



**Avon Street**

**Petrie Terrace Photo Study**

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PETRIE TERRACE BUILDINGS & TENNISCLIFFS WILDSIDE			
SUBJECT NO.	DATE	REGION	SECTION
NAME OF BUILDING	ADDRESS	SECTION NO.	LOT NO.
CHARACTERISTICS OF PROPERTY		OTHER BUILDINGS or USES	
TYPE: TERRACE HOUSE / TERRACE HOUSE USE: RESIDENCE / RESIDENCE ROOF: GABLE / GABLE FLOORING: CARPET / CARPET WALLS: BRICK / BRICK WINDOWS: CASSETTE / CASSETTE DOORS: SLIDING / SLIDING VERANDAH: FRONT / FRONT BALCONY: YES / YES STAIRS: EXTERIOR / EXTERIOR DRIVE: YES / YES FENCE: YES / YES COMMENTS: RECENTLY PAINTED. GENERALLY GOOD.		NO. OF STOREYS: 2 MATERIAL: BRICK ROOF: GABLE FLOORING: CARPET WALLS: BRICK WINDOWS: CASSETTE DOORS: SLIDING VERANDAH: FRONT BALCONY: YES STAIRS: EXTERIOR DRIVE: YES FENCE: YES COMMENTS: RECENTLY PAINTED. GENERALLY GOOD.	
DRAWING: [Sketch of a two-story terrace house with a gable roof and a verandah]			
NATIONAL TRUST OF QUEENSLAND MAY 1977			



This study relates to the area bounded by Hale Street, Musgrave Road, Petrie Terrace and Milton Road, and primarily the residential area behind the mixed commercial street frontages of Caxton Street and Petrie Terrace. City Plan 2014 has much of the area zoned CH1 Character Residential.

The area was the subject of a field study undertaken by the National Trust in 1977, suggesting they were active in designating this town planning/development constraint. The BHG Research Library has digitised copies of many of the worksheets for each individual property, and photographic prints of some of the buildings and houses from that time. Rod Fisher and his associates subsequently, during the 1980s, returned and photographed the buildings again.

