A – the place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history:*
 - the nomination suggests several elements as possessing State heritage significance which have been determined by the CMP to have little to moderate significance. As specified in the CMP, items of Moderate Significance fulfil criteria for a local heritage listing only, while items of Little Significance do not fulfil criteria for either a local or state listing. This includes the 1975 golf clubhouse (Little Significance), former halfway house (Little Significance), stone wall along Herston Road (Moderate Significance), and Moore and Oakman plantings (Moderate Significance).
- *Criterion C – the place has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Queensland's history:*
 - the nomination proposes the archaeological potential of the site as suggested would lead to a greater understanding of early urban material culture, consumption and disposal habits in Queensland. Council is conducting archaeological testing of the site in accordance with Policy 47 of the CMP and any unexpected archaeological finds are managed under Section 89 of the Act. In addition to, and in line with CMP policies, Council is also currently finalising an Archaeological Management Plan to support ongoing, best practice conservation management actions for potential finds. Archaeological finds that were previously uncovered at the site have been notified to the Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (the Department) and were assessed as being of Local heritage significance. After further examination, works were permitted to proceed. The nature of the site, as a former municipal dump area, means that artefactual material has likely been removed from its original context or moved sub-surface by historical excavations, developments, levelling and recycling systems, as well as natural movement due to humans, animals and machinery moving across the site.
- *Criterion D – the place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places:*
 - the nomination describes the Victoria Park / Barrambin 1975 golf clubhouse as having State significance however the CMP determines the clubhouse as having Little Significance as it is not original, and its layout and former use has been altered. The clubhouse building was erected to support the golfing activity which has now ceased on the site. The now ceased activity of golf course is not, of itself, of State significance and not reason to justify listing as Queensland Heritage Place.

- Criterion E – *the place is important because of its aesthetic significance*:
 - the nomination references 'limited changes to the natural topography of the land', however a topographic comparison would be needed to reflect how the site's integrity has been affected by its previous use as a municipal dump, the impact of fill deposits from the construction of the Inner Northern Busway and Inner City Bypass, and the impact of any recent works. The previous golf course activity also created changes to the original topography of the land through levelling and filling of gullies. Views to the site are highly localised due to its topography, adjacent built form and infrastructure, with the park's plantings representing a highly modified urban landscape that does not represent its original natural aesthetic qualities. The nomination also asserts the 1975 golf clubhouse has architectural aesthetic significance; however, the CMP assessment determined it has Little Significance at a Local heritage level.
- Criterion G – *the place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons*:
 - the nomination does not provide sufficient information to demonstrate that the former golf course has had a strong or special association at a State level. The site's significance for its historical role in popularising golf in the Brisbane area is already recognised through its listing as a Local heritage place. Further, the master plan retains Local heritage golf elements including some fairways and greens. Council would not support a State heritage listing related to the former golf course that may jeopardise the delivery of the master plan.

Council does not support the application on the basis that there is insufficient information to conclude that it meets cultural heritage criteria under Section 35 of the Act and contends that the site's listing as a Local heritage place is currently the appropriate level of protection given its importance to the local Brisbane community.

The park's Catalyst Works detailed design and early tender involvement are underway, with works expected to commence in 2025. Grant funding draft conditions require Council to deliver the works by June 2027, as such any legislative changes enacted prior to these works occurring may significantly affect Council's timing and ability to fulfil its obligations under the funding agreement.

Thank you for raising this matter with me. Council appreciates being advised of the Department's assessment and recommendation. If you have any questions regarding Council's submission, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Brad Wilson, General Manager, Natural Environment, Water and Sustainability, City Planning and Sustainability, on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive

Heritage Branch

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10 February 2025

Heritage Submission: Victoria Park (North), to Victoria Park, 454 Gregory Terrace, Spring Hill [QHR 602493]

To the Chief Executive,

I write to support the compliant heritage application by Dr Neil Peach for the heritage listing of Victoria Park (North). I commend Dr Peach and the Save Victoria Park group for putting together such a comprehensive heritage application.

Background

For context, Victoria Park / Barrambin is a large inner-city park which spans the suburbs of Spring Hill, Kelvin Grove, and Herston. The Park was initially gazetted in 1875 and parts of the park were heritage-listed in 2007. While the park was initially 130 hectares in size, it now has an area of around 64 hectares.

In addition to its post-colonial history, Victoria Park / Barrambin holds deep cultural importance for the Jagera and Turrbal peoples, and has links to Dreaming Stories and ceremonial practices.

In 2021 the golf course, which had occupied the majority of the green space, was closed and this area was returned to the public for use as a community park and open green space.

Parts of Victoria Park, referred to by Dr Peach as Victoria Park South, are already heritage listed.

Application

Under the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*, this application is assessed according to the criteria set out under s35 of the Act and may be added to the Heritage Register as a State heritage place if it satisfies one or more of the eight criteria within s35.

Attachment 5 of Dr Peach's submission demonstrates that Victoria Park North satisfies criteria A, C, D, E, G.

I would urge the Chief Executive, when considering this application, to keep at front of mind that other parts of Victoria Park, referred to by Dr Peach as Victoria Park South, have already been heritage listed, meaning they have already been proved to satisfy criteria under s35.

Given that this application comprises the remaining areas of Victoria Park, this is a relevant and compelling consideration for adding Victoria Park North to the heritage register.

I support Dr Peach's application and efforts to protect and recognise Victoria Park / Barrambin as a culturally and historically significant site, and as the largest remaining inner-city greenspace in Brisbane.

Sincerely,



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Subject: Submission on the Proposed Inclusion of Victoria Park (North) in the Queensland Heritage Register

Dear Heritage Branch,

The Queensland Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects (Institute) welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission regarding the proposed entry of additional land, Victoria Park (North), to the Queensland Heritage Register as part of Victoria Park, 454 Gregory Terrace, Spring Hill [QHR 602493].

As the peak professional body representing architects in Queensland, the Institute is committed to the conservation and recognition of places of cultural heritage significance. However, after careful consideration, we do not support the proposed inclusion of the additional land in the Queensland Heritage Register. The proposed extra land is currently protected with a local heritage listing through Brisbane City Council.

Based on our review, we recognise that Victoria Park has long been an important cultural and recreational landscape within Brisbane and the areas of State level significance within the Park are currently on the Queensland Heritage Register.

We do not support the application as the information provided for the extended park does not appear to sufficiently meet the cultural heritage criteria set out in section 35 of the Queensland Heritage Act 1992 beyond those areas of the park already on the Queensland Heritage Register. The extended park is however, currently protected under the Brisbane City Council Heritage Overlay Code as a Local Heritage Place.

We do note that the land may have significance under the Cultural Heritage Unit in the Department for Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Partnerships, Communities and the Arts.

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this important process and welcome further consultation as the assessment progresses. Please do not hesitate to contact us should further information be required.

Kind regards,



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Dear Heritage Team

Queensland Heritage Register Number (QHR): 602493 Victoria Park (North)

I fully support this Application being entered into the State Government Heritage Register because it clearly meets the following five criteria for heritage recognition.

Cultural Heritage significance. Criterion A .

Cultural Heritage of Victoria Park Barrambin (VPB) has been recorded in many professional reports prepared for major projects for both State and Local Governments over many decades and have clearly demonstrated the Park's significance.

The Conservation Management Plan (CMP) prepared for Brisbane City Council (BCC) for inclusion in its VPB Master Plan project documents was debated at a Council Meeting in 2024.

The Lord Mayor stated "we talk about what's important to protect (VPB) as we go forward".

Cr Howard, commenting on the purpose of the CMP stated Council develops CMP's for heritage listed parks to support projects like master planning to ensure obligations relating to the planning and management of heritage places are met." "The Conservation Management Plan showed us how important this space (VPB) is." In her short speech, Cr Howard used the word "heritage" seven (7) times.

Cr Davis stated the CMP "identified the place's cultural and heritage significance". "Under the Queensland Heritage Act heritage places can be large or can be small... in this instance, parks."

The CMP was "best practice for State-heritage listed assets, which Victoria Park is". Cr Davis used the word "heritage" eighteen (18) times.

It is obvious from that debate that BCC seemed to be assuming that Victoria Park(North)'s inclusion on the State Heritage Register a foregone conclusion. .

Queensland History. Criterion C

The Southern Side, York's Hollow and Victoria park (North) have so far made invaluable contributions to the knowledge as well as continuing potential knowledge that will lead to greater understanding of how our early inhabitants lived, from indigenous, early European settlers, the Great Depression, World War II years to date.

At times different Teams have carried out excavations. The variety of findings is extensive, including a great range of bottles, bullet shells and even a cannon ball. You can actually spot indigenous stone tools while just walking around the park.

The Park is a living museum and must be protected from any further major works.

Characteristics of a particular class of cultural places Criterion D

Asking the question what are the characteristics of a particular class of cultural place for Victoria Park (North), one immediately recognises the importance of the BCC City Architect's designed, climatically responsive, modernist 1975 Golf Clubhouse. Socially the Club house holds importance as a community gathering point as the growing emphasis on recreational spaces and community amenities, especially post war times, became necessary for the City to provide.

Other important features around the course are the historical plaques which help tell the history of the Club and the course and the 1993 delightful BCC City Architect designed halfway house, perched on a rise at the former 10th hole.

The aesthetic significance of Victoria Park (North) Criterion E

It's the topography that makes this park so special. Its steep hills and deep hollows obviously had caught the eye of the original golf course designer as he used the existing landform to create the naturally formed fairways. The original landscaped plantings and the spectacular vistas from the ridgelines to the city, Mt Coot-tha and the Gateway Bridge, now offers a beautiful peaceful open parkland for the people of Brisbane to enjoy.

Just the topography alone should satisfy Criterion E. However, the inclusion of the highly intact 1975 modernist Golf Club house standing prominently on the top of the northern ridge allowing for 180 deg outstanding views overlooking the fairways is a testament to the innovative and forward-thinking architects and planners of BCC at that time.

Strong or Special association with a particular community Criterion G

The entire VPB has a special association with the people of Brisbane as a popular inner-city park for organised sport and informal recreation. And Victoria Park (north) has had a significant connection with Brisbane's golfing community.

Conclusion

I also fully support Lot 3 SP15072(part), Lot 4 SP185073, Lot 5SP185074 Victoria Park (North) application being included as part of the SHR No 602493 Victoria Park.

This is unique inner city parkland within 5klm of the CBD with a Deed of Grant in Trust for use as parkland and for no other purpose for the people of Brisbane. It was first declared "lung of the city" in 1859 by Governor Bowen and gazetted a reserve in 1875. Preserving parkland within the inner areas was something Governor Bowen brought from his homeland, where it became obvious in cities like London at that time that green open space was necessary for people's health and wellbeing, it is no different in today's increasing heating climate for Brisbane.

This green space with its magnificent mature trees also works as a catchment for carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and helps in controlling the heat island effect that will only increase as the climate warms.

Once the Golf Course was closed on 30th June 2021 by BCC it seemed only natural that the Victoria Park (North) section should be included on the State Heritage Register along with the 18ha already listed, so that all of this valuable 64ha can be protected for the future.

Yours faithfully

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From: Leanne McNoulty [REDACTED]
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Subject: Heritage value of Victoria park

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The proposed Olympic park development at Victoria Park will destroy and important heritage site of significant cultural value for Brisbane.

Look no further than the BCC and DES websites to learn if the cultural significance of Victoria Park as a green space designed for family picnics and friends to meet up for generations. This important parkland must be preserved for generations to come.

