

1970s sketches by Anne Green (Paddington Then & Now)

**Caxton Street**

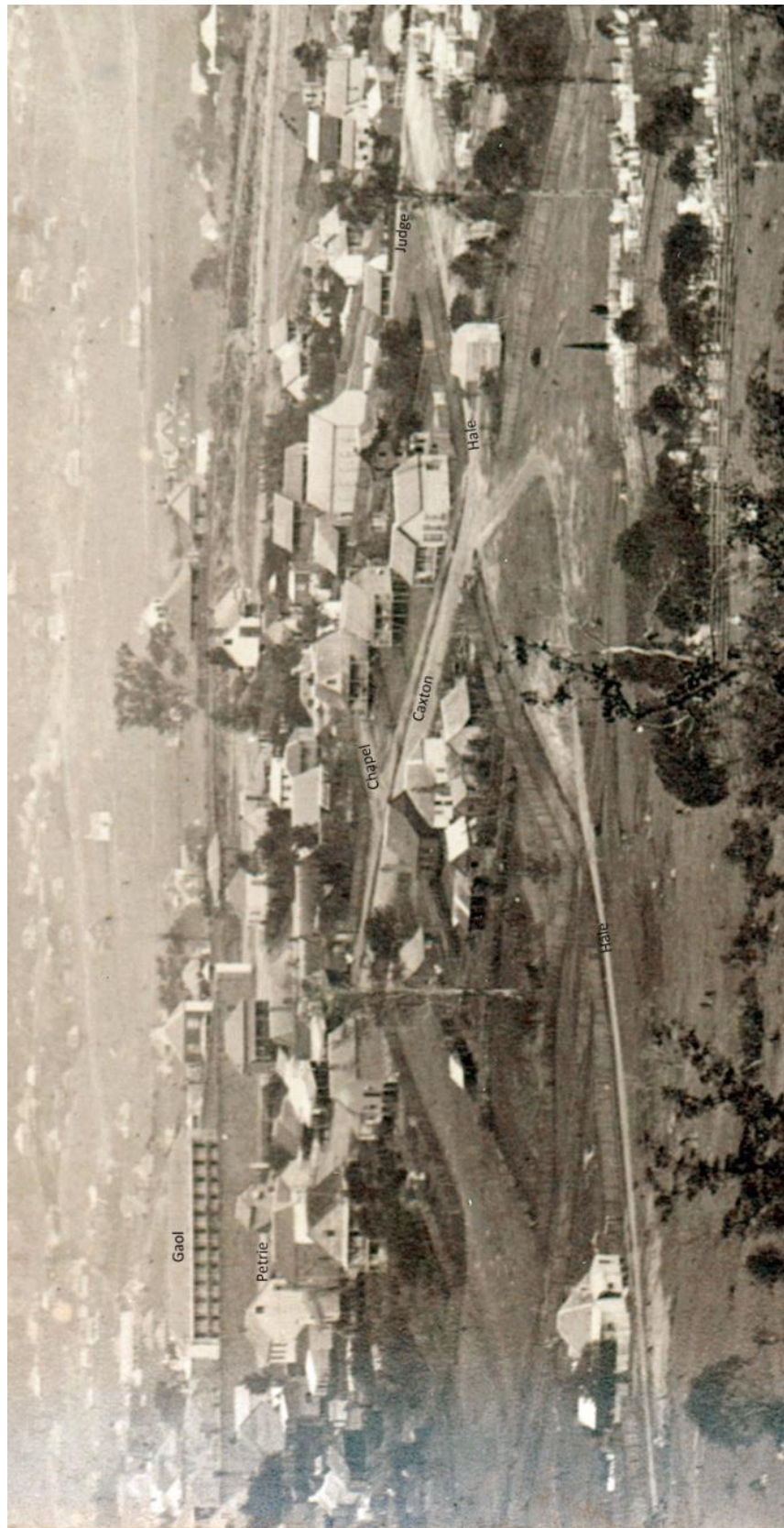
**Petrie Terrace Photo Study**

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*Petrie Terrace Photo Study – Caxton Street vJuly 2025*





*Part 1874 Deazeley panorama of Petrie Terrace (street names added)  
(State Library of Queensland)*

MILTON AND PADDINGTON HISTORY  
Old Residents' Interesting Reminiscences  
WHEN BUSH COVERED SUBURBS



MR. AND MRS. FRANK CROSS

*Coming to Brisbane from Ipswich, Frank Cross got a job as a carter with a Mr James Scott whose grocery store was where the Caxton Hotel is now in Caxton Street. He afterwards drove a baker's cart for a Mr Dwyer, whose bakery also was in Caxton Street. Miss Singer who afterwards became his wife, lived with her father the late Mr John Singer, and the rest of her family in Caxton Street.*