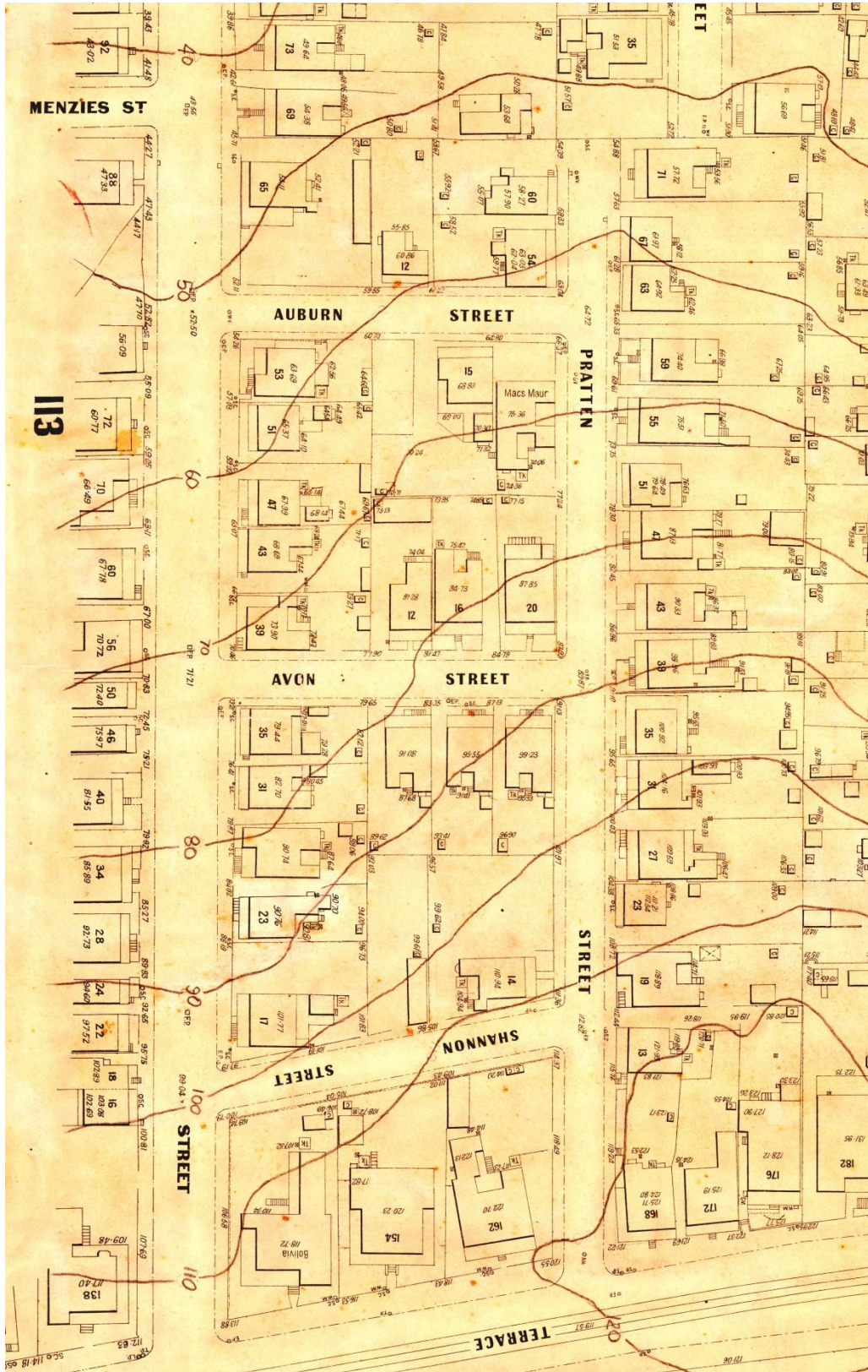
Forty years later we decided it was time for an update, and this set of street albums provides a snapshot of how the houses, predominantly small lot timber cottages, have been adapted for current day living. The area was predominantly working class in the 1970s, however, as with other older city fringe suburbs this has changed over time. It will primarily be of interest to residents interested in the history of their home, and we would welcome feedback, particularly if you would like to share this information in future updates.

For the albums we have used scanned copies of photographic prints when available, photocopies when not, and digital images for current conditions. A number of the houses photographed in the 1980s included side and rear views which can be made available on request. There appears to have been some renumbering of properties over time – apologies in advance if we have erred.

Your comments and corrections will be appreciated.

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Part 1927 Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board Plan 112  
(Brisbane City Archives)





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**Avon Street looking north**





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**No 12 Avon Street**





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**May 2022**

**No 15 Avon Street**



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**No 16 Avon Street**



# Swearing held provocative

**A man had insulted and provoked a workmate by swearing at him, Mr. McKenna found in the Summons Court to-day.**

He dismissed a claim for assault by Desmond McKone, of Avon Street, Petrie Terrace, against Robert Spink, of Bakers Point, on October 23.

McKone gave evidence that he and Spink were employed by Leutchfords Pty. Ltd. manufacturing furniture.

On October 23 he said he spoke to Spink over a job. McKone said Spink became

hasty with him. He told Spink to "go and get —."

He said Spink told him not to talk like that. McKone said he then called Spink "a log of wood" and Spink knocked a tooth out with an uppercut.

Spink gave evidence that he objected to McKone's bad language.

He said he told McKone to take it back, but McKone only repeated "Go and get —."

Spink said he then hit McKone.

Another workmate, Trevor English, of Mallon Street, Bowen Hills, said he had heard McKone swear at Spink.

Mr. E. Duncan (instructed by L. P. Davies) appeared for McKone and Mr. G. R. Gilbert (instructed by J. J. Rowell) for Spink.

*Brisbane Telegraph 9 Nov 1950, page 3  
(NLA Trove digitised newspapers)*



PETRIE TERRACE

16 AVON STREET



Petrie Terrace enjoy inner city living in this beautifully renovated 3 Bedroom Colonial Cottage with a 2 way fireplace, separate loung and dining opening onto a back decking with fabulous mountain views.