Any significant development of site e.g. sporting arena, entertainment venue, accommodation, restaurants and cafes, would significantly curtail this evolution of Qld's history. Most importantly, its aesthetic is part of inner Brisbane character, providing a green corridor along busy transport corridors and a place for calm reflection for Herston medical complex staff and patients: some 20,000 people annually.

Recognition

Creating a place that honours and celebrates the connections between Country, culture and history across past, present and future generations.

Restoration

Healing the landscape by reinstating and reintroducing the interconnected ecosystems unique to the region.

Reconnection

Creating transformational connections that weave the park into Brisbane's city fabric. An important **Cultural landscape** — A natural space that celebrates Country and Brisbane's shared Aboriginal and European heritage.

Unique places and experiences — Creating drawcard destinations and experiences, and expressing Brisbane's distinctive outdoor lifestyle.

Room for water — Re-established waterways, wetlands and waterholes will restore natural cooling, cleansing and drainage, as well as habitat for wildlife.

Connected habitats — Revitalised ecosystems and restored habitats will increase canopy cover to 60% and draw wildlife back to the city to enrich our connection with nature.

A healthy retreat in the heart of BNE that's been an important connection to nature for generations promoting healing, wellness and connection.

Victoria Park was entered into State Heritage listing in 2007 because of its strong connection to Qld past.

Types

Archaeological: Archaeological potential

Monuments and Memorials: Memorial/Monument - event/activity

Parks/gardens/trees: Public park/reserve

Themes

2.9 Exploiting, utilising and transforming the land: Valuing and appreciating the environment and landscapes

3.5 Developing secondary and tertiary industries: Struggling with remoteness, hardship and failure

8.5 Creating social and cultural institutions: Sport and recreation

8.6 Creating social and cultural institutions: Commemorating significant events

Construction periods

1875, Victoria Park (gazetted)

1925–1935, Sporting Fields (1925; re-laid 1935)

1928, BCC Electricity Substation No. 4 (former, 1928)

1930–1936, Gilchrist Avenue (1930–32, and 1936)

1933–1936, Ornamental Lake (York's Hollow) (1933–36, with later alterations)

1936, Riding Row Entrance Piers and Former Alignment (1936)

1936, 'Play the Game' Wall (c1936)

1943, US Army Flag Pole (1943)

1958–1962, Dressing Shed & Kiosk (c1958–62)

1959, Gundoo Memorial Grove (1959)

unknown, Mature plantings and lawns

unknown, Archaeological potential

Historical
period

1870s–1890s Late 19th century

1900–1914 Early 20th century

1914–1919 World War I

1919–1930s Interwar period

1939–1945 World War II

1940s–1960s Post-WWII

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history.

Victoria Park, gazetted as a reserve for recreation in 1875, is important for its association with key phases of Queensland's history. Over the course of its existence Victoria Park's functions have included social, cultural and sustenance grounds for Aboriginal people in the colonial period; brickmaking and timber-felling industries; municipal rubbish dump; campsites for displaced people; and sports and recreation grounds. Despite large incursions into its land (for educational and other purposes), and the construction of railway lines and roads through its centre, Victoria Park remains one of the largest parks in Brisbane, and demonstrates the value afforded to green recreational space from the 19th to the 21st century.

As part of York's Hollow, the site was one of Brisbane's first industrial areas following European occupation.

The park was the site of conflict between Aboriginal people and Europeans in the colonial period; the site of camps for displaced people, including Chinese and Scottish immigrants (1840s), itinerant camps during the Great Depression (1929-1932), war brides (1945-7), and families awaiting housing commission accommodation (1947-1960). As Camp Victoria Park, the park hosted Australian and US soldiers/operations during the Second World War, as well as temporary accommodation for returned servicemen and their families after the war.

The Sports Fields (1925; re-laid 1935; and including 'Play the Game' Wall (c.1936) and Dressing Sheds & Kiosk (1959-60)) are associated with the development of sports organisations, particularly as the first headquarters of the Brisbane Hockey Association.

The Brisbane City Council (BCC) Electricity Substation No. 4 (1928), is important in demonstrating the expansion of the electricity supply network in Brisbane during the 1920s.

Gilchrist Avenue, its retaining wall/stair and its tree plantings (1930-2, and 1936), the Riding Row Entrance Piers (1936) and the Ornamental Lake (1933-6) are important as examples of work carried out under the Intermittent Relief Scheme during the Great Depression.

The park contains examples of the work of professional horticulturalists Henry Moore (Brisbane Parks Superintendent 1912-1940) and Harry Oakman (Brisbane Parks Superintendent 1946-1963), including mature tree plantings, planter beds, and the Gundoo Memorial Grove plantings of native trees in 1959 to celebrate the centenary of Queensland, and remnants of the adjacent subtropical plantings in the early 1960s.

Criterion C The place has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Queensland's history.

Victoria Park has the potential to contribute knowledge that will lead to a greater understanding of early urban material culture, consumption and disposal habits in Queensland, and early and evolved service infrastructure and occupation activities on the urban fringe.

Archaeological investigations of the extensive late-19th and early-20th century municipal refuse deposits have the potential to reveal artefacts that may provide further information on the lifestyles, diet, and health of Brisbane's occupants, and facilitate studies of market access, consumer choice, refuse disposal patterns, and social and economic life in the late colonial period. The apparent disposal of refuse progressively across the park – from east to west – also provides an opportunity to explore change in material culture over time.

Archaeological investigations of areas subject to late-19th and early-20th century reclamation and drainage improvements, and in the vicinity of the interwar Brisbane City

Council Electricity Substation No. 4, have the potential to reveal surface and sub-surface features that could contribute to a greater understanding of the planning, design, and construction of drainage and electrical distribution infrastructure.

Historical use of the park for a variety of purposes has resulted in the potential for subsurface archaeological evidence that could inform about the nature and extent of early-to mid-19th century gathering, camping, rifle range and brickmaking activities in the historically low-lying 'York's Hollow' area, and occupation of the place during the Great Depression and World War II.

Criterion D The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places.

BCC Electricity Substation No. 4, located in the southeast corner of Victoria Park, is an excellent and highly-intact example of an electricity substation constructed during the interwar period in Brisbane. In its form, fabric and materials, it is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of its type, which include: its urban location; domestic scale and form with modest Classical influences; masonry construction with red-brown face brick walls and render details; parapet to the main entrance; use of robust materials with simple detailing; and open and well-ventilated interior designed to contain electrical equipment, with roller door access.

Criterion E The place is important because of its aesthetic significance.

Victoria Park is significant for its aesthetic attributes, derived from the juxtaposition of the place's natural qualities with its metropolitan setting, and from the aesthetic contribution of BCC Electricity Substation No. 4.

An extensive green site within the cityscape, Victoria Park features an arrangement of mature trees, planted along an avenue (Gilchrist Avenue), within a grove (Gundoo Memorial Grove), along the circumference of the park, and interspersed with playing fields and open grasses areas. The sloping nature of the site and open grassed areas provide expansive vistas within the park and out into the surrounding area.

BCC Electricity Substation No. 4, highly intact and standing prominently on the corner of Bowen Bridge Road and Gregory Terrace, has aesthetic importance for its beautiful attributes and streetscape contribution. Through its skilful use of modest Classical-style architectural features, symmetrical composition with central parapet and projecting end gables, and complementary material palette of red-brown face brick, terracotta roof tiles, and render details, the building forms an attractive, well-composed design. The building's scale, form and design, modelled on contemporary domestic architecture, complements the streetscape of Gregory Terrace and Bowen Bridge Road.

Criterion G The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.

Victoria Park has a special association with the people of Brisbane as a popular inner-city park for organised sport and informal recreation (having served the community formally since 1875 as a valued green space for recreational purposes). It contains sporting facilities, particularly sports fields.

The sportsgrounds within the park have an association with the Brisbane Hockey Association (established 1931), which used the sportsgrounds as its first headquarters and hosted its matches there into the 1970s.

Victoria Park covers an area of undulating land bordered by Bowen Bridge Road, Gregory Terrace, the Royal Brisbane Hospital and Breakfast Creek in the suburbs of Spring Hill and Herston. Initially part of Barrambbin and Walan, the park was gazetted as a reserve for recreation in 1875. Over the course of its history, Victoria Park's functions have included social, cultural and sustenance grounds for Aboriginal people across the region; brickmaking and timber-felling industries; municipal rubbish dump; campsites for displaced people; military camps; and sports and recreation grounds. Despite large incursions into its land for educational and other purposes, and the construction of railway lines and roads through its centre, Victoria Park remains one of the largest parks in inner Brisbane.

Aboriginal custodianship

Meanjin, the area now encompassing the Brisbane CBD, is traditionally part of Turrbal and Jagera/Yuggera country.[1] Walan or Woolan (meaning 'bream') and Barrambbin (meaning 'windy place') comprised the areas now known as Herston and Bowen Hills. Walan and Barrambbin were meeting and gathering places for groups travelling to and from the Blackall Ranges, as well as corroboree sites and hunting and fishing lands. The land was undulating, with hills punctuated by a chain of waterholes and gullies. It was an extensive camp, contact and cultural site.[2]

European use (1820s-1840s)

European occupation began in the 1820s, with the establishment of the Moreton Bay Penal settlement at Meanjin in 1825. The Europeans used Walan and Barrambbin for industrial activities needed to support the settlement such as brick-making and timber getting. They named the area 'York's Hollow', after the leader of the local clan, whom the Europeans referred to as 'the Duke of York', thought to be an Anglicised version of the name Daki Yakka. A small number of interactions took place between Europeans and Aboriginal people prior to, and following, the establishment of the Moreton Bay Penal Settlement, likely the Duke of York's clan. The Duke of York, estimated to be in his 40s in 1836, visited the European settlement at the invitation of two Quakers, and a reciprocal visit was made by the commandant of the settlement, Foster Fyans. The clan largely avoided the penal settlement, with only a limited number of interactions reported by European sources.[3]

The Moreton Bay Penal settlement was opened for free settlement in 1842. York's Hollow, just beyond the town boundary, proved convenient for accommodating unexpected arrivals in the colony. A Chinese camp was established in 1848 following a failed attempt to employ Chinese shepherds on pastoral stations. In 1849, 253 immigrants from the Fortitude, Chaseley and Lima formed a temporary village on the York's Hollow slopes, after arrangements for land grants fell through. Other recent immigrants to Queensland in the mid-1800s stayed in these temporary fringe camps. As Herston and the surrounding area became increasingly urbanised, these camps were deemed unhealthy. Its residents were 'moved along', and new immigration facilities were constructed elsewhere.[4]

The brickmaking industry continued within the gully, and York's Hollow bricks were reportedly used in the construction of Parliament House in 1866. The waterway along the hollow provided a water supply for the fledgling residential settlement, supplementing the tank stream within the town.[5]

The Duke of York clan retained its presence in York's Hollow despite these incursions. Gatherings continued at York's Hollow, with clashes between different tribes occurring in June 1847 and June 1850; up to 800 people were present. Interactions between the clan and the Europeans were mixed: some members of the clan were employed in Brisbane town by Europeans, while Europeans allegedly visited the camp to collect native vegetation for their gardens, as well as for more nefarious purposes. There were also reports of European assaults on the camp. In December 1846, following the deaths of three European settlers on the Pine River, European soldiers raided the camp at 11pm, firing on the estimated 300 – 400 people sleeping there. Kitty, daughter of the Duke of York, died in the affray. In November 1849, Turrbal people at the Barrambbin camp were shot by military officers after a false report was circulated that they had killed a bullock. Three men were wounded; two police were sentenced to six months' imprisonment for the offence. Local newspapers stopped reporting on the camp after 1860, but the clan likely remained within Barrambbin and Walan beyond that date.[6]

Colonial Queensland use (1860s-1890s)