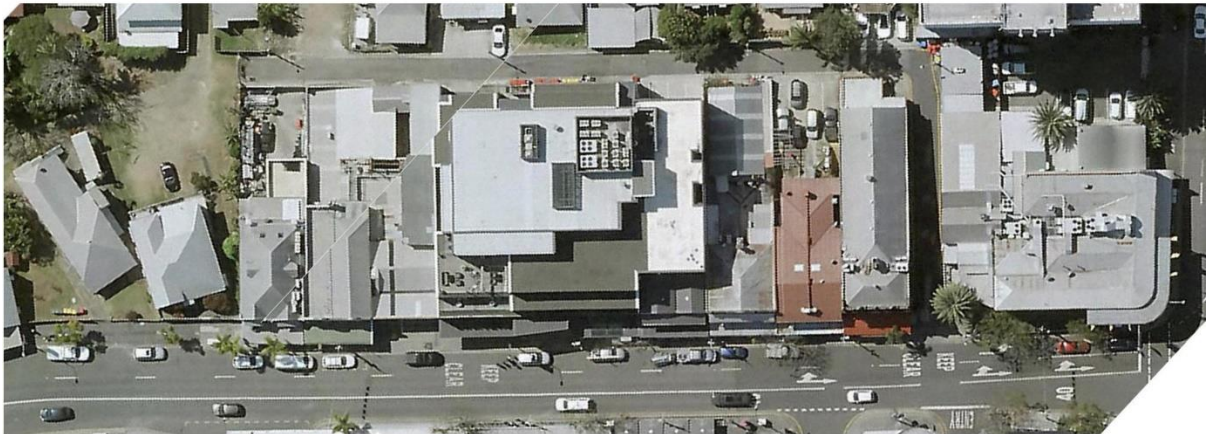
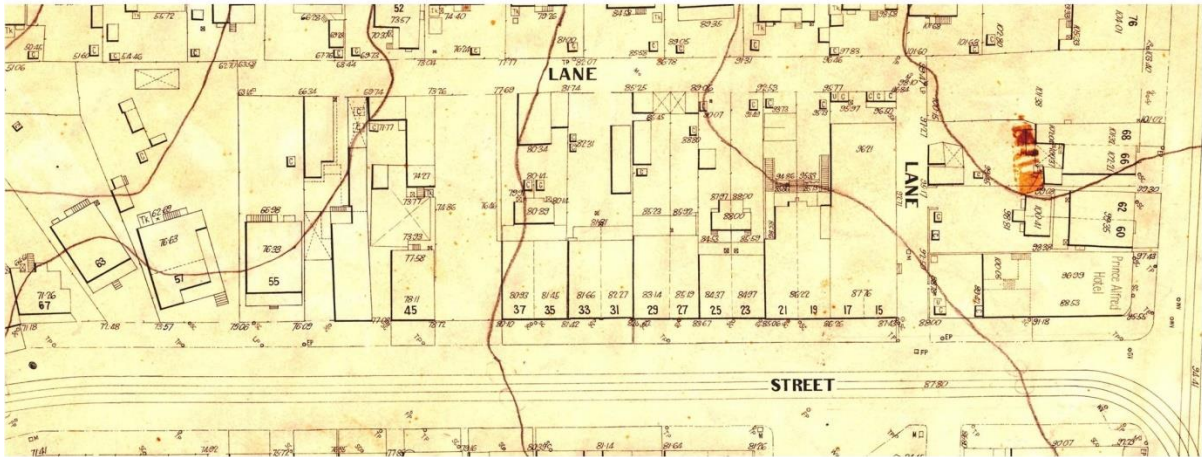
*Amongst the old residents of those days Mr Cross remembers Mrs McGovern, who lived at the corner of Caxton and Hale Streets; James Pitt, who had a store in Caxton Street; William Campbell a grocer, who carried on business in Caxton Street opposite where the Caxton Hotel is now; the Hopkinses, who lived at another corner of Caxton and Hale Streets and who had a few cows and sold milk; Mrs Cannon who lived in Hale Street and who also had a dairy; Robert Rankin who also lived in Hale Street and whose son afterwards became a member of the well-known confectionery firm of Rankin and Morrow.*

*Everybody depended on tanks for their water supply, but there was a water trough in the early days at the corner of Caxton and Hale Streets and supplies of water could be obtained there for three pence a cask. But of course the cost of cartage had to be paid by those who were not able to cart it themselves. Mr Pitt had the water laid on to his place and sold water.*

*When Mr Cross worked for Mr Scott he got 15 shillings a week and his keep. Mr Dwyer paid him £1 (20 shillings) a week and gave him his keep, so that, as there were no picture shows and nothing to spend money on except the necessities of life for a man who did not waste his money, Mr Cross managed to save most of his £1 a week, and when he was getting 35 shillings a week he felt himself rich enough to keep a wife.*

*The Telegraph 5 Oct 1932 (excerpts from full article)  
(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*

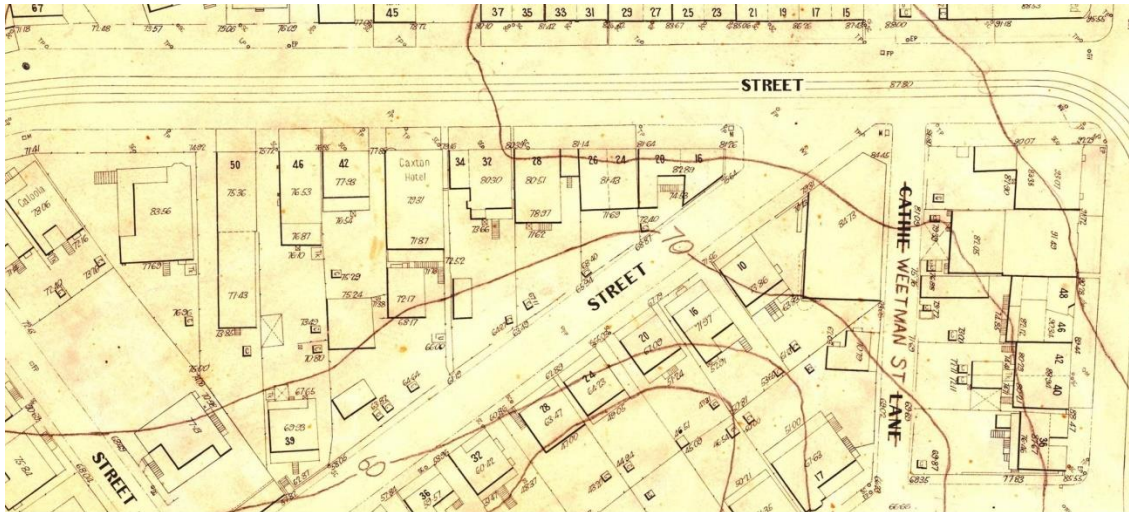




*Survey plan of premises on the north (odd numbered) side of the street and aerial images from 1961 and 2025 (Petrie Terrace on the right)*

*(Part Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board Survey Plan [Brisbane City Archives], aerial images from QImagery and BCC City Plan)*





*Survey plan of premises on the south (even numbered) side of the street and aerial images from 1961 and 2025 (Petrie Terrace on the right)*

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**Caxton Street, southern side, looking west**





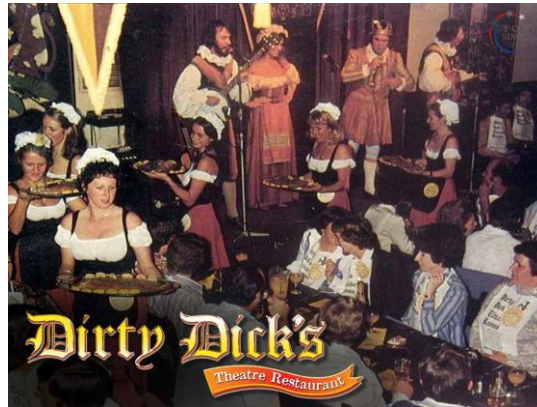
**c1983 (Judge Street elevation)**



**Nov 2023**

**No 2 Caxton Street**

The property on the corner of Caxton, Judge and Weetman Streets was from c1976 a theatre restaurant called Dirty Dick's, owned by Elizabethan Restaurants Pty Ltd who operated Tom Jones Tavern nearby at No 52 Petrie Terrace.