AREA: 253 square metres

PRICE: \$135,000.

*[bought 1987 for \$62,000 & renovated for resale]*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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E.&O.E. The information contained herein has been supplied to us and we have no reason to doubt its accuracy. However, we cannot guarantee it. Accordingly, all interested parties should make their own enquiries to verify the information.

16 AVON ST

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THE COURIER

The Courier-Mail

24/8/96

# HOUSES WEST

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## Tiny block belies size

TUCKED into a tiny block in one of the narrow streets of Petrie Terrace, on Brisbane city's western fringe, is a house much bigger than would seem possible from its cottage front.

Extensions at the rear, and more recent additions downstairs, have expanded the home well beyond its original modest proportions.

However, the street facade retains the appeal of its early state with rust red corrugated tin roof, and heritage colour scheme of green, cream and mustard.

The front veranda remains open, with lock-up lattice door entry.

A small front yard, not much more than a metre deep, is landscaped with a pond and fenced quaintly with pickets.

Inside the thick raw timber front door a small corridor, flanked by two bedrooms, leads into the lounge

### SUMMARY

Four bedrooms, two bathrooms, pool, mountain views.  
16 Avon St, City.

Land: 252sq m.  
Price: \$267,000.

Agent: Ray White, Paddington.

room. Fretwork fanlights, picture rails and two-tone pink paint work rimmed with cream at the ceiling create a pretty effect.

There is a double-sided brick fireplace between the lounge room and dining room, which is under a back veranda enclosed long ago.

French doors open onto a covered balcony-sized deck, with views to Mt Coot-tha.

Another small hall which leads into the kitchen at the rear has a large ecclesiastical stained glass window featuring a red cross.

The kitchen, with timber cupboards, granite-look benches, polished cork tile

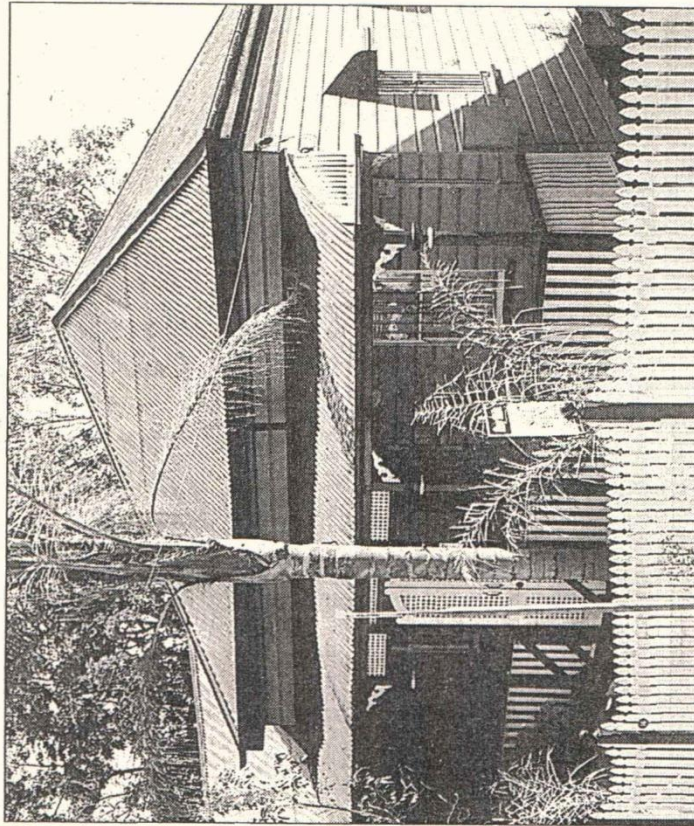
floors and gas cooking, also has french doors to the deck and mountain aspect from a pair of polished timber sash window above the sink.

Adding to the old-fashioned appeal, there is room for a dresser.

On this level there is also a modern heritage-styled bathroom with shower, toilet with timber seat and stand alone basin, as well as a third single-sized bedroom with built-in mirrored robe.

A pool fills the backyard. Agent Marla-Lisa Turner said the house was being remarketed after a past post-auction contract did not proceed.