When Queensland became a separate colony in 1859, the Queensland Government made a concerted effort to provide recreational lands for the people of Brisbane. It was believed that the fledgling society would benefit from having open spaces included in the infrastructure. At a time when industry was choking many of the large cities in Britain and Europe, the Queensland Government did not want the same fate to befall Brisbane. Terms such as 'lungs of the city' and 'breathing space' were used to describe parks established in Brisbane.[7]

York's Hollow had been proposed for a recreation reserve under the New South Wales Government, and the new Queensland Government indicated its intention to create the reserve. In 1864 the Government announced that it was 'pleased to grant a reserve of about three hundred acres, in York's Hollow, for the purpose of a public park and recreation ground for the citizens of Brisbane.'[8] The Brisbane Municipal Council was to be granted the deed, but the Queensland Government retained control over the site. The name 'Victoria Park' emerged in the mid-1860s, either in tribute to the then-monarch, or the London park of the same name. In 1866-7 the park was fenced, and the Public Lands Office leased grazing rights over the land for additional revenue. Lessees attempted to evict the brick-makers and squatters who had erected tents and temporary houses within the park. [9]

Victoria Park was formally gazetted as a reserve for recreation in 1875. A Board of Trustees was created to manage the 321 acres and 2 roods (approx. 130ha) of parkland; they 'expeditiously drew up a code of by-laws which provided, not only for the protection and good government of the park, but also laid down the rules for raising revenue for the improvement of the park'. The trustees, however, had limited success in fundraising for and improving the site. [10]

The area referred to as 'York's Hollow' had included an extensive area now covered by the Brisbane Showgrounds, Bowen Hills and parts of Herston, to what is now the Normanby Fiveways. From the 1860s, this area was reduced as land was required for other uses, including the Acclimatisation Society Gardens and the Grammar School Reserve. Despite its gazettal, the land set aside for Victoria Park was also reduced, as demands for services and facilities were met by encroachments on the undeveloped park. Land was resumed from the park for a night soil/manure depot (1866), a rifle range (1877, rescinded 1883[11]), sporting facilities for nearby schools, the Brisbane-Sandgate railway (1882), government domain (1883),[12] and children's hospital (1883). Most of the resumptions were located on the

park's boundaries, but the railway crossed through the centre of the park, dividing it in two. By 1883, Victoria Park had been reduced to 217 acres (88ha), though it remained the largest open reserve within the immediate city area.[13]

At the same time, the importance of the park for recreational use was emphasised. The residential areas surrounding the park (particularly Spring Hill and Fortitude Valley) experienced dramatic residential growth in the second half of the 19th century, becoming amongst the most densely populated areas in Brisbane by 1890. These inner urban areas were also home to a cross section of Brisbane society, from the poorest living in small cottages in the lower slopes of the hill, to the prestigious and wealthy homes overlooking Victoria Park on Gregory Terrace. The park provided an open space for residents, particularly those who lived in crowded and poor conditions at the bottom of the hill.[14]

Rubbish dumping

In 1872-3, amendments to the laws and regulations relating to public health placed additional restrictions on the disposal of refuse and led to the establishment of municipal dumping grounds.[15] The Local Board of Health, with consent from the Surveyor-General, declared that rubbish could be deposited in Victoria Park – initially 'in the clay-holes on the side of the ridges' and later buried in trenches.[16] By 1886, a reported 1,053 loads of rubbish had been trenched and the following year it was noted by council's health officer Dr Joseph Bancroft that the 'available ground on the Gregory Terrace side of the railway of sufficient depth of earth is nearly worked out'.[17] In 1899 the park trustees granted the Brisbane Municipal Council permission to deposit and bury rubbish in trenches in one of the Victoria Park gullies, near the watercourse on the western side of the railway.[18] This practice continued until 1901, while unofficial dumping continued into the 1930s.[19]

Land use (1890s-1930)

In 1889, a large scheme of improvements was drafted for Victoria Park by William Soutter, a member of the Queensland Acclimatisation Society. Some proposals were rejected, such as selling residential subdivisions within the park, but Soutter implemented other improvements between 1890 and 1892. Much of the park was cleared and the rubbish burned. A 60ft (18m) drive with 12ft (3.6m) walkway was cut and kerbed through the park, atop the park's excavated clay pits. The railway corridor was fenced, and trees grown in the Acclimatisation Society garden (including camphor laurels and umbrella trees) were planted along both sides of the railway. Drainage was improved, and the waterway running through the park was diverted. Extensive planting schemes were to follow, but were not carried out due to lack of funds.[20] By 1897, despite Soutter's work, Victoria Park was considered 'a magnificent tract of country many acres in extent, but it is literally in a state of nature. Little has been done to it'.[21]

The park remained popular for recreational and non-recreational uses. In the absence of formally designed facilities, informal recreation included swimming in the ponds formed in the former brickpits, and football and cricket games on the flat ground at the centre of the park. Military drills and musters were held regularly, with the Queensland Defence Force marching to the park from the Adelaide Street drill shed. Squatters, 'larrikins', gamblers, drinkers and others committing undesirable activities in the park were reported. Between August and October 1890, mass meetings drew thousands to the Gregory Terrace section of the park opposite the Exhibition Building each Sunday. The 'Park Hospital', a tent hospital for quarantine cases, was operated in the Herston Road section from late 1890. The park also drew the attention of a University Commission as a possible site for a tertiary educational facility.[22]

In 1903, Victoria Park was brought within the boundary of the City of Brisbane, and in 1908, the trusteeship of 210 acres (85ha) of the park was transferred to the Brisbane City Council (BCC). The BCC had been seeking control of the parks within its area, in place of the trustees who administered the parks. Between 1887 and 1913 it gained full control of Wickham, Observatory, Hardgrave, Babbage, Albert, Alexandra and Victoria Parks. The International Town Planning movement that existed at the time also helped to put city planning and beautification programmes on the city council's agenda. Between 1913 and 1925, Bowen, New Farm, Raymond, Newstead, Perry, Centenary and Teneriffe Parks were created.[23]

Victoria Park was the largest of the BCC's new parks, but was 'a rather difficult one to handle',[24] due to its uneven topography, waterways and poor soil. Interest in the park for its non-recreational potential had continued, and in 1914, the BCC agreed to reserve around 100 acres of the park for the future use of the university, following extensive lobbying by the University Permanent Site League. While the park was to remain publicly accessible, it would not be developed for park purposes. Park funding was funnelled towards the newly acquired parks, while small improvements were made at Victoria Park. This included tree planting and the construction of tennis courts (1913, not extant), and the creation of rockeries along Gregory Terrace, bordering the park (not extant). In 1913, the park also became part of a worldwide experiment, as a small temporary tent was erected in the park near the hospital, to carry out measurements for the Carnegie Institution of Washington's Terrestrial Magnetism study. However, the park predominantly continued to be used for non-recreational purposes, including cattle agistment (between Gregory Terrace and the railway) and wool and grain storage (in a former quarry near Gregory Terrace and Bowen Bridge Road).[25]

In 1922, 108 acres (44ha) of Victoria Park was formally reserved for university purposes under the University Site Act. The site was reserved conditionally; if the site were not to be used for the university, it would revert to the park. Four years later, funding was provided from a private donor for a larger site at St Lucia, and the reserve was set to be returned to the trustees.[26] This took some time, however, and as the land remained unused, complaints about its condition had continued. '[N]ot a flower has been planted in it,' wrote a correspondent to the *Brisbane Courier* in 1921, 'no improvements, except the planting of some trees, and an incompleted, unused, and miserable carriage way or road.'[27] The park was described in 1924 by the *Daily Mail* as both 'a magnificent reserve'[28] and 'a couple of hundred acres of barren land... intersected by more or less smellful drainage channels.'[29]

One of these drainage channels ran through the flat section of the park used for sporting fixtures, making the land swampy and frequently mosquito-infested. Between 1923 and 1925, a 15-20 acre (6-8ha) area at the western end of the park (now between Gilchrist Avenue and the railway reserve) was sewered, levelled and graded for use as sports grounds; a shrub-rockery entrance was laid out from Bowen Bridge Road; and five sports fields were laid out. These improvements were funded by the £750 transfer of Bowen Park to the National Agricultural and Industrial Association. Amateur athletics competition held there in 1928. Football, cricket and hockey teams acquired formal leases of the grounds, and the park hosted up to 200 players each Saturday.[30]

Brisbane City Council (BCC) Electricity Substation No. 4

In 1928-9, the BCC's Substation No. 4 was constructed at the Gregory Terrace/Bowen Bridge Road section of Victoria Park.[31]

The BCC became a public authority for the provision of electrical services across Brisbane in 1925. Electricity in Brisbane to that point had been provided by public and private authorities in a complex overlapping system. Most of the local councils in greater Brisbane arranged supply through bulk supply contracts with the City Electric Light Company. The Brisbane Tramway Company also supplied 600-volt DC power to properties along its electrified tram system, until its responsibilities were transferred to the BCC 1925. Faced with the tramway's obsolete electricity network, and the BCC decided to upgrade its own generation capacity and infrastructure. This led to rapid expansion in the late 1920s, as a coordinated, uniform distribution system was developed. The BCC encouraged the public to connect to existing supply lines, and constructed a large powerhouse at New Farm in 1928. Substations were quickly constructed in the suburbs, supplied with bulk energy from the BCC power stations and converted for use by consumers.[32]

In 1927, the BCC's Electrical Department had established stores in the unused woolstores off Bowen Bridge Road in Victoria Park (outside the heritage boundary). The substation was constructed the following year, and served as a central station as the suburban electricity supply was gradually brought onto the New Farm powerhouse grid. It was one of four substations constructed in 1928 for the Electricity Supply Department, the first main control substations erected by the BCC. They received 11,000 volts AC from the New Farm Power Station via high tension underground feeder cables.[33]

Electricity substations from the interwar period were typically of masonry construction, with red-brown face brick walls and simple, render details. Most featured a parapet to the main entrance, modest Classical details, and robust material palette. The interiors housed electrical equipment, were well-ventilated, and had roller door access. Located in urban areas, the substations were generally of a domestic scale and form, in line with the council's policy of producing substations to a domestic style and scale, so that they could fit neatly into the streetscape.[34]

The building at Victoria Park was designed by the BCC's City Architect, AH (Alfred Herbert) Foster. It was located on the corner of Bowen Bridge Road and Gregory Terrace, and had a tiled, hip roof with gables narrowly projecting from each elevation. Of a symmetrical design, the substation featured light-coloured rendered details and darker face brick walls, which complemented the prominent museum (Old Museum Building, QHR 600209) on the opposite side of Bowen Bridge Road. A c1944 photograph shows a stone retaining wall wrapped around the road (southeast and east) sides of the substation.[35]

Great Depression

The first set of large-scale improvements at Victoria Park began with the Great Depression. As funding was made available for public works under the Intermittent Relief Scheme to boost employment, Victoria Park was targeted for enhancement.[36]

The largest work were two projects proposed in the mid-1920s: the construction of a golf course and a road. The Queensland Golf Association had made the proposal for a municipal golf course in Victoria Park in 1922, as similar municipal golf courses were being opened throughout Australia. With the return of 108 acres of land from the university forthcoming, the proposal was accepted in 1926. As the return of the land was delayed, however, work on the golf course did not begin until April 1931. The 18-hole golf course was opened in 1931, with a Spanish-style clubhouse designed by AH Foster built in 1935 (QHR 602034).[37]