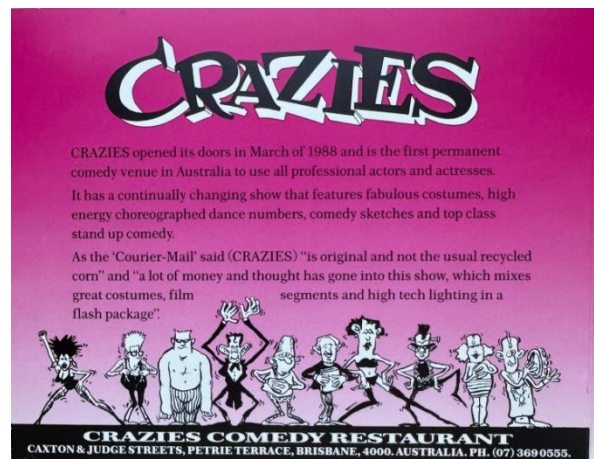
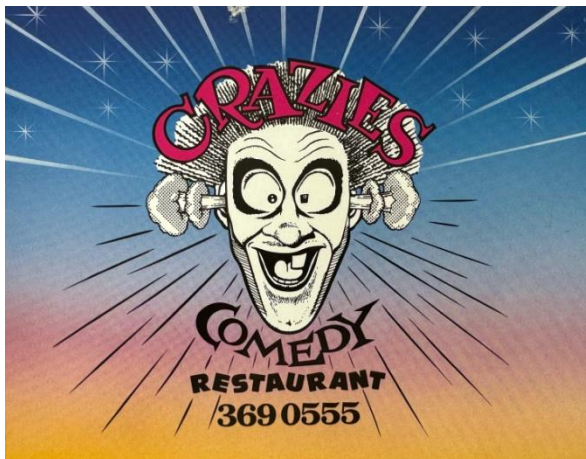
(Courtesy Toby Simkin)

I was on Staff at both Tom Jones Tavern during the day and at night the Manager of Dirty Dicks during the late 70's early 80's. We had the best "Wenches" and "Minstrels" and won the Golden Plate Award 2 years in a row. The place was packed during that time and took bookings 3 months in advance. The show and food were geared to run together and presented in front of the audience with "Wassail the Fish", "Wassail the Beef" and "Wassail the Pud".

No Tablecloths, the tables were all scrubbed down each day and the bread served by the Wenches in a baker's basket. Everyone absolutely enjoyed themselves and the old fashioned entertainment and songs were so entertaining. When I was there we had twelve of the best girls who were so much a part of the Show. The audience loved the Wenches. It was a wonderful time of my life, I loved the job.

**Christine Bannan (2023)**

From 1988 to 1997 it became Crazies Comedy Restaurant owned by comedian Peter Grose who wrote, directed and performed there. Since then many different restaurants, bars and entertainment venues have been operating in this location including Love and Rockets, Cartel, Halo, Honey B's Strip Club, The Rocket Room and more recently Ivy Blu.







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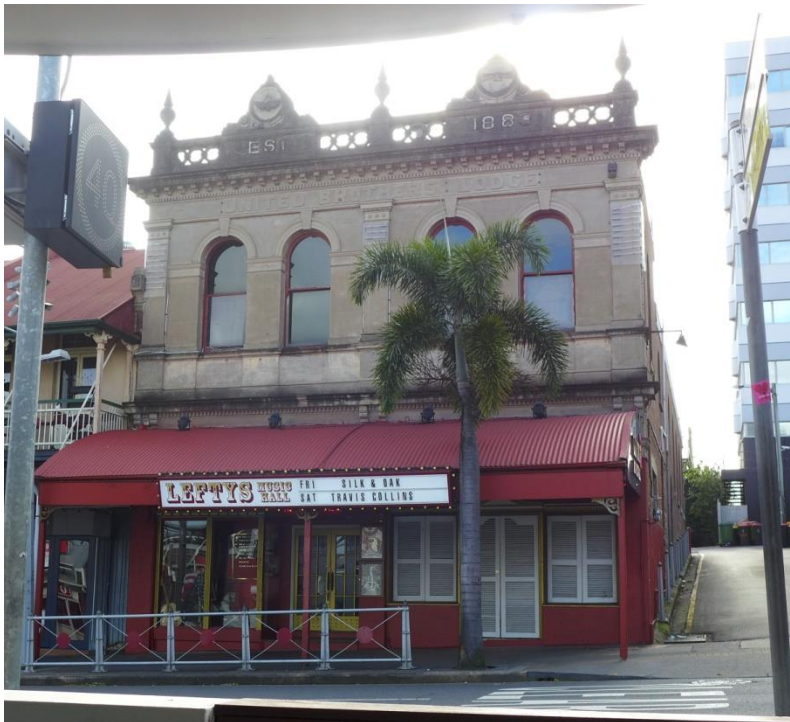
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**Caxton Street, northern side, looking west**





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No 15 – 17 Caxton Street

### **ODDFELLOWS HALL 1883-84 – cnr Caxton and Cathie Streets**

*In January 1873 eleven local men formed the Loyal United Brothers Lodge, Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows. They first met at the Baptist Hall, but this was too small for a growing friendly society of 112 members by 1883. They needed their own building in keeping with the role of the lodge, the development of the area and the optimism of the 1880s.*

*Having purchased land at the commercial hub where Caxton Street met Petrie Terrace, they asked Richard Gailey, the principal architect, to design their new premises and borrowed £1800. The contractor was James Stuart Martin, a Clifton Street resident and a past grand master of the lodge. The outcome was basically the brick and plaster hall of today, though verandah details, doorways, windows and fireplaces have been tampered with. The name and symbols of the lodge still dominate the very decorative entablature.*

*Shaded by the convex awning were two shops for rental – 3 bakers, 2 stationers, 3 hairdressers, 2 picture frame makers, 2 bootmakers, 1 estate agent, 1 draper, 1 saddler, 2 confectioners and Miss Bergin in the first fifteen years. One shop is now a vestibule for the hall, but access was originally through three doors up the side alley, into the hall, and upstairs to the lodge room above the shops. It was there that the brothers donned their regalia, displayed their dispensation board, performed their ritual, planned their activities, disciplined their members, received subscriptions and dispensed unemployment, sickness and funeral benefits for many a working-class family. The spacious hall, however, was the venue for all manner of social and political gatherings, both lodge and local.*

*However, the economy had taken such a downturn in the 1890s and the lodge had so overreached itself that in 1909 the hall and shops were let to Isidor Josephson, a successful clothing manufacturer. In 1928 the hall was sold, but the factory kept on until moving to Roma Street in 1936.*

*The hall remained vacant up to wartime, when one shop became a hairdressing salon and the Defence Department Stationery took over. After another vacant period, one shop was let to a tailor in 1949, and the rest became the Baroona Labor Hall, subsequently administered by Party trustees.*

