

**KHOLO CITATIONS**  
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<b>Name:</b>	'Blythe Villa'	[RI-20-0003]
<b>Category:</b>	House	
<b>Location:</b>	3 Riverside Drive Kholo	
<b>RPD:</b>	Lot 3 RP 103828	
<b>Listing boundary:</b>	Fenced house allotment	
<b>Other listings:</b>	Nil	
<b>Significance level:</b>	Local	

### **History:**

### **Description:**

Lowset timber house circa 1890 clad in chamferboard and corrugated galvanised iron, with verandahs on three sides, cast iron lace balustrading, projecting pediment over front entry, verandah posts paired on front verandah, prominent brick chimneys and roof ventilator.

### **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, d and e**.

The house make an aesthetic contribution to the streetscape and is significant for its use of traditional materials and details.

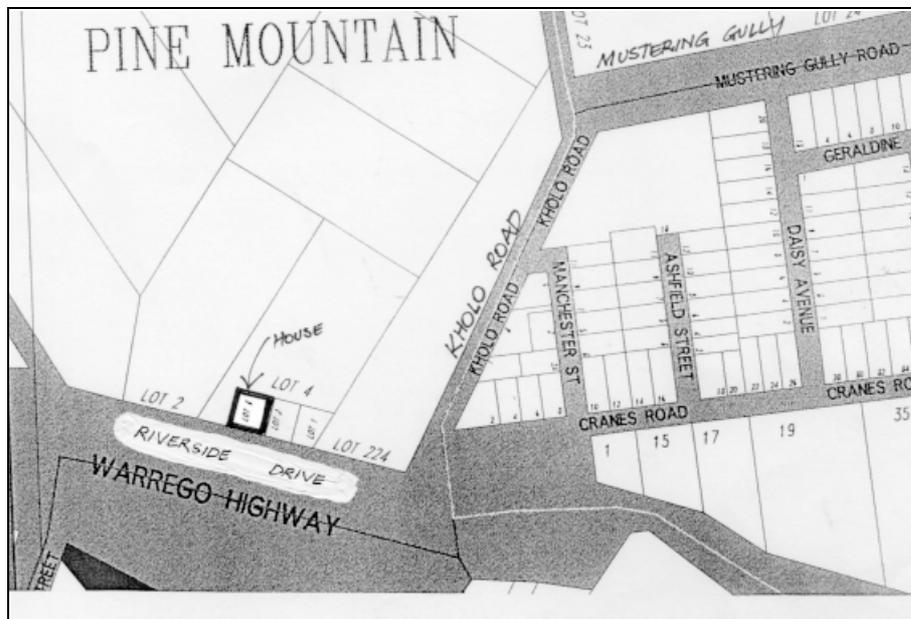
### **Associated items:**

### **References:**

### **Comments:**

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<b>Name:</b>	Kholo Reservoir Precinct	[RI-20-0243 49]
<b>Category:</b>	Waterworks	
<b>Location:</b>	Riverside Drive Kholo	
<b>RPD:</b>	SL3149/243	
<b>Listing boundary:</b>	Whole of site	
<b>Other listings:</b>	Nil	
<b>Significance level:</b>	Local	

**History:** Ipswich's earliest water supply - apart from collection of rain water - was a natural spring in the Old Pump Yard (the block now containing the RSL Memorial Hall) or water collected from the Bremer River. The Bremer water often became brackish and from the 1860s, Ipswich Municipal Council looked for a better alternative. Several different schemes were investigated but the site finally chosen was at Kholo on the Brisbane River. In 1875, Engineer William Highfields reported that the water there flowed over gravel and was clear and of excellent taste.

Pumping machinery was supplied by Appleby Brothers of London, shipped out from England and erected under the supervision of David Rogers. The waterworks consisted of a pumping station which pumped water up into a large concrete reservoir on a nearby hilltop. From the reservoir, water flowed to Ipswich along a pipeline.

The waterworks was officially handed over to Council on 31 August 1878. Mr J. Bedford, a former locomotive superintendent from the Railway Workshops, became the first manager.

By 1906, a larger reservoir was needed to meet the growing demands of the city. It was constructed on the site of the old one. The work was carried out by day labour under the supervision of the Ipswich City Engineer Mr T Kirk. A dividing wall was constructed to allow half the reservoir to be cleaned at a time without interrupting water supply.

In 1891, work started on the Mt Crosby waterworks to supply Brisbane. The two pumping sites were very close. In 1918, the Queensland Government introduced a bill to abolish the Ipswich Water Board and establish a metropolitan water board, with Ipswich being given two places on the new board. Ipswich objected because ratepayers had reduced the debt on its own waterworks to almost nothing; the works were to be taken over with virtually no compensation and this was seen as "extremely unjust and inequitable". However the Government was unmoved and in 1920, Ipswich was forced to buy its water from Mt Crosby and the Kholo works became obsolete.

**Description:** The precinct includes three elements of significance - the 1906 Reservoir (re-roofed in 1980), an earlier rivetted steel surge tower, and the water officer's house adjacent. The 1906 Reservoir with opening plaque, is still in use. The earlier water tower is intact except for the access ladder (which was relocated to the Denmark Hill Reservoir) and damaged brick retaining walls at the base. The house circa 1880s is in good condition. The house's outbuildings are in poor condition.

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The precinct is significant for its demonstration of the technology of water supply since the 1870s and the consequential response to the increased population of Ipswich. The water tower and reservoir are of particular significance and the water officer's house contributes to the understanding of how the waterworks developed.

**Associated items:** Remains of original Kholo Pumping Station located on the riverbank nearby.

**References:** Jubilee History of Ipswich - 1910. Ipswich City Council.  
Qld Times Aug-Sept 1918, particularly 9 Aug 1918

**Comments:** The modern structures within the precinct are excluded from the listing.

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