In addition to the new golf course, Gilchrist Avenue was constructed under the scheme in 1930, connecting Bowen Bridge Road to Ithaca Street, near Kelvin Grove Road at Normanby. This provided a long-sought vehicular path directly through the park, as well as access to the golf course and sportsgrounds. The avenue was named for the City Engineer EF (Eneas Fraser) Gilchrist. As part of the long-awaited beautification of the park, the avenue was lined with silky oak, crepe myrtle, flame and jacaranda trees. In 1933 an ornamental lake was created in a natural basin off Gilchrist Avenue at the western end of the sports fields. The lake was stocked with fish, its banks planted, and an island for birds created in its centre.[38]

Improvements were also made to the sports grounds, as lessees had complained about the rough, flood-prone surfaces of the Victoria Park fields. A new amalgamated hockey organisation, the Brisbane Hockey Association, formed in 1931, using Victoria Park as its headquarters. The Association contributed finance towards the improvements, and four new fields were formally laid out in the section fronting the newly-created Gilchrist Avenue, between 1933 and 1935. As well as hockey, these were used for cricket in summer, and hosted some football games in winter. Drainage was also improved to control flooding, and a stone wall with 'Play The Game' spelled out in stones was likely constructed at this time.[39]

In the Gregory Terrace section of the park, a 1.5 mile (2.4km) long, 20ft (6.1m) wide horse-riding track called 'Riding Row' was created, and palms were planted along its route. The Row was officially opened in 1932, with a military parade and a crowd of around 1,000 people. Two stone piers, made of Brisbane tuff, were constructed to mark its entrance at the corner of Bowen Bridge Road and Gregory Terrace in 1936.[40]

Other landscaping and reclamation work was undertaken during this time, notably as part of the beautification of the park.[41]

The Depression also impacted on the use of Victoria Park, as camps for the unemployed were erected throughout the park reserve in the 1930s. An increasing number of unemployed, itinerant men travelled either on foot, or by rail, across the state looking for employment. Between 1929 and 1933 Queensland Government policy stipulated unemployed single men, not working on relief projects, would not be able to draw state government funded emergency rations from the same centre in successive weeks. This forced them to move onto the next town, often many miles away, to demonstrate they were seeking work. The term 'swagmen', used to describe itinerant men walking around the country, or 'waltzing Matilda', seeking work in 19th and early 20th century Australia, was applied to these men who were compelled to travel long distances.[42]

A small camp of 'shanties, shacks, huts and humpies'[43] arose in the Gregory Terrace section of Victoria Park in the early 1930s. It remained until 1932, when the camp was 'visited by a large policeman, and the occupants agreed that the beauties of the new riding track would be enhanced by the removal of their dwellings.'[44] Other camps within Victoria Park mostly occupied the government and university domains near Herston Road (not within the heritage boundary).

I encourage to read the entire info at your own website:

Regards

Leanne McKnoulty





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To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly support the inclusion of Victoria Park/Barrambin on the Queensland Heritage Register. This park is a critical site with historical, cultural, and environmental significance, meeting multiple heritage criteria for preservation.

Demonstrating Queensland's History

Victoria Park/Barrambin has been a significant site for thousands of years, deeply intertwined with the history of Queensland.

- The park was a key camping and ceremonial ground for the Jagera and Turrbal peoples prior to European settlement, serving as a critical social and spiritual hub. This includes the well-documented bora grounds used for initiation ceremonies and pullen-pullen grounds for dispute resolution.
- Daki Yakka (Duke of York), the leader of the Turrbal people, held significant cultural and political authority at the site. His interactions with European settlers and his clan's resistance to colonisation make Barrambin an essential location for understanding early Indigenous-European relations in Queensland.
- The site has also been the location of industry such as brick-making, timber-felling, and a location of scientific investigations.
- The site also played a central role in Brisbane's development after European settlement, transitioning to wartime housing during World War II and later serving as a medical research site and recreational area.

Potential to Yield Historical Knowledge

Victoria Park has significant archaeological potential to deepen our understanding of Queensland's history.

- The park's campsites, ceremonial grounds, and pathways provide key insights into Aboriginal life and land use, including how the Turrbal people adapted their culture in response to changing seasons and populations.
- Historical research indicates that stone tools and oyster shell deposits found in the area point to its use as a long-term Indigenous settlement, potentially revealing more about early Queensland's material culture.

- The park's role in the early colonial period, including its transformation from Indigenous land to European settlement, offers a rich history of land use, conflict, and adaptation that can be further uncovered through archaeological and documentary research.

Demonstrating Principal Characteristics of Cultural Places

Victoria Park/Barrambin exemplifies key characteristics of a cultural landscape shaped by multiple historical layers.

- The park embodies the pattern of traditional Indigenous land use, with bora grounds, campsites, and ceremonial sites existing alongside European structures that evolved over time. It represents the blending of two distinct cultures and how each has marked the landscape.
- Architecturally, the Victoria Park Golf Clubhouse is an example of mid-20th-century civic architecture, embodying modernist design principles from the 1970s and representing the growing emphasis on recreational public spaces during this era.

Aesthetic Significance

The aesthetic qualities of Victoria Park/Barrambin are deeply rooted in its natural and cultural heritage.

- The landscape of the park, with its rolling hills, waterholes, and gullies, offers a visual contrast to Brisbane's increasingly urban environment, enhancing the city's green spaces and promoting public well-being. These natural features are also integral to the park's role as a cultural gathering place.
- The park's integration with Brisbane's cityscape, particularly its proximity to Spring Hill and the Royal Brisbane Hospital, makes it both a visual and environmental sanctuary within an urban context.

Social, Cultural, and Spiritual Importance


Victoria Park/Barrambin holds deep social and cultural meaning for both Indigenous peoples and the broader Brisbane community.

- For First Nations peoples, it remains an enduring site of connection to country, particularly for the Turrbal and Jagera peoples, who continue to recognize its significance as a place of spiritual and cultural importance.
- The park is a popular community space for recreation, sport, and social events, playing a role in Brisbane's development into a multicultural city. Its continued use as a gathering place aligns with its long history as a site for public and community-based activities.
- Notably, the Royal Brisbane Hospital's proximity to the park underscores the connection between healthcare, community, and green spaces. The park has served as a space for respite and healing for many in the community, further enhancing its cultural significance.

In conclusion, Victoria Park/Barrambin meets all the criteria for inclusion on the Queensland Heritage Register. The park's rich history, aesthetic appeal, and continued cultural relevance make it a unique and irreplaceable part of Queensland's heritage. I strongly urge its inclusion on the register to ensure its preservation for future generations.

Sincerely,

Gregory Rowbotham



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SUBMISSION ON QUEENSLAND HERITAGE APPLICATION 602493, VICTORIA PARK (NORTH), 454 GREGORY TERRACE, SPRING HILL

We write as the Federal Member of Parliament for the Division of Brisbane and Brisbane City Councillor for the Paddington Ward. Thank you for the opportunity to lodge a submission on this heritage application. We have comprehensively consulted with our communities about the future of Victoria Park / Barrambin and we know this place holds significant cultural, social and spiritual meaning and value to our communities. We fully support the urgent inclusion of these additional northern areas at Victoria Park / Barrambin to the Queensland Heritage Register because it meets five criteria for cultural heritage recognition, it has shared heritage values as an ancient and sacred meeting place for First Nations groups across South-East Queensland, and it's under direct threat of destruction from a major Olympic and Paralympic Games stadium development.

Firstly, this application demonstrates that Victoria Park (North) meets the following five criteria for cultural heritage recognition as recognised by the Queensland Heritage Register:

1. The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history.
2. The place has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Queensland's history.
3. The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places.
4. The place is important because of its aesthetic significance.
5. The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural, or spiritual reasons.

Over the course of its history, some of the notable functions of Victoria Park (North) have included social and sustenance grounds for First Nations people before and during the Colonial period; brickmaking and timber felling industries; quarry & municipal rubbish dump; scientific experimentation and medical research; campsites for displaced people;

military and housing uses during World War II; and sports and recreation grounds. It has the strong potential to yield further information about initial First Nations uses and the contact and conflict that occurred during European settlement and beyond. It could contribute a greater understanding of early urban culture, consumption and disposal habits in Queensland, as well as service infrastructure. Its significant uses during World War II also offer further historical and heritage value.

Victoria Park / Barrambin was designated as public parkland by the Government in 1864 and its original size was 130 hectares. However, over time, about half of the park has been taken for other uses, leaving 64 hectares. We cannot afford to lose any more of this park without compromising its initial purpose as Brisbane's major parkland, similar to New York's Central Park, London's Hyde Park, or Lumpini Park in Bangkok. Today there is a Deed of Grant In Trust in place requiring the site to be used for parkland. Its main aesthetic attributes are its established flora and expansive open hilly greenspace with wide views of the surrounding city. We know that many residents also want to preserve the Golf Course Clubhouse as an architectural example of modernist 1970s design. Historically, the clubhouse illustrates the growing emphasis on recreational and community amenities in the post-war period.

Secondly, we are aware that places of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage are considered separately to the Queensland Heritage Register, unless the place has shared heritage values. Victoria Park/ Barrambin has shared heritage values. Before colonisation, Victoria Park and the surrounding areas were known as Barrambin (meaning 'windy place') and Walan / Woolan (meaning 'bream'). It described the open woodlands and ancient waterways that provided a meeting place for First Nations groups from across South-East Queensland to hunt and fish, dance, compete and perform corroboree. Evidence shows a continual First Nations presence from more than 20,000 years ago and archaeological excavations conducted ahead of the Inner City Bypass construction have already uncovered artefacts which were given to the Queensland Museum.

In 2019, Brisbane City Council (BCC) began a Master Planning Process for the park which involved 80,000 points of engagement with local residents and proposed to convert the then-golf course back into rewilded public parkland. Brisbane City Council responded to public requests to provide greater acknowledgement of the First Nations' cultural heritage of the park in their completed 2023 Master Plan, "The area now contained within Victoria Park / Barrambin was an extensive Aboriginal camp and is a significant European contact and cultural site.... Aboriginal people have lived here, gathered here, performed ceremonies here, and cared for this Country over many thousands of years, right up until present times... We will continue to consult with the area's Traditional Custodians throughout the project and beyond, to feature Aboriginal design elements, language, stories and culture across the park."

The Heritage Council should be aware that this vision to restore and rewild the park has significant funding already committed. In February 2024, the Courier Mail reported that BCC had spent "\$33 million to-date on the design and early works with a further \$141 million to the project over four years which will run through to the end of the 2026/27 financial year". \$120 million of this \$141 million has now been committed; \$40 million

each from the Federal Government, Queensland Government and Brisbane City Council. However, property developers have since proposed Victoria Park as the site of the main Olympic Stadium and unfortunately there are reports that this proposal is receiving support from the Queensland Government’s current “Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games 100-day review”. The site presents challenging topography for a stadium redevelopment – its ancient waterways and gullies are home to established native fauna and flora. The topography would need to be significantly altered for a stadium, which would be incredibly destructive as these natural features could never be restored.

Finally, the Heritage Council should also be aware that Clause 15.3 of the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games’ Host Contract stipulates that, “Where new permanent venues need to be constructed, the Hosts, the Host NOC and the OCOG shall ensure that they are not located in or adjacent to statutory nature, cultural protected areas or World Heritage Sites.” Therefore, additional protection via inclusion of Victoria Park (North) on the Queensland Heritage Register could prevent the park being destroyed and its heritage values retained.

Therefore, we support and echo community members’ advocacy for Victoria Park / Barrambin to become one consolidated park with one level of heritage recognition. The Heritage Council should register the South and North Victoria Parks as one integrated listing on the Queensland Heritage Register.