### ***Petrie Terrace Brisbane 1858-1988; 'Its ups and downs'* by Steve Woolcock & Rod Fisher**

Lodge Night January 2<sup>d</sup> 1884

The Lodge opened in due form

Officers present J. G. Matthews. D. G. Smith. G. W. Black  
F. S. Bowden. & E. S. Murrell

Receipt rec<sup>d</sup> from Bro Henry Daniels, for £ 1/5/0. for sick pay  
for 2 weeks. dated Dec 1883

Ditto from Dr. Hancock, for £ 26..5..0, for professional  
attendance for 3 months to Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1883

Letter rec<sup>d</sup> from Secretary. Loyal Hope of the Valley Lodge.  
W. U. intimating that R. Flynn, aged 30, married.  
laborer, John street. Valley, has been proposed for  
membership in that lodge, signed Chas Rode. F. S

Proposition that Auditors report & balance sheet, be adopted. carried

Dr<sup>s</sup> Certificate that Henry Dewsbury, is in good health &c dated 31 Dec  
signed R. Hancock

Ditto that Chas Logan is in good health &c dated 31 Dec. signed R. Hancock

Initiation The declaration book, having been filled up in the  
usual ~~way~~ form, & a ballot having been taken  
in favor of election, Henry Dewsbury, was duly  
elected a member of this lodge

Ditto The declaration book having been filled up in the  
usual form, & a ballot having been taken in  
favor of election, Charles Logan, was duly elected  
a member of this lodge

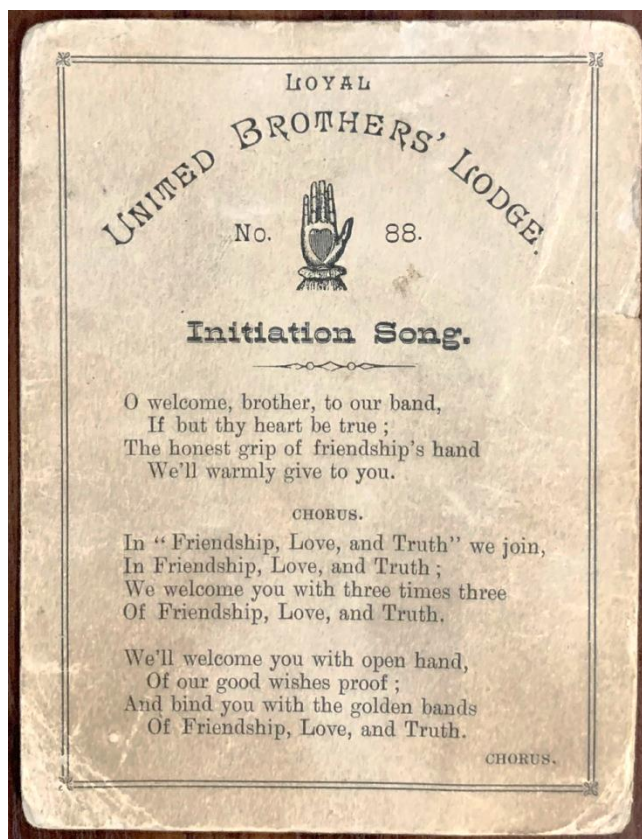


Account	received from J. S. Bowden, for the sum of £ 7.10.0 for half years salary, ending Dec 17 <sup>th</sup> /83 dated January 2 <sup>d</sup> 1884, proposed & seconded that it be paid, if found correct
Proposition	that Delegates to A. H. C. receive £ 1.1.0 each. carried
Setto	for Delegates to A. H. C. P. G. Turner. P. G. Bowden. carried
Setto	that a committee of ten be formed, to arrange the opening of the new hall. carried
Setto	for members to form committee, P. G. Piffin P. G. Waton. P. G. Elley. P. G. Perry. P. G. Turner P. G. Bowden. P. G. Shrubbs. J. G. Matthews P. G. Wharton. J. G. Smith. carried
Setto	that P. G. Willis, receive his certificate, that he may take his degree, Proposed by P. G. Perry & seconded by P. G. Waton. carried
Notice of motion	for next summons night. Proposed by P. G. Shrubbs seconded by P. G. Wharton, that the resolution passed by this lodge, "that any member, who proposed twelve persons, as members, shall receive the emblems" be rescinded
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lodge closed</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">J. G. Matthews J. G.</p>	

## PETRIE TERRACE NEW HALL.

A **SPLENDID** new hall has just been built in Caxton-street, Petrie Terrace, by the Loyal United Brothers Lodge, M.U.L.O.O.F. It was opened last night by a concert and ball, and was filled to excess. The programme of the concert comprised fourteen numbers, which on the whole proved a very enjoyable entertainment to the audience. The situation of the hall should render it especially useful to the inhabitants of Petrie Terrace and thereabouts, as up to this time they have had no large place suitable for meetings, entertainments, &c. The building, which is of brick with cement concrete foundation, fronts Caxton-street, and is two or three doors from the hotel at the corner opposite the old gaol. Its dimensions are as follow:—Length, 100 feet; breadth, 33 feet; height, 23 feet. It contains a large hall 75 feet by 38 feet, which has a platform at the rear, and a gallery to hold about a hundred people towards the front of the building. There are two shops opening out to Caxton-street each 21 feet by 15½ feet, and above there is the lodge room 31 feet by 21 feet. It is estimated that the hall will hold about 700 people. The walls are plastered and cemented, and the place is well ventilated. It has four doors as outlets for a body of people in case of fire. The building has a pretentious appearance in front, and is substantially constructed. The contract price alone was £1 850, and the fittings, furniture, and other requisites, as well as lighting the hall, &c., have made the cost exceed £2,300. With such a fine structure the enterprise of the lodge should be rewarded with success, as it will in all likelihood prove a much needed building in the suburb of Petrie Terrace. We omitted to mention that the piano used at the concert was kindly lent for the occasion by Messrs. Beale and Co.