— JOANNE BEVAN



IT'S bigger than it looks . . . the four-bedroom cottage in 16 Avon St.





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**No 17 Avon Street**





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**No 20 Avon Street**



**"THE ROYAL DANE."**

Sir,—As a constant reader of your estimable paper, I have always taken a great interest in reading your weekly column of the doings of 50 years ago, and naturally looked forward to the issue of Saturday, the 3rd of December, as it was on the 2nd of December, 50 years ago, that I landed in sunny Queensland as a passenger by the good old ship, "The Royal Dane." Having noticed a letter from a Royal Dane passenger, and later one by Mr. F. Woods, mentioning, among other things, my name in conjunction with Mr. Le Grand. I would like to mention that Mr. Le Grand left England with the intention of going in for sheep farming, and brought out with him two rams and two ewes, which had a lamb each, born on the voyage. They were all pure bred Spanish merinos, but on arrival in Queensland Mr. Le Grand was unable to obtain suitable land for sheep farming, so he disposed of his sheep to the late Sir Joshua Peter Bell, of Jimbour station, for a good figure. After this he took up land in the Dugandan district, and went in for grape growing and wine making. He and his wife and sister-in-law have been dead some years, but a family of seven sons are all living, being engaged in different lucrative positions in and around Brisbane. I might mention that the Royal Dane was a clipper-built ship, and a very fast gailer, and her skipper, Captain Bolt, was an old naval reserve man, and was very popular with all the emigrants. The voyage out was a long one, as we left Gravesend on August 16, and did not arrive in Moreton Bay till December 2. Missing the trade winds after crossing the line, and being becalmed for several days in the tropics, was the cause of a lot of lost time, but this did not trouble us young folk, as there was always plenty to occupy our time with. I myself am in the Railway Stores Department, and am still going strong. Wishing the "Courier" staff a happy and prosperous New Year.—I am, sir, &c.

JAMES A. MASSY, passenger by the Royal Dane, 1871, Avon-street, Petrie-terrace, December 29.

*James Massy lived on the corner of Avon and Pratten Streets*

*The Brisbane Courier 31 Dec 1921, page 10  
(NLA Trove digitised newspapers)*



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**No 21 Avon Street**



N.C.S.	Pratten Street	MAP E2 79	STREET 21 AVON STREET	SUBURB PETRIE TERRACE	LISTING No. 59042/1
VENDOR/S PHONE			TENANT PHONE		
BASE	Wood	O/S WALLS	C/bd		
ROOF	Iron	INT. WALLS	VJ		
AGE	70	PATIO	No		
L & D	Lounge	BDRMS.	3		
OTHER RIMS.					
KIT	New one required				
BATH	"	SHR. REC.	SOB		
STOVE	Gas	H.W.S.	Gas		
LAUNDRY	Rear	SEWD.	Yes		
CAR ACCOM.	Off str	HIGH/LOW SET	High		
LAND APPROX.	243m2	FRONT APPROX.	7m		
FENCED	Yes	ZONING	R.C.		
RATES		ASSESS No.			
V.G.		TRPT.	100m		
R.P.D.	S.17 A.298 PC.10678 CT. 405103 V.2113 F.92 Stanley				
DEED HELD			V.P.		
INSPECT	Through Listing Agent				
FRONT STEPS	REAR STEPS				
UNDER HOUSE					
ASPECT					
L.A.	Arnhem Pty Ltd				
SUB.	Paddington				
PHONE	36 0322				
A.H.s. REP.	Graham Henning 229 1280				

REMARKS:	Very old home on high corner allotment with mountain views, needs extensive repairs, but would restore well.
PRICE:	\$43,000



PRICE: \$43,000

[Courtesy Windsor & District Historical Society / Churchill Real Estate Archive]

May 1982





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**Avon Street looking south**



