

Norris Point

Norris Point is the site of the Brisbane Powerhouse opened in 1928.

The first mention in the newspapers is 1876, but a later article (Daily Mercury, 1 Jul 1953, p 4) mentions it being named after the Norris family. One son was Joseph Richard Norris, a well-known Mackay school teacher. His father was James Norris who according to Ancestry trees could have been in Brisbane at that time.

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Mrs. Shepherd's mother ho
had been a teacher too—in c
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when Mr. Norris taught in a
the adjoining Boys' Normal t
School, travelling up from d
Norris Point (named after k
the family) each day—so l
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became old enough, their
eldest daughter became a to
teacher in her father's pu
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Joseph Richard Norris died Mackay 25/4/1915

Earliest map of the area is 1855 here

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The Telegraph, 29 March 1933, p 4 mentions Harry Wright at Norris Point along with a description of the area.

<p>was at Brown and Broads, Newstead, and at Wilcox, New Farm. On the opening day of the trams, rides were free and we all wagged from school.</p> <p>SWAMPS AT NEW FARM.</p> <p>The beautiful New Farm Park was a most dismal looking place mostly covered with clumps of thorn bushes, a dirty, muddy creek meandered across from the junction of Brunswick Street, and Merthyr Road behind the present kiosk and emptied into the river near the Power House. The rose garden was a big shallow swamp and there was another ti-tree swamp between Merthyr Road and the New Farm bowling green. There was also</p>	<p>a chain of swamps running from the back of the sugar refinery (not then built) and ending in a bull rush swamp at the foot of Kingsholme.</p> <p>The sugar refinery was being built in 1893 and during the big flood stacks of timber and material were carried down the river. Old French Peter ran the Brunswick Street ferry and the Turner estate all open paddock, then abutted Brunswick Street, running down the river. Harry Wright, afterwards secretary of the L.V.A., lived in a house at Norris Point (near the Power House). This house was washed away in the flood. Where the C.S.R. now is a man named Hastie had a dairy. There was nothing further down the river till we came to the old Bulimba Brewery on the point about where Dalgety's Wharf now is.</p>
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An 1895 map shows Norris Point.



Found here

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Information about the Old Race Course Estate can be found here

<https://newfarmhistorical.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/NFDHS-Newsletter-March-2017.pdf>

The story about Harry Wright losing his house in the flood is in this newsletter.

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