*The Telegraph 9 February 1884*

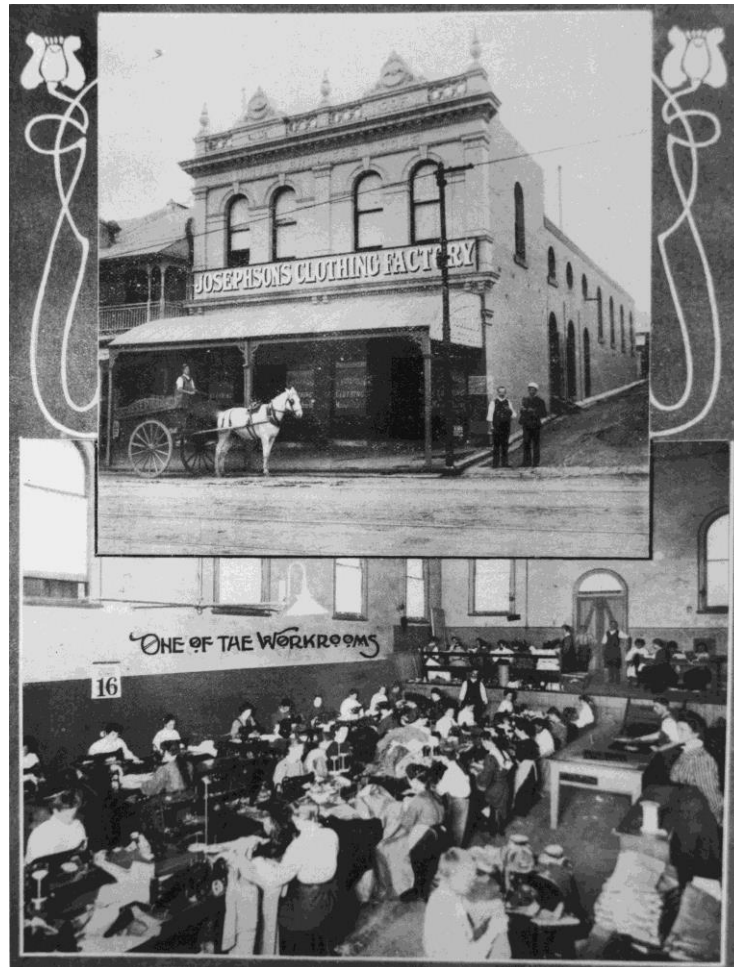


## A Fire.

LAST night a fire broke out in a shop occupied by Charles G. Berry, in Caxton street, one of the two shops forming the front of the Oddfellows' Hall, and occupied as a tobacconist's and newsagent's shop. The damage done was not of great extent, and the greatest damage done to the stock was by water. The stock was insured in the Commercial Union for £250. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have arisen from a fireplace, where rubbish had been burned.

*The Telegraph 8 November 1887*

*(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*



*Josephson's Clothing Factory c1910 (State Library of Queensland)*

**FACTORY ROBBED**

**Loss Estimated at £400**

**Motors Used to Remove Clothing**

Clothing valued at £400 was stolen from the clothing factory of Isidore Josephson at 15-17 Caxton Street, Petrie Terrace, last night.

The thieves, who broke open two doors with a pick head, had packed the safe preparatory to blowing it, but apparently were disturbed, for employees found it in that condition this morning. However, two truck-loads of made-up clothing were taken from the premises.

The discovery was made by factory hands when they turned up for work today. They found rear and side doors broken open and a pick head lying on the floor close by. Chaff bags were packed tightly round the safe, and the remaining contents of the factory were strewn about. It is thought that the robbery occurred between midnight and 3 a.m., and that motor vehicles must have been used to remove the goods.

**INTRUDERS WERE DISTURBED.**

The intruders must have been disturbed while attempting the safe, which contained practically nothing, for tools were found beside it, and it appeared as though the thieves had just completed their work of packing the bags round the safe.

The firm estimated its loss at £400, and it is stated that the greater portion of the stock in that section of the building was taken.

*The Telegraph 16 November 1933  
(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*



The 1970s saw the building used for a diverse range of social uses including the Brisbane Amateur Wrestling Club which used the building as a gym and club headquarters. From 1976, pioneers of free legal aid, the Baroona Legal Service, (later Caxton Street Legal Centre) were housed in the upper level. In the late 1970s and early 80s, Baroona Hall became an important live music venue, hosting everything from bush dances to punk rock gigs by Brisbane bands the Leftovers, the Survivors, Zero and Razar. The Go-Betweens' first performance at the hall, occurred at a Numbers (later Riptides) gig in April 1978. A notorious show by the Sharks in November 1979 ended violently, with police arresting 12 audience members outside the hall.

During the 1990s the building was mainly used as a nightclub, under various different names. As Lefty's Old Time Music Hall (since 2014), the building once again became a live music venue, continuing its longstanding historic role as an important social space of Petrie Terrace.

### **Baroona Hall - Heritage and Music Digital Trail, Qld Gov't**



*L-R: Tom Nicolson, Bernice Haydock, Tony Ashby, Peter Ransom, Bob Mair, Graham Duffin and Ron Hawkins 1979/80*

The Caxton Street Jazz Band was formed in Brisbane by clarinettist Andy Jenner and commenced playing in the Baroona Hall on 24 July 1977. An electric sign that spelt out 'Caxton St Jazz Club' with a flashing arrow, pointed to the entry in the lane between the hall and the Prince Alfred Hotel. In the early days, the Baroona Hall gig was advertised as 'New Orleans Jazz without Electricity' and the band was entirely acoustic, using a megaphone for vocals and announcements.

### **Caxton Street Jazz Band website**

# Free legal service a big hit

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## in Paddington

By SYLVIA DA COSTA-ROQUE

EVERY Monday night a queue forms outside an old hall in Caxton Street, Paddington.

The 20 or more people in the queue aren't waiting for a dance to start. They are waiting to get free legal advice from the Caxton Street Legal Service.

No means test is applied. The service is open only Monday night from 6.30 to 8.30 pm.

But co-ordinator Laurie Bocabella, a lawyer, says the service is aiming to go full time. He says the Caxton Street Legal Service

wants to become like the Redfern Legal Service in Sydney and the Fitzroy Legal Service in Melbourne. They hire a full-time salaried solicitor and open all day five days a week.

He said the service would apply to the Commonwealth Legal Aid Commission for aid.

"It's obvious a full-time service is needed." In its limited set-up,

the service is staffed by 10 lawyers who give their services free of charge on a roster basis.

It opened two years ago and now Laurie estimates that the solicitors see an average of 20 people a night.

"One night I got there and there were 50 people waiting," he said.

If the question: "What do I do?" comes up, the Caxton Street Legal Service is a good place to go for an answer.

The Caxton Street Legal

Service solicitors don't appear for the clients in court.

They simply tell clients what to do.

"The solicitors only do this work on a part-time basis and it's not possible to represent people in court," said Laurie Bocabella.

The clients have to do their own foot-work and lodge their own forms.

"But we'll draft a letter

in complete legal terms," said Laurie. "We'll draft up a summons in the right way."

"If we think a client needs the full time help of a solicitor, we'll send them to someone."

Laurie says the service is geared to the day-to-day problems people face.

They will suggest what to do if someone wants help after a car accident,

or if a landlord is trying to evict them.

