

The Hamilton Retaining Walls Kingsford Smith Drive

Built in the 1940s and 1950s as part of the widening of Kingsford Smith Drive, the 2 Hamilton retaining walls are landmarks and beautiful examples of the use of the local stone, Brisbane Tuff, with its distinctive pinks, greens and browns.

Navigational hint: look for the distinctive Hamilton retaining walls on the north side of the river along Kingsford Smith Drive as the CityCat leaves Bretts Wharf ferry terminal.

Kingsford Smith Drive was formerly known as Hamilton Road, and in 1953 was renamed in honour of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, a Brisbane-born aviation pioneer who piloted the first transpacific flight and the first flight between Australia and New Zealand.

The Hamilton Retaining Wall No. 1 runs for 120 m along Kingsford Smith Drive from Riverview Terrace to Quarry Street. The Hamilton Retaining Wall No. 2 runs for approximately 200 m west along Kingsford Smith Drive from Crescent Road.