Kind regards,

Stephen Bates

Seal Chong Wah

Member for Brisbane

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Queensland Heritage Register Number (QHR): 602493 Victoria Park

Introduction

Significant sections of Victoria Park have been heritage listed since 2007. Most are on the Spring Hill side of the park which is separated from the Herston side by the Cross River Railway and the Inner-City Bypass. Much of the Herston side of the park had been an 18-hole golf course (1931-2021) – this part has local heritage listing. Given that the Golf Course closed in July 2021, it is appropriate that the two sides of the park, which share similar characteristics, be ‘reunited’ under the same level of heritage listing i.e. both become part of the Queensland Heritage Register.

The park has had a dual name, Victoria Park Barrambin, since 2008, in acknowledgement of the First Nation’s name, Barrambin. In this submission, I will refer to the park by the three names - Barrambin, Victoria Park or Victoria Park Barrambin – depending on the context and historical period.

My submission focusses on the following criteria under the Queensland Heritage Act 1992:

- *The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland’s history.*
- *The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places.*
- *The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.*

Snapshots of Historical Phases

First Nations Country pre-1820s

Meanjin, now the Brisbane CBD, is traditionally part of Turrbal and Jagera/Yuggera country. Walan (meaning ‘bream’) and Barrambin (meaning ‘windy place’) encompassed areas such as Herston and Bowen Hills. These locations served as meeting points for groups travelling to and from the Blackall Ranges, and were sites for ceremonies, hunting, and fishing. The undulating land, dotted with hills, waterholes, and gullies, made it an extensive camp and cultural hub.

Some areas, such as those from Breakfast Creek to Spring Hill, had permanent settlement that adapted to seasonal changes, with populations growing during times of ceremony and trade. At its peak, Barrambin campsite supported over 800 First Nation's people. White settlers, seeking similar resources, began settling near established Aboriginal campsites, using the same waterholes and pathways. This led to the gradual usurpation of areas like Barrambin, which had been strategically located near vital resources.

York's Hollow, directly above the Brisbane CBD, was the site of Barrambin, pre-dating the city itself. In 1824, explorer John Oxley camped upstream, hearing the sounds of Aboriginal people closeby, which likely referred to Barrambin. The site was mentioned during convict times and continued to be used by First Nation's people into the late 19th century. Between the 1930s and 1950s, Aboriginal families still lived in the shanty towns on Barrambin's slopes, maintaining their presence in the face of growing European settlement.

Europeans Arrive (1820-1840s)

European occupation of the region began in the 1820s with the establishment of the Moreton Bay Penal Settlement at Meanjin in 1825. The Europeans utilised areas such as Walan and Barrambin for industrial purposes like brick-making and timber cutting.

They named the area 'York's Hollow' after the local clan leader, whom they referred to as 'the Duke of York', thought to be an Anglicised version of the name Daki Yakka. Interactions between Europeans and Aboriginal people, likely from the Duke of York's clan, were limited but included some visits, such as in 1836 when the Duke of York visited the settlement at the invitation of two Quakers.

The penal settlement became open to free settlers in 1842, and York's Hollow was used to accommodate unexpected arrivals. A Chinese camp was set up in 1848 and in 1849, over 250 immigrants formed a temporary village there. These camps, however, became deemed unhealthy as Herston and surrounding areas urbanised, and residents were relocated.

Despite these incursions, the Duke of York's clan maintained a presence in York's Hollow, where clashes with other tribes were reported. In 1846, after the deaths of three European settlers, soldiers raided the camp, resulting in the death of Kitty, the Duke of York's daughter. Further violence occurred in 1849 when Turrbal people at Barrambin were shot by military officers. Despite the challenges, the clan likely remained in the area beyond the 1860s.

Colonial Queensland (1850s-1890s)

When Queensland became a separate colony in 1859, the government focused on providing recreational spaces for the people of Brisbane. It was believed that open spaces would benefit the growing society, offering respite from the industrial congestion of cities in Britain and Europe. The Queensland Government wanted to ensure Brisbane avoided similar fates, using terms like 'lungs of the city' to describe the parks.

York's Hollow was initially proposed as a recreation reserve under the New South Wales Government, and the new Queensland Government agreed to establish it as a public park. In 1864, the government granted a 300-acre reserve in York's Hollow for recreational use. The park, later named Victoria Park, was fenced in 1866-67, though the government retained control while granting the Brisbane Municipal Council the deed. By 1875, Victoria Park was formally gazetted, and a Board of Trustees was set up to manage it. Despite their efforts, fundraising for park improvements was limited.



6 August, 1855. The land to become Victoria Park is outlined in green.

The land originally set aside for Victoria Park was gradually reduced due to encroachments for other uses, such as the Roma Street to Sandgate railway, the Acclimatisation Society Gardens, schools, and a night soil depot. By 1883, Victoria Park had been reduced to 217 acres but remained the largest open space near the city. As Brisbane's inner urban areas, like Spring Hill and Fortitude Valley, grew, the park became a vital recreational space for residents, especially those in poorer conditions at the foot of the hill.

Land Use (1890s-1930)

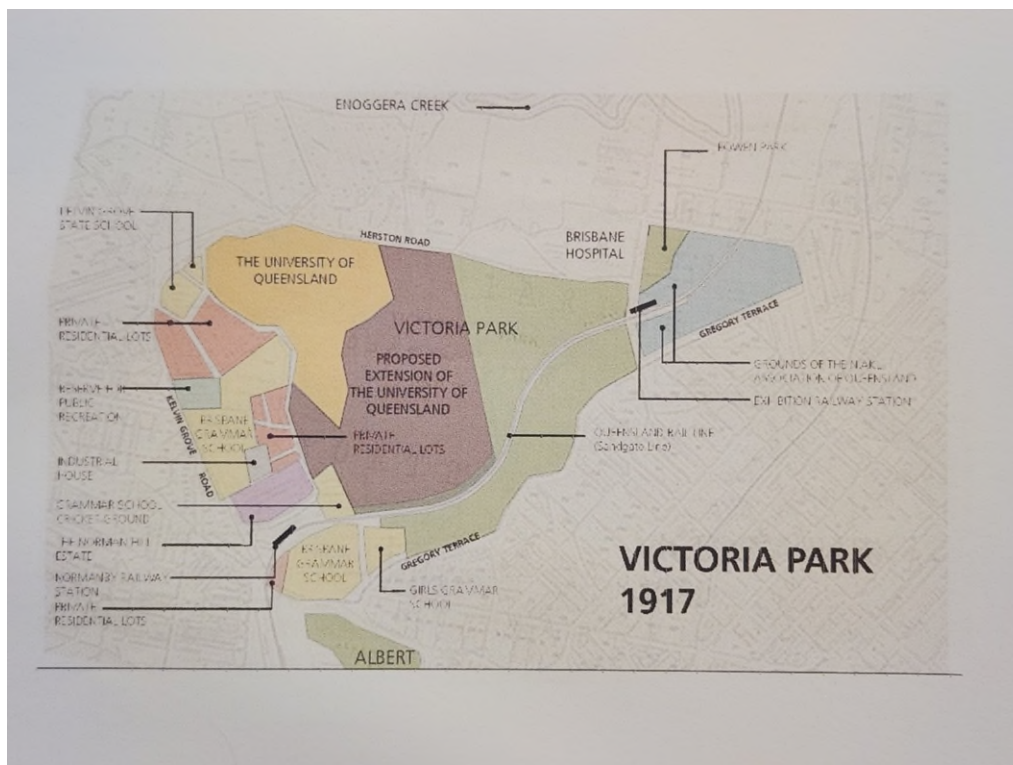
In 1889, William Soutter, a member of the Queensland Acclimatisation Society, proposed a major improvement plan for Victoria Park, which was partially implemented between 1890 and 1892. Despite some rejected proposals, such as residential subdivisions, Soutter cleared much of the park, planted trees along the railway, improved drainage, and diverted a waterway. Extensive planting was planned but not realised due to lack of funds.

The park remained a popular space for both recreational and non-recreational purposes. The first Victoria Park Golf Club was established in 1898, and informal activities such as swimming in the former brick pits, cricket, and football games were common. The park also hosted military drills, large public meetings, and a quarantine hospital during disease outbreaks. In 1890, a University Commission considered the park as a potential site for a tertiary institution.

In 1903, Victoria Park became part of the City of Brisbane, and five years later, its 210 acres were transferred to the Brisbane City Council (BCC), which had taken over several parks in the area. Between 1913 and 1925, additional parks were established, and the BCC made small improvements to Victoria Park, including planting trees and constructing tennis courts. However, funding for the park was limited, and the focus shifted to newly acquired parks.

By 1914, the BCC agreed to reserve 100 acres of the park for future university use, following pressure from the University Permanent Site League. This land, although not developed for park purposes, remained publicly accessible. Meanwhile, non-recreational uses continued, including cattle grazing and storage of wool and grain.

In 1922, 108 acres of Victoria Park were formally reserved for university use, though this was contingent on the site being developed. After a private donation funded a larger site at St Lucia in 1926, the park land was returned to the trustees. Complaints about the park's condition persisted, with criticisms about the lack of improvements and the swampy, mosquito-infested areas.



Despite these challenges, some improvements were made between 1923 and 1925, including the levelling and grading of a section for sports grounds. A shrub-rockery entrance was created, and five sports fields were established. The improved grounds hosted athletic competitions in 1928, and formal leases were granted to football, cricket, and hockey teams, with the park accommodating up to 200 players each Saturday.

Nonetheless, the park's use remained predominantly non-recreational, and its development continued to be limited by financial constraints and competing priorities.

The Depression Years (1930s)

The Great Depression prompted significant improvements at Victoria Park, as public works funding was allocated under the Intermittent Relief Scheme to provide employment. Two major projects began in the mid-1920s: the construction of a golf course and the development of Gilchrist Avenue. In 1922, the Queensland Golf Association proposed a municipal golf course for Victoria Park, a trend seen in other Australian cities.

When 108 acres (44ha) of land were returned from the university in 1926, the plan was accepted, and work on the 18-hole course began in 1931, opening the same year. A Spanish-style clubhouse was also built in 1931. Additionally, Gilchrist Avenue was constructed in 1930, connecting Bowen Bridge Road to Ithaca Street near Kelvin Grove Road. This provided direct access through the park, including to the golf course and sports grounds. The avenue was lined with various trees, contributing to the park's beautification.



Teeing off in front of the 1930's Clubhouse

However, the Depression also led to the establishment of camps for the unemployed in the park. Many itinerant workers, known as 'swagmen,' travelled across Queensland in search of employment, and the government's policy forced them to move towns to continue receiving relief. In the early 1930s, a small camp of shanties appeared in the Gregory Terrace section of the park but was dismantled in 1932. Other camps remained in the park until the early 1930s, reflecting the harsh economic conditions of the time.

World War II 1941-45

During the Pacific War in 1941, Brisbane became a hub of intense military activity, with thousands of American troops stationed in the city before being deployed to fight Japanese forces. In 1942, the Brisbane City Council

offered Victoria Park to the US Army, establishing Camp Victoria Park as a large administrative and accommodation base.

The Australian Army also stationed the 38th Australian Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery in the park's northern section. Camp Victoria Park was split into two areas: one for officers and one for enlisted men, with many accommodations in canvas tents, alongside some fibrolite huts along Gregory Terrace and south of Herston Road. The camp was vacated gradually, with the last occupants leaving in 1946.

Because of the fear of air attacks from Japanese aircraft, the Australian Army installed Heavy Anti-Aircraft (HAA) guns in various locations, including Victoria Park's golf course. The guns were intended to protect Brisbane's vital port facilities and airfields, such as the New Farm submarine base and Archerfield and Eagle Farm airfields.