"A lot of people won't see a solicitor and that compounds legal problems," said Laurie.

Laurie spoke of the case of a client who had crashed a car he was buying on hire purchase.

The car was a write off, but the owner thought his insurance company

would handle it and did nothing about it.

All the time the hire purchase payments were accruing and the car owner discovered that even though the car no longer existed he was still up for the full sum agreed upon when he bought the car.

The Caxton Street Legal Service stepped in and his insurance company was able to sort out the tangle.



### CAXTON STREET LEGAL SERVICE INC.

1976 — 1986

The Committee and Staff of Caxton Street Legal Service wishes to acknowledge the generous support by way of contributions of:

Gambaro's Restaurant

Mano's Restaurant

Pritikin Plus Restaurant

Dirty Dick's Theatre Restaurant



### TENTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER 1986

ITALO-AUSTRALIAN CENTRE





### Welcome to the Club!

Some people say things are meant to be.

The fact that I'm a tall, stringy, smooth-talking guy, somehow seems to fit in with the image of the word Stringfellows.

Some of you may have experienced Stringfellows Nightclubs in either New York or London, if so, you would agree that they are two of the most exciting and exclusive nightspots in the world. And that's the real connection. At Stringfellows Brisbane, we have the exclusive registration of this famous name and your Stringfellows Club promises to be every bit as spectacular as our overseas counterparts.

In the very near future, we hope to organize reciprocal rights for you, should you be lucky enough to travel overseas as a VIP Stringfellows Member.

My experience during the last 12 years of restaurateuring, organizing functions and catering for VIP's and trendsetters alike, has led me to Caxton Street and my brainchild 'Stringfellows'.

## Become a Stringfellows VIP Member today!

**Only 300 memberships will ever be offered.  
Secure your exclusive membership key today.**

Almost 12 months of preparation, planning and really hard work will come of age when the new Brisbane Stringfellows opens its doors to you (an exclusive VIP Club Member) in November 1990.

I must say it was indeed my lucky day when friend & associate James Penny quietly asked me if I needed a hand setting up the club. It's not half bad having such an experienced entrepreneur like James around helping to smooth out the rough edges, negotiate attractive deals for the club and providing brilliant flashes of decor ideas from his former interior design days.

Together we have devised a membership package that will appeal to all of our applicants and VIP Club Members. Membership is limited to 300 only and our major events for the first year will be an absolute must for Stringfellows Club Members.

You must be a member to have a chance to be a big winner on opening night. Oh, what a night THAT will be.

I sincerely hope you will join us for a new and fascinating era in all our lives. The exciting Stringfellows VIP Club. Strictly limited membership vacancies are available now!

GEOFFREY HARROWER

**We have the venue, the music, the restaurant, the atmosphere, the staff and a creative list of liqueurs, wines and beers from around the world.**

### OPENING NIGHT CELEBRATIONS NOT TO BE MISSED!

**LUCKY DOOR PRIZE WINNER** will receive A Week in Paradise ... a fantastic holiday for two on beautiful Hamilton Island, compliments of East West Airlines & Hamilton Towers.

**THE BEST DRESSED and COOLEST** couple will win a two day Brisbane Sheraton "BUBBLES & BLISS" package announced on the night.

Stringfellows Club apparel (destined to be Collector's items) will be available on opening night at much reduced rates ... so place your orders early.

Stringfellows Nightclub promises to be an exciting, first rate operation giving all VIP members exceptional value for money and on going benefits. Plus the best personal attention in the business. It makes a lot of sense to secure your Stringfellows HOUSE KEY now. The first 100 Memberships are officially available.

First Membership release (100) ..... \$250.00  
Second Membership release (100) ..... \$300.00  
Third Membership release (100) ..... \$450.00

Telephone (07) 368 1990  
17 Caxton Street, Petrie Terrace  
Brisbane 4000.

## THIS IS THE CLUB FOR YOU !

### Stringfellows V.I.P. Club.



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17 CAXTON STREET, PETRIE TERRACE  
BRISBANE

VIP MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS (12 Months)	ESTIMATED VALUE
Free Entry to the Club (Member & Guest).....	\$280.00
Club Calendar of Complimentary drinks	\$312.00
Sheraton Discount Package .....	\$250.00
Discount Vouchers at Savoir Faire .....	\$200.00
Four Free passes to "The Island" .....	\$34.00
10% Discount at Breakfast Creek Wharf Seafood Restaurant .....	\$35.00
<b>Total Estimated Value for VIP Members</b>	<b>\$1111.00</b>

**PLUS** FOUR "HOUSE" PARTIES  
VIP MEMBERS CHRISTMAS "BASH".  
FANTASTIC "ISLAND" BEACH PARTY.  
"A DAY AT THE RACES"  
"ONE YEAR OLD" BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Secure your exclusive membership number today! Send a 50% deposit now, and pay the balance on or before opening night. Remember, there are only 100 in the first release, so get in early, and receive even MORE value for money.

Please complete the following coupon and together with your Deposit Cheque send to  
**STRINGFELLOWS VIP CLUB MEMBERSHIP**  
17 Caxton Street, Petrie Terrace Qld 4000

Name .....  
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**1975** (State Library of Queensland)



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**Nos 18 – 36 Caxton Street**



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**Nos 18 & 22 Caxton Street**





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**Nos 19 & 21 Caxton Street**

In 1890, Charles George Berry became the property owner. He was a bookseller who had been previously operating in one of the Oddfellows Hall shops next door. Then in 1893 James Edward Pedler became the owner and by the time of the current building's construction in 1897, both Berry and Pedler were listed as joint owners. Prior to 1897, shops on this site included a caterer and a general grocer.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9.**

<b>CAXTON STREET</b>	<b>CAXTON STREET</b>
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**33 FEET FRONTAGE,**  
WITH  
**RIGHT-OF-WAY AT REAR.**

**TWO BRICK SHOPS**  
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**TWO BRICK SHOPS.**

**W.** J. HOOKER has been favoured with instructions from the Proprietor, to sell by public auction, at the Albert Auction Mart, Albert Buildings, Albert street, on **TUESDAY, April 9, at 11 o'clock,** The whole of that Piece of Land described as Subdivision 6 of Allotment 292, County of Stanley, Parish of North Brisbane, City of Brisbane, having a Frontage of **33 FEET TO CAXTON STREET,** by a depth of 175½ links **A RIGHT-OF-WAY AT THE REAR,** and containing an area of **13 4 5 PERCHES.**

On the ground are erected **TWO BRICK SHOPS AND DWELLINGS,** the one two-storied and the other a one-storied building, well and faithfully built, with the view of adding another story at some future date.

