

BARELLAN POINT CITATIONS
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Stone Wall, Joseph Brady Park

240 Riverside Avenue

EXPANDED IPSWICH HERITAGE STUDY

Name:	Stone wall	[RI-18-0240]
Category:	Ruin	
Location:	Extending out into river at Joseph Brady Park, 240 Riverside Ave, Barellan Pt	
RPD:	SL5469/240	
Listing boundary:	Park	
Other listings:	Nil	
Significance level:	Local	

History: The wall is the remains of a scheme to raise the water level of the Bremer River to assist navigation, particularly across the bar of the Bremer River at its junction with the Brisbane River.

The proposal was first made by Francis Grundy in 1855. In 1861, marine surveyor Lt GP Heath submitted a report to the legislative Assembly on navigation of the Brisbane and Bremer Rivers; he warned that dredging would not keep channels clear but was likely to increase erosion.

In 1865, Joseph Brady, the Engineer of Harbours and Ports, started work on a wall. This was to be 3 metres high, 10 metres wide at the base and extend 75 metres into the Brisbane River. Lt Heath did not agree with the scheme. After more than 2500 pounds was spent on the project, it was abandoned.

Description: Remains of a sandstone block wall near the roundabout at the south-east corner of the park. It is made of large hand-picked blocks now partly covered by soil. At low tide, more of the structure is visible.

Significance:

This property is a place of cultural heritage significance and satisfies one or more of the criteria in Division 13.6 of Local Law 30 of the Ipswich Town Planning Scheme as evidenced by, but not exclusive to, the following statement of significance, based on **Criteria a, b, f**.

The wall project demonstrates the importance placed on maintaining river navigation between Brisbane and Ipswich in the early years of Queensland (prior to 1875 when a rail link was established). The remains of the wall demonstrate the technological response of the period to a navigational problem.

Associated items:

References: QT 23 March 1982

Comments: The plaque in the park does not give any indication of the history of this interesting site or the reason for the park's name. As early explorers also camped nearby, this is a site which requires some sort of interpretation for visitors.

Note: This report has been prepared on the basis of evidence examined by the study team and seeks to identify the most important heritage values of the item. The purpose of this report is to provide an initial evaluation. If any action is planned which might affect the cultural heritage significance of this place, advice should be sought through the Ipswich City Council Heritage Advisory Service.

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