There was a shortage of anti-aircraft guns, so Brisbane did not receive its full quota of 3.7-inch guns until 1942. A fixed battery, including four guns spaced 90–100 feet apart, was established in Victoria Park (North) at Herston, with a central concrete command post and separate pits for a predictor and height finder. The presence of military activities modified the use of the golf course, with some fairways occupied by the anti-aircraft battery and US Army facilities.

After the war, the military facilities at Victoria Park on the Herston side, remained standing and were repurposed. The empty huts initially housed Australian war brides—women who had married American servicemen. From 1945, 'bride ships' were arranged to transport them, but when passage for over 200 women was cancelled in September 1945, they were temporarily accommodated at Victoria Park (North) until new travel arrangements were made.

As Queensland's population grew rapidly after the war, a housing shortage emerged. To address this, the government repurposed military facilities for temporary housing. In February 1947, the Queensland Government took over the Victoria Park facilities, converting them into the city's second-largest temporary settlement. By 1950, 460 families lived in the huts. The camp was often criticised for poor living conditions and was gradually dismantled by 1960.



Photo shows housing commission dwellings in Victoria Park in the 1950s.

From the 1950s, improvements to Victoria Park were planned under Parks Superintendent Harry Oakman, who led the restoration of Brisbane's parks, including the planting of flowering trees on the Victoria Park golf course.

Late 20th & Early 21st Century Use (1950s–2024)

The last of the wartime buildings at Victoria Park were demolished in the early 1970s after the University of Queensland Medical School, which had used temporary structures in the park to house its anatomy and physiotherapy departments, relocated to its new campus at St Lucia.

At the time, Victoria Park Golf Course was still the only municipal course in Brisbane, and as the city's population grew, the popularity of golf also increased. This prompted the Brisbane City Council to begin plans for a new clubhouse, which was built on the original 17th fairway. The new clubhouse, completed in 1975, caused alterations to the course layout, making it a full 18-hole course. The 1930s clubhouse was vacated, and Victoria Park Golf Course remained Brisbane's only municipal course until the St Lucia Golf Course opened in 1985.

In 1972, a proposal to build a freeway through the park was raised, but it wasn't until the late 1990s that it became reality. The Inner-City Bypass, which ran through the park and was completed in 2003, further divided the park. During its construction, archaeological investigations revealed over 100,000 artefacts, including glass bottles, ceramics, and personal items, highlighting the park's historical significance. Victoria Park continued to provide various recreational facilities, including playgrounds, walking tracks, and sports fields.

In the late 1990s, Brisbane City Council expanded the golf course, introducing a driving range, café, and function centre. After unresolved lease negotiations, the Victoria Park Golf Club closed in 2000, and the Clubhouse was leased to private interests.

In the early 2020s, Brisbane City Council initiated consultations for a Master Plan for the park, which includes future development options for Barrambin/Victoria Park. The plan has been approved, ensuring the continued evolution of this significant green space.



Brisbane City Council Master Plan for Victoria Park Barrambin, June 2023

Conclusion

Researching and writing this submission has been like walking through the history and development of Brisbane from Meanjin times to the present day, with the changes to Victoria Park Barrambin reflecting the changes to our city.

Whilst we all accept 'progress', we must also value and preserve our heritage and history. Victoria Park Barrambin must be preserved in perpetuity for future generations to see, walk through and learn about what is left of this magnificent green space, rather just having to research it in books or in libraries.

I commend the application, No 602493, to the Heritage Council and respectfully request that you join both sides of Victoria Park Barrambin back together on the Heritage Register.

Sue Bremner



From: Harry Buchanan
Sent: Wednesday, 12 February 2025 1:46 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Objection to Heritage Listing of Victoria Park (North) – QHR 602493

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Dear Heritage Branch,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed heritage listing of Victoria Park (North) – QHR 602493. While I support the preservation of sites with genuine cultural and historical significance, expanding the heritage listing to this area is unnecessary and could negatively impact Brisbane's future development.

Reasons for objection

1. Victoria Park (North) does not meet the cultural heritage criteria

- The area does not contain significant historical structures or relics. It is a general-use open parkland, similar to many others across Brisbane.
- The park is already partially protected as green space under Brisbane City Council planning, making additional heritage protections unnecessary.

2. Heritage listing would limit future development opportunities

- The site has been identified as a potential venue for the 2032 Olympics. If heritage-listed, future upgrades and redevelopment could be restricted, limiting Brisbane's ability to host world-class events.
- The listing could prevent the construction of improved public amenities, sporting facilities, and sustainable infrastructure.
- Brisbane is growing, and land use restrictions should be applied carefully to avoid stalling beneficial projects.

3. The timing of this application raises concerns

- The push for heritage listing appears to be a reaction to stadium and infrastructure discussions rather than a genuine need for protection.
- Community opposition to unnecessary heritage listings has been strong, and there is little evidence that this site requires special protections.

For these reasons, I urge the Queensland Heritage Council and the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation to reject this application and ensure Brisbane can develop responsibly.

I appreciate your consideration and request that my submission be acknowledged.

Kind regards,

Harry

14 February 2025

Heritage Branch

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SUBMISSION ON QUEENSLAND HERITAGE APPLICATION 602493, VICTORIA PARK
(NORTH), 454 GREGORY TERRACE, SPRING HILL

I am writing as a local resident living In Brisbane City, within a few minutes' walk from Victoria Park.

I visit the park reasonably often with my dog to walk through both the southern and northern areas of the park and would like to make the following observations regarding the Heritage application:

- I believe that the heritage and conservation value of the park is being over-stated by many of those seeking heritage listing whose primary objective has become to prevent any development on the park, particularly Olympic related infrastructure.
- As a weekly user of the northern park area where I walk my dog on weekdays, I on almost all occasions literally see no-one else using the park other than people using the path from RBH through to the bike path. While it is a green space, unlike the adjacent Roma St Parklands it is not used by the community except by a small number of people during weekends.
- The park is now nothing like the original open bushland used by First Nations people in pre-colonial times or in fact any of the uses such as a quarry, rubbish dump, timber felling, brick making, World War 2 camp site etc etc. It is bisected by the ICB and has ventilation towers for underlying tunnels. It was previously sculpted into a golf course and is mainly turfed with some new walking paths. Even the existing waterway is largely man made and can be protected. It seems unlikely that there will be any significant residual heritage value that cannot be protected by new development undertaken with care for these issues
- Brisbane City Council acknowledged the First Nations' cultural heritage of the park in its 2023 Master Plan saying, "(w)e will continue to consult with the area's Traditional Custodians throughout the project and beyond, to feature Aboriginal design elements, language, stories and culture across the park." Given this, the need to heritage list the park is moot.
- A successful heritage application may have an impact on the ability to place or even preclude Olympic infrastructure such as a stadium or swimming venue on the site. The 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games' Host Contract stipulates that, "Where new permanent venues need to be constructed, the Hosts shall ensure that they are not located in or adjacent to statutory nature (or) cultural protected areas." Inclusion of Victoria Park (North) on the Queensland Heritage Register could prevent the park being used for other public purposes when there are clearly sufficient protections already in place for the retention of the residual heritage values and a clear recognition of that. . The history of the park from pre and posy colonial periods will not be lost, forgotten or changed by additional development in the park.
- I do not believe that the highly modified state of the park could sufficiently satisfy the five criteria for cultural heritage recognition as recognised by the Queensland Heritage Register:
 1. The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history.
 2. The place has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Queensland's history.

3. The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places.
4. The place is important because of its aesthetic significance.
5. The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural, or spiritual reasons.

In summary, I believe that the residual heritage value of the park can be protected without the need to add it to the Queensland Heritage Register, that some rewilding of the park could still occur even with some Olympic infrastructure constructed there ie. these changes to the park need not be incompatible with each other and it would be wrong to put in place an intractable structural impediment to allowing other uses of the already highly modified Victoria Park (North) area.

Regards

[Redacted]

John Bennett

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From: Elizabeth Irwin
Sent: Sunday, 16 February 2025 12:46 PM
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To the Heritage Branch, Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation,

I am writing to support the application to place the Herston side of Victoria Park / Barrambin on the Queensland Heritage Register - (QHR): 602493. This park has been a significant public space for over a century and meets the criteria for heritage listing due to its strong association with the Brisbane community for social, cultural and spiritual reasons.

Victoria Park has played a continuous role in Brisbane's history as a place of recreation, gathering and respite. It has long provided accessible green space for residents, workers and visitors, offering a natural setting for both formal and informal use. Generations of Brisbane residents have used this park for community events, outdoor activities and everyday recreation, making it a well-established and highly valued public space.

The park is also closely linked to the development of Brisbane's healthcare precinct, particularly with the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, which sits directly opposite. For decades, the park has served as an important place of rest and recovery for hospital staff, patients and visitors, reinforcing its role as a space that supports public health and wellbeing.

Victoria Park's cultural significance extends to its use by the Turrbal people, for whom Barrambin has been an important meeting and ceremonial place for thousands of years. Heritage listing will help ensure that this ongoing connection is recognised and protected, rather than being eroded by future development.

In addition to its recreational and cultural significance, Victoria Park has historically provided shelter and refuge for Brisbane's most vulnerable residents.

Given its long-standing community value, association with key public institutions and role in Brisbane's social history, Victoria Park clearly meets the criteria for heritage listing under community and cultural significance. Protecting the Herston side of the park through heritage status will ensure that this important public space remains intact for future generations.

I urge you to support this application.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Elizabeth Jean Irwin

From: Kate Irwin
Sent: Sunday, 16 February 2025 12:56 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: In support of QHR: 602493 Victoria Park (North)
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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing this email in regards to Queensland Heritage Register Number (QHR): 602493.

I wish to support the application to add Victoria Park (North) to the Queensland Heritage Register. In this email, I wish to focus on the heritage criteria which states that “the place is important because of its aesthetic significance.”

Victoria Park / Barrambin is one of Brisbane’s most beautiful and treasured green spaces. The Herston side of the park, in particular, holds extraordinary aesthetic significance and deserves protection under the Queensland Heritage Register. The park is not just functional, it is visually and emotionally uplifting and its beauty is an essential part of Brisbane’s identity.

Anyone who has stood on the Herston side of the park knows the special quality of this place. It is one of the few remaining spots in inner Brisbane where you can look out over rolling green hills, swathes of mature native trees and pockets of water, all while catching glimpses of the city skyline beyond. This contrast - the natural meeting the urban - creates a view that is uniquely Brisbane.

The topography of the Herston side of Victoria Park is what makes it so visually striking. The gentle slopes and open grassy spaces give the park a sense of expanse and openness that is increasingly rare in a rapidly developing inner city. The natural dips and hollows draw the eye downwards toward York’s Hollow, where the water reflects the sky and surrounding trees, offering moments of stillness and tranquillity.

This is not just about beauty for beauty’s sake. The visual experience of Victoria Park is deeply tied to how people feel when they enter the space. It is a place that invites people to pause, to breathe and to take in their surroundings. Whether walking along the paths, sitting under the shade of a fig tree or gazing across the water at sunset, the sense of peace and connection to nature is undeniable.

It is also a place of visual storytelling. The stone retaining walls built during the Great Depression, the traces of the old golf course and the wetlands at York’s Hollow all speak to different periods in the park’s history, creating a layered landscape that is as rich in visual texture as it is in history. These elements work together to create a setting that is not just pretty, it is evocative, meaningful and distinctly part of Brisbane’s story.

Parks with this kind of visual and emotional impact are not easily replaced. Once the views are

obstructed, once the open space is built over, once the balance between nature and the city is lost, it is gone forever. The Herston side of Victoria Park is part of Brisbane's visual identity, and its aesthetic significance is something that cannot simply be replicated elsewhere.