This property occupies one of the best business positions in **CAXTON STREET** adjoining the Oddfellows' Hall, and only two removes from Petrie terrace.

Should Caxton street be continued through the old Gaol Reserve, as it must be at no very distant date, it is not too much to say that the value of this property would be trebled or quadrupled in a very short space of time.

The owner, having determined to sell, has placed a mere nominal reserve on the property, and has agreed to give easy terms extending over a period of four years, if desired by the purchaser, with interest added at the rate of 8 per cent per annum.

For further particulars please consult the auctioneer.

**Title, Real Property Act.**

**Terms: One-fifth Cash; Balance extending over four years at 8 per cent.**

*The Telegraph 1 April 1889  
(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*



**JEAN DE RAEVE,**  
*(Chef de Cuisine),*  
**CAXTON STREET, PETRIE TERRACE,**  
**BRISBANE,**  
 Caterer for Balls, Picnics, Dinners *a la Russe*, for  
 Private Families and Fashionable Parties.  
 Ices, Jellies, and French pastry made to Order.  
 Attend personally to private families at One Guinea  
 per day.



*Queensland Figaro and Punch 6 April 1889*

*Truth 4 April 1909*

*(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*

**CAXTON STREET TEA WAREHOUSE,**  
 (PEDLER'S CASH STORE.)  
**W. M. H. SOUTHWICK,**  
 (Formerly 7½ years tea salesman R. Harper & Co., 6 years manager for Mr. J. Young, many years, Sydney &c., in all, nearly 30 years  
 experience in Tea Trade.)  
**TEAMAN, GENERAL GROCER, &c.**  
 "Special Estate Ceylon Teas," Confidently offered to all lovers of a Fragrant and Delicious Cup.  
**SOUTHWICK**—For Good Strong Tea, 1s. 4d.; 5lb Tin nett weight, 6s. 6d.; Fragrant, 1s. 8d.; 5lb. Tin 8s.;  
 Rich, 1s. 10d.; 5lb. Tin 8s. 9d.; Special Estate, 2s.; 5lb. Tin 9s. 3d.  
**SOUTHWICK**—Forwards Post Free to any address, 5lb Tins at 8s., 9s. 3d., 10s. 3d.  
**SOUTHWICK**—Does not issue Price Lists, which are as a rule very misleading. Every article guaranteed of  
 first-class quality, and at prices as low, or lower than any in the city.  
**SOUTHWICK,** (LATE J. E. PEDLER,) CAXTON STREET, respectfully solicits your favours. Deliveries to all  
 parts of the City or Suburbs.  
 N.B.—Southwick is running the "National Cash Register," which prints, cuts off and throws a Discount  
 Coupon to every purchaser.

*1896 Advertisement (State Library of Queensland)*

## Robbing a Till.

### Sentence of Six Months.

George Brown appeared at the City Police Court on Thursday, before Mr. G. P. M. Murray, P.M., and Messrs. J. F. Horsley, G. Harden, and T. H. Cowl, J.J.P., charged with stealing 10s. from a till the property of Mr. Charles George Berry.

Subinspector Burke prosecuted.

Constable Ferguson gave formal evidence of arrest. At the watchhouse witness was about to search accused, when he produced nine shillings, 10 sixpenny pieces, 21 three-penny pieces, and nine coppers. Witness charged him with stealing 10s. from Mr. Berry's till, and accused replied, "Between 9s. and 10s."

Charles George Berry, bookseller and stationer, Caxton street, Petrie terrace, deposed he entered his shop about 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, and saw accused, who had been leaning over the counter immediately over the till, raise himself up. He was fumbling about his pockets. Accused asked for a newspaper, for which he paid 1d. Witness immediately went to the till and missed about 10s. in silver. He went after accused and charged him with stealing it. Accused denied the accusation, and said he was a hard working man. Witness sent a young lady for a policeman, and when the officer appeared accused produced some silver and said he would repay the money if witness would tell him the amount that was missed.

Annie Touday, employed by Mr. Berry, gave evidence of accused offering to pay Mr. Berry back any money that was missed.

Accused was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

*The Telegraph 8 March 1901*

## C. G. Berry.

One of the most attractive little shops of its kind around Brisbane is that of Mr. C. G. Berry, newsagent, stationer, &c., situate at Caxton street, Paddington. In view of the Christmas season Mr. Berry has added to his usually replete stock of reading matter, writing materials, &c., some lines specially suitable for this time of year. Amongst these may be mentioned a collection of superb writing paper containing in one corner at the head nicely lithographed views of Brisbane and suburbs. This is most suitable for using when writing to distant friends. Christmas cards are also here to be had in style and abundance at reasonable prices. Other lines calling for special mention are books suitable for presentation to children, games of various kinds, toys, &c. Mr. Berry is agent for the "Telegraph."

*The Telegraph 24 December 1903*

## PETRIE TERRACE,

CAXTON STREET. BLOCK OF TWO-STORIED BRICK SHOPS AND DWELLINGS. Nos. 19 and 21. RUNNING THROUGH TO CATHIE STREET AT REAR. electric light, water, gas and sewerage. Sub. 6 of allot. 293, North Brisbane, 13 4/5 perches.

*The Telegraph 14 March 1942*

## GOLDEN CASKET, No. 1477—Classified List

UNOFFICIAL.—Drawn at 12.5 p.m.

FIRST PRIZE, 25,000—79557: S. KREIS, J. J. DUNN, W. J. PHILLIPS, E. PRINGER, c/- Williamson's Casket Agency, 19 Caxton Street, Petrie Terrace, Brisbane.

*Brisbane Telegraph 29 May 1950*

(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)





1980s

*Time off 2-8/8/91*

**Dining Guide**

## Bernard balks at the cake

**A**RGUABLY the jewel in the crown in Brisbane's burgeoning cafe society is **Cafe Balzac**. Located at 19 Caxton Street Paddington, the cafe is the antithesis of those charming establishments usually found on the left bank of the Seine. Operated by Jean-Pierre Bounty (formerly a restaurateur from Spring Hill), the cafe exudes a cosmopolitan charm that is hard to match.

With the little lady still on sabbatical, I was accompanied by my charming Quebecoise companion, Dominique. While Dom bantered in her native tongue with Jean-Pierre, I browsed through the absorbing artwork that lined the walls. In true French style, this cafe with a difference has taken over where Cafe Europe left off. Sculptured works prop up corners while everything from modern impressionists to Norman Lindsay's prints decorate the walls. Once the art was savoured, it was time to peruse the blackboard menu.

