

Spring Hill and the Environs

History

Spring Hill was so named in the nineteenth century because the hill on which the suburb was built was the source of the creek that was Brisbane's first fresh water supply.

Spring Hill is one of the oldest residential neighbourhoods in Brisbane, with many houses dating from the nineteenth century. As an example, some of the house lots in Sedgebrook Street were surveyed in the 1870's. However, in recent decades much of the older residential and commercial structures have been demolished to be replaced by modern office blocks and apartment buildings.

Between 1903 and 1947 trams ran up Edward Street and along Leichhardt Street to Gregory Terrace. This tram line, operated by the Brisbane City Council, was the steepest in Australia, with a maximum gradient of 1 in 8. After its closure the trams were initially replaced with diesel buses, but in 1951 these were replaced by a trolley-bus service. This was in turn replaced by diesel buses in 1968. The Brisbane City Council continues to provide bus services to the suburb.

The suburb was also served by trams along Boundary street and St Pauls Terrace, with this service being replaced by buses in 1969.

Spring Hill is an inner suburb of Brisbane, Australia located less than 1km north of the central business district. Parts of Spring Hill can be considered to be extensions of the Brisbane CBD.

Transport

Spring Hill is serviced by a free bus called Spring Hill loop which traverses a circuit to and from the city.

Central station is 10 minutes walk from The Sedgebrook where trains leave regularly for the airport, the suburbs of Brisbane, Sunshine and Gold Coasts and other parts of Queensland.

Golf

Victoria Park Golf Complex

- VPGC is 18 hole course on 110 acres with a driving range, Putt Putt, golf shop and restaurant and bar "Caddy Shack".
- Located at Herston Road, Herston
- + 61 7 3252 0666
- www.victoriaparkgolfcomplex.com

St Lucia Golf Links

- St Lucia Golf Links is an 18 hole 'pay and play' course.
- Located at on the corner of Indooroopilly Road and Carawa Street, St Lucia.
- + 61 7 3870 3433

Tennis

Queensland Tennis Centre

- The Queensland Tennis Centre is Brisbane's premier tennis facility, providing Brisbane tennis coaching, tennis fixtures and court hire services. The centre boasts 23 international standard courts.
- 190 King Arthur Terrace, Tennyson
- 1300 292 011

Parks and Gardens

Mt Coot-tha Botanical Garden

- The Brisbane Botanic Gardens at Mount Coot-tha are Queensland's premier subtropical botanic gardens.
- Located seven kilometres from the city centre and four kilometres from Indooroopilly.

City Botanical Garden

- The City Botanic Gardens were established in 1855 and consists of approximately 20 hectares.
- The gardens are accessible by Alice Street, the Goodwill Bridge and Brisbane City Council's ferries and City Cats at the Gardens Point and Eagle St wharves.

Roma Street Parklands

- Roma Street Parkland covers 16 hectares in the centre of the city. The parkland features a variety of themed gardens and recreational

areas, with a web of pathways and boardwalks traversing cascading waterways and rocky outcrops, and also *in situ* artworks by 16 local artists.

- There is pedestrian access to the Roma Street Parkland from the Roma Street Station, as well as from Albert Street, and from the section of the Parkland which used to be called Albert Park, in Wickham Terrace.

Southbank Parklands

- The parklands consist of a mixture of rainforest, water, grassed areas and plazas as well as features such as the riverfront promenade, the Streets Beach, the Grand Arbour, the Suncorp Piazza, the Nepal Peace Pagoda, the Wheel of Brisbane, restaurants, shops and fountains. The parklands are also home to the Queensland Conservatorium.
- Located on the southern bank of the Brisbane River, at South Bank, directly opposite the City. The parklands are connected to the City by the Victoria Bridge at the northern end, and to Gardens Point by the Goodwill Bridge at the southern end.

Things to Do

Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary

- Rated one of the "Top 10 Zoos in the World" by AOL, Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary in Brisbane, Australia, is the world's first and largest koala sanctuary, with over 130 koalas. Cuddle a koala anytime, handfeed kangaroos and encounter a large variety of Aussie wildlife, all in beautiful, natural settings. Don't forget to feed the lorikeets and meet our platypus too.
- Located at Jesmond Road, Fig Tree Pocket and can be by bus from Indooroopilly or by ferry from the city.

CityCat Ferry

- It's cheap and a great way to see the city of Brisbane. Take in many attractions along the route such as the Storey Bridge and the Power House. Day pass allows you to hop on and off and explore the city.
- Ferry terminals are located throughout the Brisbane river, exact location may be obtained via the Brisbane City Council Website or by information centres.

Spring Hill Baths

- Located in 43 Torrington Street, Spring Hill this was the first municipal baths in Brisbane open 1886 by then Mayor James Hipwood.
- The baths at that time were segregated and individual change room line the perimeter of the pool.
- The baths have been maintained in the original flavour and are still open to the public in the summer months.