Protecting this park through heritage listing is not just about preserving a patch of grass. It is about safeguarding a place that gives people a sense of belonging in their city. It is about ensuring that future generations can stand on that hill, look out over the trees and water and feel the same sense of wonder and calm that so many of us feel today.

For its exceptional aesthetic value and its importance to Brisbane's visual and cultural landscape, I urge you to support the application to add the Herston side of Victoria Park to the Queensland Heritage Register.

I have included some photos of the park's aesthetic appeal below.

Thank you,
Dr Kate Irwin

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From: Rob Irwin
Sent: Sunday, 16 February 2025 2:58 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: RE: Queensland Heritage Register Number (QHR): 602493 | Victoria Park (North)

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the inclusion of the Herston side of Victoria Park in the Queensland Heritage Register. This park is an irreplaceable part of Brisbane's story and is deeply important in demonstrating the evolution and pattern of Queensland's history.

Victoria Park / Barrambin is one of Brisbane's oldest public spaces. Gazetted as a recreation reserve in 1875, it reflects the development of Brisbane as it transitioned from a small colonial settlement into a growing urban centre. As the city expanded, Victoria Park became a vital green lung for residents, providing open space for recreation, social gatherings, and community events. It is a rare surviving example of a large inner-city park that has remained largely undeveloped, despite pressures of urbanisation throughout the 20th and 21st centuries.

The park's history is layered and deeply connected to the development of both Brisbane and Queensland. During the Great Depression of the 1930s, the park became a place of shelter for some of Brisbane's most vulnerable residents, with makeshift huts built along York's Hollow. This period is a sobering reminder of the hardship faced by many Queenslanders, and the park's role as a place of refuge is an essential part of our social history.

In addition, Victoria Park played a significant role during World War II, when it was used by American military forces stationed in Brisbane. The park's proximity to key transport and supply routes made it a strategic site, and its use during this period reflects Brisbane's transformation into a wartime hub and its growing importance on the national stage. These military associations are not just part of the park's story but form part of Brisbane's broader narrative as a city that adapted rapidly to wartime demands.

The park is also inextricably linked to the development of the Herston medical precinct, including the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, which has served the community since the 1860s. Victoria Park provided a much-needed place of rest and recovery for hospital patients, staff, and visitors, fostering an ongoing relationship between the park and Brisbane's healthcare community.

Furthermore, the park's location within Barrambin, a significant site for the Turrbal people, predates European settlement and speaks to thousands of years of Aboriginal presence, ceremony, and gathering in this landscape. While this Indigenous significance is recognised in part through the addition of 'Barrambin' to the park's official name, ongoing efforts to preserve the park ensure that this cultural history remains visible and respected as part of Brisbane's broader story.

These layers of history - from Indigenous custodianship to colonial expansion, from wartime operations to Depression-era hardship, and its role as a medical precinct's green sanctuary make the Herston side of Victoria Park uniquely important in understanding the evolution of Brisbane and Queensland's social and cultural fabric. It is not merely a park, it is a physical record of our city's growth and resilience.

Heritage listing is vital to protect this irreplaceable landscape from inappropriate development and to ensure that current and future generations can appreciate its full historical significance. The Herston side of Victoria Park is an open-air archive of Queensland's past - a living reminder of how our city has evolved and the people who shaped it.

For all these reasons, I urge you to support the application to place the Herston side of Victoria Park on the Queensland Heritage Register.

Sincerely,

Rob Irwin



From: Brant Harris
Sent: Monday, 17 February 2025 3:25 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: SUBMISSION ON QUEENSLAND HERITAGE APPLICATION 602493, VICTORIA PARK (NORTH), 454 GREGORY TERRACE, SPRING HILL

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I support the inclusion of Victoria Park [North] on the Queensland Heritage Register, to be added to the existing Victoria Park listing, for many of the reasons already outlined in the existing QHR listing 602493.

Criterion A

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history.

As per the existing listing, Victoria Park [North] functions have included:

- social, cultural and sustenance grounds for Aboriginal people, before and during the colonial period
- brickmaking and timber-felling industries
- municipal rubbish dump
- scientific experimentation
- campsites for displaced people
- sports and recreation grounds;
- significant involvement in World War II and
- the subsequent utilisation of built assets constructed during the war to provide housing for individuals and families and then for medical research and economic development

Victoria Park remains one of the largest parks in Brisbane, and demonstrates the value afforded to green recreational space from the 19th to the 21st century.

Criterion C

The place has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Queensland's history.

As per the existing listing, Victoria Park has the potential to contribute knowledge that will lead to a greater understanding of early urban material culture, consumption and disposal habits in Queensland, and early and evolved service infrastructure and occupation activities on the urban fringe.

Historical use of the park for a variety of purposes has resulted in the potential for subsurface archaeological evidence that could inform and contribute to Queensland's history.

Criterion D

The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places.

Victoria Park illustrates the growing emphasis on recreational spaces and community amenities in the post-war period.

Criterion E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance.

As per the existing listing, Victoria Park (North) is significant for its aesthetic attributes, derived from the juxtaposition of the place's natural qualities with its metropolitan setting.

Criterion G

The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.

As per the existing listing, the entire Barrambin Victoria Park has a special association with the people of Brisbane as a popular inner-city park for organised sport and informal recreation (having served the community formally since 1875 as a valued green space for recreational purposes), and should be added to the existing listing.

For the reasons above, I therefore support the North and South Victoria Parks becoming one integrated listing on the Queensland Heritage Register.

Kind Regards

Brant Harris

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SUBMISSION ON QUEENSLAND HERITAGE APPLICATION 602493, VICTORIA PARK (NORTH), 454 GREGORY TERRACE, SPRING HILL

I lodge this submission as a resident of Brisbane, my home for 58 years.
In relation to Victoria Park/Barrambbin.

This place as it stands now holds very significant social, cultural and spiritual meaning and is highly valued to myself and others in the community.

I support the inclusion of the additional Northern Areas at Victoria Park/Barrambbin to the Queensland Heritage Register.

The Northern areas meet five criteria for cultural heritage criteria. It has shared heritage values as an ancient and sacred meeting place for First Nations groups across South East Queensland and it is currently being considered for major significant impact and destruction to make way for sporting facilities for the Brisbane Olympics.

Firstly, this application demonstrates that Victoria Park (North) meets the following criteria for cultural heritage recognition as recognised by the Queensland Heritage Register:

1. The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history.
2. The place has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Queensland's history.
3. The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places.
4. The place is important because of its aesthetic significance and offers significant, unique views sheds from within it to other landmark natural and cultural points of significance around Brisbane.
5. The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural, or spiritual reasons.

Over the course of its history, some of the notable functions of Victoria Park (North) have included social and sustenance grounds for First Nations people before and during the Colonial period; brick-making and timber felling industries; quarry & municipal rubbish dump; scientific experimentation and medical research; campsites for displaced people,

military and housing uses during World War II; and sports and recreation grounds. It has the strong potential to yield further information about initial First Nations uses and the contact and conflict that occurred during European settlement and beyond.

It could contribute a greater understanding of early urban culture, consumption and disposal habits in Queensland, as well as service infrastructure. Its significant uses during World War II also offer further historical and heritage value. Victoria Park / Barrambbin was designated as public parkland by the Government in 1864 and its original size was 130 hectares. However, over time, about half of the park has been taken for other uses, leaving 64 hectares. We cannot afford to lose any more of this park without compromising its initial purpose as Brisbane's major parkland, similar to New York's Central Park, London's Hyde Park, or Lumpini Park in Bangkok. Today there is a Deed of Grant In Trust in place requiring the site to be used for parkland. Its main aesthetic attributes are its established flora and expansive open hilly green space with wide views of the surrounding city. We know that many residents also want to preserve the Golf Course Clubhouse as an architectural example of modernist 1970s design. Historically, the clubhouse illustrates the growing emphasis on recreational and community amenities in the post-war period.

Secondly, we are aware that places of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage are considered separately to the Queensland Heritage Register, unless the place has shared heritage values. Victoria Park/ Barrambbin has shared heritage values. Before colonisation, Victoria Park and the surrounding areas were known as Barrambbin (meaning 'windy place') and Walan / Woolan (meaning 'bream'). It described the open woodlands and ancient waterways that provided a meeting place for First Nations groups from across South-East Queensland to hunt and fish, dance, compete and perform corroboree. Evidence shows a continual First Nations presence from more than 20,000 years ago and archaeological excavations conducted ahead of the Inner City Bypass construction have already uncovered artefacts which were given to the Queensland Museum.

In 2019, Brisbane City Council (BCC) began a Master Planning Process for the park which involved 80,000 points of engagement with local residents and proposed to convert the then-golf course back into public parkland. Brisbane City Council responded to public requests to provide greater acknowledgement of the First Nations' cultural heritage of the park in their completed 2023 Master Plan, "The area now contained within Victoria Park / Barrambbin was an extensive Aboriginal camp and is a significant European contact and cultural site.... Aboriginal people have lived here, gathered here, performed ceremonies here, and cared for this Country over many thousands of years, right up until present times... We will continue to consult with the area's Traditional Custodians throughout the project and beyond, to feature Aboriginal design elements, language, stories and culture across the park." The Heritage Council should be aware that this vision to restore and re-wild the park has significant funding already committed. In February 2024, the Courier Mail reported that BCC had spent "\$33 million to-date on the design and early works with a further \$141 million to the project over four years which will run through to the end of the 2026/27 financial year". \$120 million of this \$141 million has now been committed; \$40 million each from the Federal Government, Queensland Government and Brisbane City Council. However, property developers have since proposed Victoria Park as the site of the main Olympic Stadium and unfortunately there are reports that this proposal is receiving support from the Queensland Government's current "Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games 100-day review".

The site presents challenging topography for a stadium redevelopment – its ancient waterways and gullies are home to established native fauna and flora. The topography would need to be significantly altered for a stadium, which would be incredibly destructive as these natural features could never be restored.

Finally, the Heritage Council should also be aware that Clause 15.3 of the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games' Host Contract stipulates that, "Where new permanent venues need to be constructed, the Hosts, the Host NOC and the OCOG shall ensure that they are not located in or adjacent to statutory nature, cultural protected areas or World Heritage Sites." Therefore, additional protection via inclusion of Victoria Park (North) on the Queensland Heritage Register could prevent the park being destroyed and its heritage values retained.

Therefore, I support and request Victoria Park / Barrambbin to become one consolidated park with one level of heritage recognition. The Heritage Council should register the South and North Victoria Parks as one integrated listing on the Queensland Heritage Register.

Kind regards,

Ashley Nicholson

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From: Jessica Spencer
Sent: Sunday, 16 February 2025 12:23 PM
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Hello,

I am writing to express my support for the inclusion of the Herston side of Victoria Park in the Queensland Heritage Register - **QHR 602493**. This site is of significant importance as it demonstrates the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places, specifically large inner-city parklands that have been integral to Queensland's urban development and community life for well over a century.

Victoria Park / Barrambin is an outstanding example of a public park that has evolved in response to the changing needs of the people of Brisbane while still retaining its essential character as an expansive, multi-purpose green space. The park is part of a broader tradition of establishing large recreational spaces within growing cities, reflecting 19th and early 20th-century town planning ideals that prioritised open green spaces for public health, recreation and community gathering.

Throughout Queensland, such parks were seen as vital components of urban planning, providing relief from dense development and industrialisation. Victoria Park is one of the last remaining inner-city parklands in Brisbane that continues to fulfil this original purpose on a large scale, making it an important example of this particular class of cultural place.

