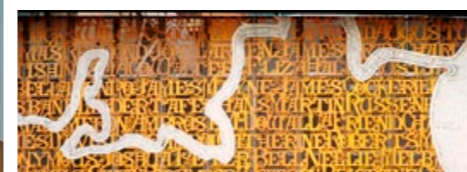


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NORTHERN BUSWAY



PROJECT	Northern Busway
LOCATION	Brisbane, QLD, Australia
CLIENT	Brisbane Northern Busway Alliance
ARTIST	Mandy Ridley
ARTWORK TITLE	Anonymous
ARCHITECT	Hassell Architects
ART MANAGEMENT	Urban Art Projects
YEAR	2009

Along an 80m stretch beneath Brisbane's inner Northern Busway runs the Bowen Bridge Porphyry Wall, a heritage listed stone wall that also forms part of the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH). This became the site for an architecturally integrated screen artwork which unlocks the historical significance of the area and activates the transit environment for pedestrians and vehicles.

Local artist Mandy Ridley sourced names and colonial style lettering from the RBWH's donor boards to develop a highly decorative typographical screen which references the Porphyry Wall both in its formalised structure and in its colouring. Fabricated in anodised lasercut aluminium, the screen has depth of colour and allows sensitive integration with the weathered surface of the stonework.

Iconic images from the history and geography of the site were overlaid in silver anodised aluminium which reflects different qualities of light in daylight hours. Symbols include a star-shaped Richelieu Doiley created by a noted local prize winner, graduate nurses photographed in the 1930s and medicinal plants native to South East Queensland.

Throughout the evening, the artwork is illuminated by a lighting installation of gradually shifting colours.

The artwork makes local heritage readily accessible in a beautiful contemporary interpretation that will become a landmark in Brisbane's transport infrastructure.