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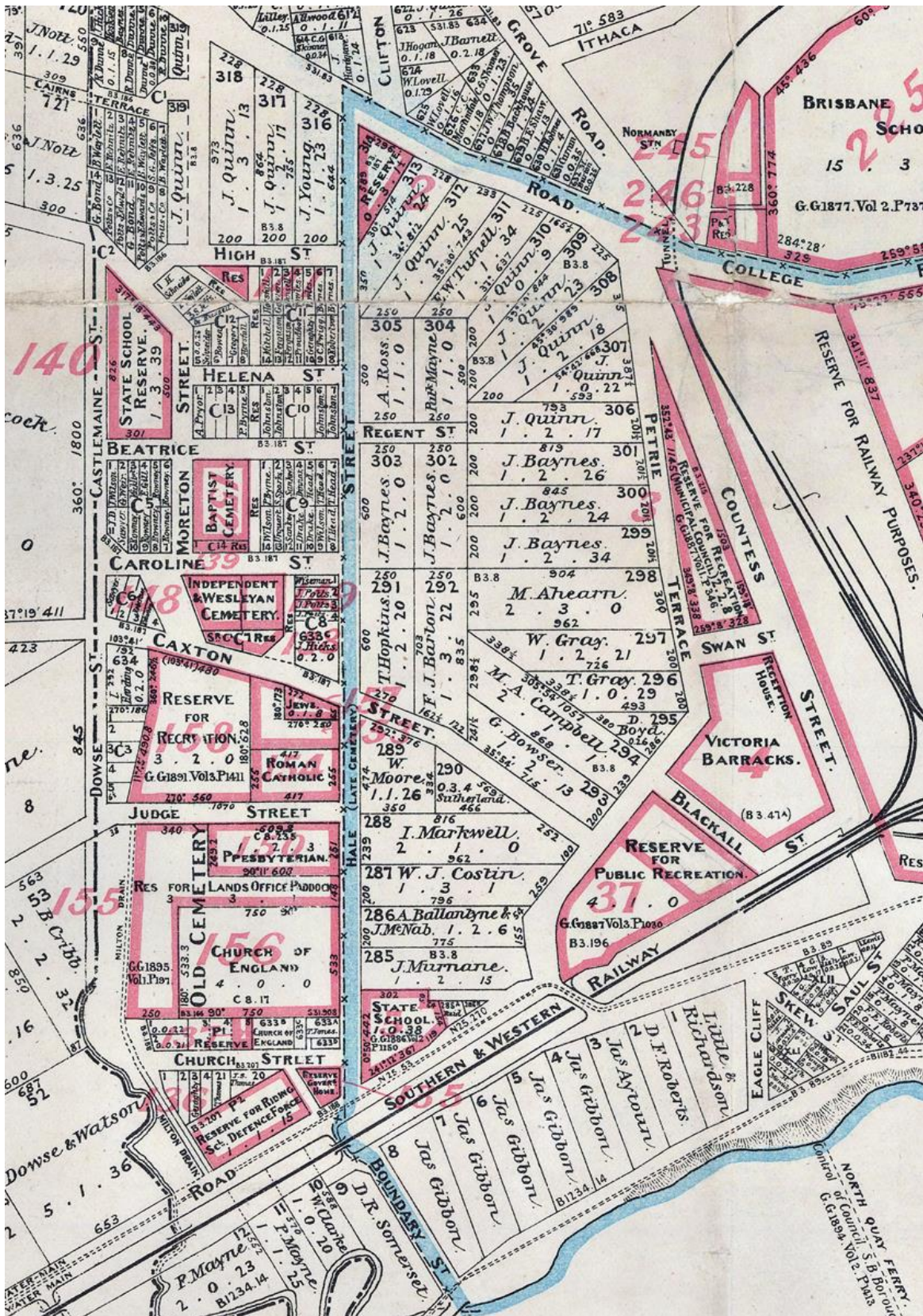
## PETRIE-TERRACE-LIGHTING

SCALE — 2 Chains to an Inch.



Part 1921 Street Lighting Plan I-13-469  
(Brisbane City Archives)





July 1900 Plan of City of Brisbane & Suburbs according to the original land grants  
(Surveyor General's Office – State Library of Queensland)





*1951 Part aerial photograph BCC 000539333  
(Queensland Government - QImagery)*