The Herston side of Victoria Park retains many of the key features that define traditional public parks of this era. It is characterised by large open grassed areas, mature shade trees, gently undulating topography and the presence of pathways and informal recreational spaces. This open layout reflects early park design principles, which aimed to provide spaces for passive and active recreation while preserving a sense of natural beauty within the urban landscape.

While Victoria Park has undergone various changes over time including its period as a golf course, the fundamental characteristics that define it as an expansive, multi-purpose parkland have endured.

These natural elements, combined with the built features associated with its evolution over time, such as the stone retaining walls constructed during the Great Depression and pathways shaped by decades of community use, reflect the adaptive nature of Queensland's public parks. They

demonstrate how such spaces were designed to serve changing community needs without losing their core identity as places of public gathering, recreation and natural beauty.

Importantly, Victoria Park is part of a dwindling number of large-scale inner-city parklands in Brisbane, a city that has faced significant development pressure over the past few decades. As other comparable spaces have been reduced or heavily developed, Victoria Park stands as a rare surviving example of the original vision for public parks in Queensland's capital - an accessible, green haven in the heart of an increasingly urbanised city.

In 1875, before Victoria Park was gazetted, a Brisbane resident wrote to the editor of the Brisbane Courier and their response was published in the newspaper. They wrote -

"There are rumours that the reserve in York's Hollow, generally called the "Victoria Park" is to be surveyed out and sold, and that the Government intends to [use] portions of it for different purposes, and still further deprive the city of the benefit of open spaces in it...If the Government wish for land, surely there are plenty of other places to choose from, without taking from the public that which has been set apart for them... It behooves true citizens to try to prevent the open spaces left for the public from being taken from them, as the more open spaces there are, the more favourable it will be for the health of the community."

It is telling and disappointing that we are fighting to still protect the area of Victoria Park 150 years later. Listing the Herston side of Victoria Park on the Queensland Heritage Register will ensure that the essential qualities and characteristics of this cultural place are preserved. Future generations will be able to experience this unique parkland as both a recreational resource and a living example of the values that guided the development of Brisbane's public spaces over a century ago.

I urge you to support the application for heritage listing to safeguard this irreplaceable part of Queensland's cultural landscape.

Sincerely,

Jessica Spencer



From: Samuel Spencer
Sent: Sunday, 16 February 2025 12:25 PM
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Subject: QHR: 602493

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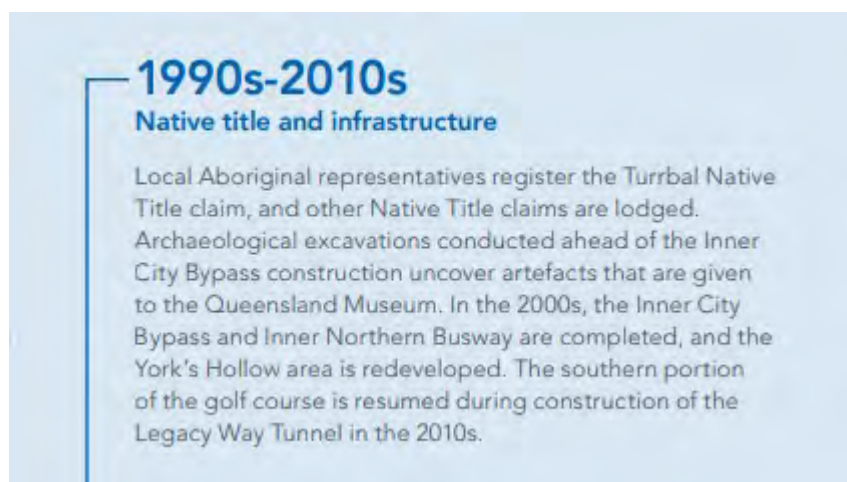
To the Heritage Branch of the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation,

I am writing in support of the QHR: 602493 Victoria Park (North) application. I believe Victoria Park North should absolutely be included in the Queensland Heritage Register.

The Victoria Park landscape is not only significant for its social and cultural history, but it also holds enormous potential to yield information that will contribute to a deeper understanding of Queensland's past.

Victoria Park / Barrambin has been a gathering place for thousands of years. It is well-documented that the area was an important meeting and camping place for the Turrbal, Jagera and Yuggera people as well as many other clans who travelled to the area. Barrambin, meaning "windy place" in the Turrbal language is more than a name, it represents a place of trade, ceremony, and cultural exchange for First Nations communities long before European settlement. While the cultural significance of this site to First Nations people is acknowledged, there is still so much we do not fully understand about the pre-colonial use of this landscape. Preserving Victoria Park ensures that future research can uncover more about this enduring connection.

I note also the following artefacts which have so far been discovered on the site -



The above was taken from the BCC's master plan for Victoria Park and mentions artefacts which were found during the construction of the Inner City Bypass through the park.

Here are some examples of other artefacts which have been found at the Park by Dr Ray Kerkhove -



A stone flint found at Victoria Park. DR RAY KERKHOVE



An oyster shell found in Victoria Park, where First Australians camped. DR RAY KERKHOVE

More information here: <https://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/national/queensland/really-rich-indigenous-history-victoria-park-s-future-to-celebrate-its-past-20201211-p56mue.html>

Undoubtedly such findings only touch the surface of our understanding of how this area was used and its significance to First Nations people.

Equally, the colonial and post-colonial histories embedded within the park have not yet been fully explored. Victoria Park was gazetted as a park in 1875, and its proximity to the developing town centre meant it was an early interface between settler expansion and the natural environment. The park was a site of various public works and relief efforts during the Great Depression, including the construction of stone walls, pathways, and other infrastructure - some of which still remain. These Depression-era projects offer a physical record of government intervention during one of Queensland's most challenging economic periods.

Most notably, York's Hollow, on the Herston side of the park, was a place where families built makeshift

huts and lived during the Depression. This settlement represents a largely forgotten chapter in Brisbane's working-class history, a time when people made do with what they had, relying on the park's proximity to water and resources to survive. There is potential for archaeological remains from this period to still exist, providing tangible evidence of the hardship experienced by Brisbane's residents.

Furthermore, the park was used extensively by the American military during World War II as part of Brisbane's wartime infrastructure. Given the scale of activity and the temporary nature of military installations, there is a strong possibility that artefacts from this period remain buried beneath the soil - a potential treasure trove for researchers investigating Queensland's role in the war and Brisbane's transformation into a key Allied base.

The landscape of Victoria Park is a layered one culturally, socially and physically. It is a place that continues to hold secrets and future archaeological work could yield critical information about -

- Pre-colonial Indigenous land use and cultural practices
- Working-class survival strategies during the Great Depression
- Brisbane's military history during World War II
- The development of Brisbane's public health infrastructure

Preserving this site is not simply about protecting green space; it is about safeguarding the potential to better understand Queensland's evolving social and cultural landscape. Once built over or developed, that potential is lost forever.

I strongly urge you to support the application for state heritage listing to ensure that this historically rich and archaeologically valuable landscape is protected for future generations and future research.

Regards,

Samuel Spencer

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Dear Heritage Branch,

I am writing to strongly support the application for Victoria Park/Barrambin to be listed on the Queensland Heritage Register.

The park satisfies multiple cultural heritage criteria that make it worthy of protection:

Firstly, Victoria Park/Barrambin is important in demonstrating the evolution of Queensland's history (Criterion 1). The site represents significant phases of Brisbane's development, from its Indigenous heritage as Barrambin to its role in early colonial settlement and its eventual dedication as public parkland in 1875.

The park also holds exceptional aesthetic significance (Criterion 4). Its distinctive landscape features, mature trees, and natural amphitheater provide breathtaking views of the Brisbane skyline while offering a vital green space in our urban environment. The park's undulating topography and established vegetation create a unique visual character that enhances Brisbane's landscape.

Furthermore, Victoria Park/Barrambin has a strong and special association with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities (Criterion 5). For First Nations peoples, it holds ongoing cultural significance as Barrambin. For the broader Brisbane community, it has been a cherished place of recreation, celebration, and gathering, serving as a crucial community hub.

The park's enduring cultural and environmental significance deserves the strongest possible protection through heritage listing. This will ensure that future generations can continue to benefit from this irreplaceable community asset.

Kind regards,

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Zachary Spiro



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I fully support the Victoria Park (North), Application being included as part of the Queensland Heritage Register No 602493 Victoria Park.

The time for appropriate recognition of the Heritage values of Victoria Park is long-overdue. Some 16,000 people contributed to the Brisbane City Council Vision for the Park, from which there were some 5,000 written submissions. This level of community engagement is further evidence of the respect in which the Heritage values are held.

[Redacted Signature]

Signed

DR. DAVID MILCHNICK

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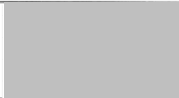

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RE - Queensland Heritage Register Number (QHR): 602493 Victoria Park (North)

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Yours sincerely
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Additionally, I support the concept of consolidating both the North and South Victoria Parks into a single precinct, all covered by the same heritage recognition.

I therefore support the combined properties becoming one integrated / combined listing on the Queensland Heritage Register.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Date	February 8, 2025
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Gary King

From: Claudia Kroll
Sent: Saturday, 8 February 2025 8:10 AM
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Regards,
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I am a Professional Historian (certified by PHAQ 2013) specialising in Indigenous site histories, especially of SE Queensland. I have researched and written extensively on Inner Brisbane sites, and wrote the foundational paper for Brisbane City Council's study of the Indigenous values and history of Victoria Park. On the basis of my findings, I fully support the inclusion of Victoria Park [North] on the Queensland Heritage Register. This is because it clearly meets the following five criteria for cultural heritage recognition.

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The park was part of the founding and shaping Brisbane, the ridges and waterholes of this area being the most important Turrbal base camp. The camp was in constant interaction with the penal colony of Moreton Bay. As 'York's Hollow' what is now North and South Victoria Park appears in numerous early reports and reminiscences as the site of important ceremonies, tournaments, trade/sales to whites, and conflict with settlers. It was the main home of 'the Duke of York' – a major local headman of the 1820s-1850s.

As the park's shape relates strongly to the earlier Water Reserve, which itself designated the numerous waterholes and ridge of the extensive Walan/Barambin camp, it is a relic of a major Indigenous living space that existed before settlement and as a potent entity in the 1820s-1870s, and in a reduced form (including as a shanty town) as recently as the 1950s.

The 1846 and 1849 skirmishes here were the last use of the regular army against Aboriginal people in Queensland. The number of casualties from both incidents is uncertain, but some fatalities were reported.

2.The place has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Queensland's history.

The park has never had an archaeological survey focussed on its Indigenous or conflict heritage – eg the skirmishes with soldiers in 1846 and 1849. Stone tools are found here from time to time, and abundant oyster shell, which indicate there is much here that could contribute to our understanding of early Queensland history. The viewsapes and contours of this once large major campsite offer perspectives and fields of data that cannot be obtained if this area is heavily disturbed and built on.

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Victoria Park demonstrates the transition of large Indigenous base camps to water reserves to parks – a process that occurred all over Queensland.

4.The place is important because of its aesthetic significance.

The park is the largest open green space in inner Brisbane. It has rolling ridges with sweeping views. Sitting just above the CBD, with large and ancient trees, it has been a feature of Brisbane's urban landscape for two centuries, forming a green contrast to the dense office clusters below.

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All First Nations families associated with Brisbane who I work with regard Victoria Park as a significant spiritual and cultural place. Some of the elders were born here. York's Hollow – the largest remaining waterhole – was a centre for rain/ Rainbow Serpent ceremonies. Victoria Park in general was part of major inter-tribal post-initiation activities including ritual tournaments involving groups from all over SE Queensland. As many as 1000 people from different regions would attend.

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