Everything from nachos to pasta, to cosmopolitan sandwiches and soup, are available. And there's a lot in between. Arriving at 4pm, it was a little too early for anything too substantial. I grabbed a cappuccino - while Dom settled for a cafe au lait. Both were well prepared. Other choices included espresso, deccaccino, various teas, juices and liqueur coffees. The standard of the coffees are high, and the preparation first class. Jean-Pierre has a fetish for providing the best in cakes. I found it hard to go

past a slab of the sour cream cake - heated and served with a dollop of cream and slices of kiwi fruit. Sublime. Jean-Pierre usually has four chocolate cakes on show. Dominique took the Devil's option. After clearing the plate it was dubbed 'disgustingly rich.'

The real charm of Cafe Balzac lies in the room itself. Formerly a solicitors office, Jean Pierre has remodelled completely. With strong wooden features, the room exudes charisma. Games and magazines are provided for those who like to stick around. Tuesday night is chess night. Wednesday night is cheap coffee and nachos night for students. On Sunday there's live entertainment. Cafe Balzac is closed on Mondays. Opening hours are Tuesday to Thursday 4pm to midnight, Friday and Saturday 4pm to 4am and Sunday from 4pm to midnight. If you're in Paddington - drop in. Take in the comedie humaine. Enjoy pleasant surroundings and great coffee.

**Bernard Price**

*Cafe Balzac ambience*



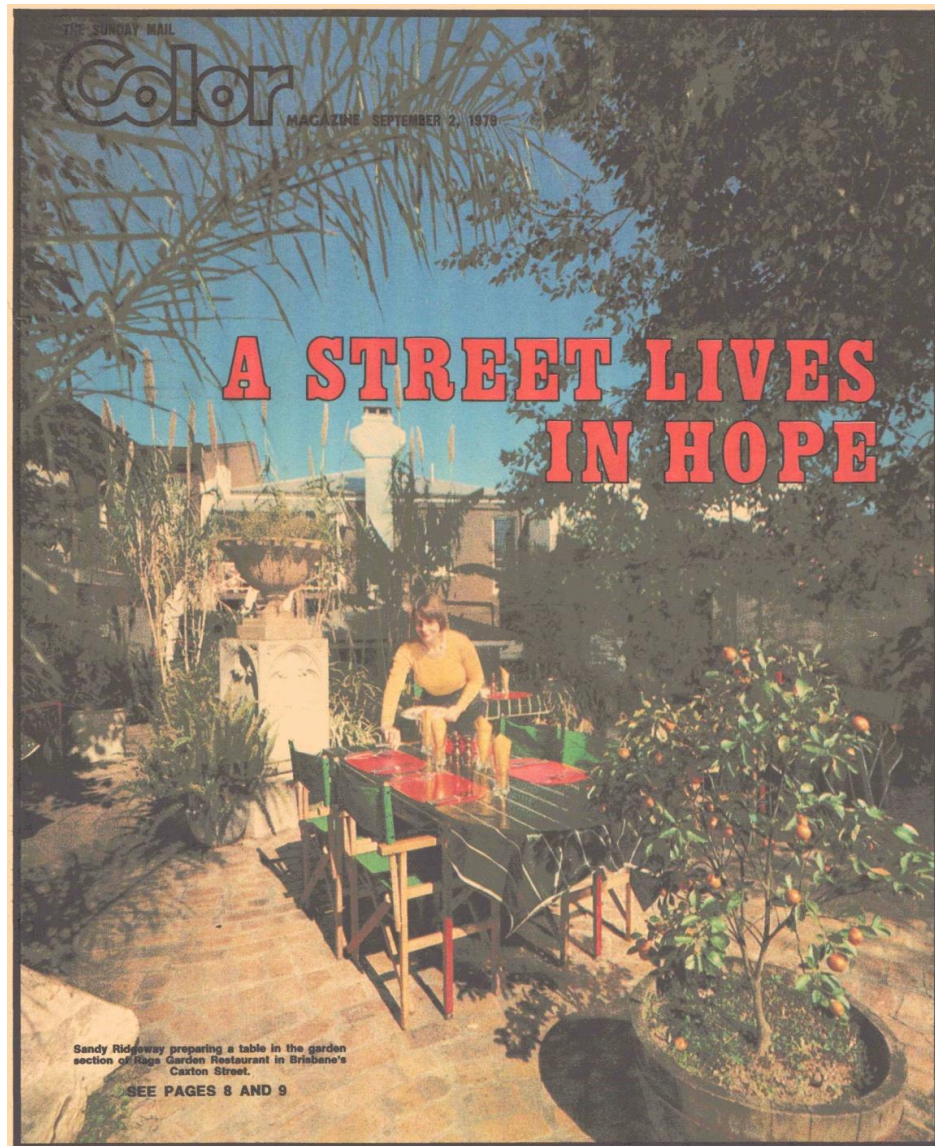
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**Nos 23 & 25 Caxton Street**





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*Rags Garden Restaurant*



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**June 2022**

**No 26 Caxton Street**



## CRUELTY TO HORSE

### Fish Hawker Fined £5

"If you commit this class of offence again I shall send you to prison without the option of a fine," said the Chief Police Magistrate, Mr. H. L. Archdall, C.B.E., to Amalito Naria, fish hawker, of 28 Caxton Street, Petrie Terrace, who admitted in the Summons Court that on December 29, at the Co-operative Fish Market, South Brisbane, he worked a horse in harness which had a sore on the back.

Mr. M. O'Sullivan, secretary of the Queensland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty, said that the sore on the horse's back was 3½ inches across, and was discharging freely. The horse was suffering greatly, and had been worked in that condition for a long time. The defendant explained to the inspector that he had been treating the animal with medicine.

The defendant was fined £5, with 6s. costs of court, in default imprisonment for one month. Time to pay was allowed.

*The Telegraph 12 January 1933*

*(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*



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(Part of) No 33 Caxton Street



**CONDUCTED UNREGISTERED TENEMENT.**—Mrs. Lucy Smith, of Caxton Street, Petrie Terrace, pleaded guilty in the Summons Court to-day before Mr. C. D. O'Brien, Police Magistrate, to a charge that on March 10 she conducted as a tenement building premises at Caxton Street, Petrie Terrace, which had not been registered with the Council in her name. Mr. O'Brien fined the defendant £1 14s., with 6s. costs of court, in default imprisonment for eight days. Mr. J. F. Maguire (City Solicitor's office) prosecuted.

*The Telegraph 12 May 1938*

## **History of Roma District in Memoirs Added to Oxley Library**

The Oxley Memorial Library has received from Mrs. L. Smith, of 29 Caxton Street, Petrie Terrace, manuscript memoirs of the late Mr. Daniel Smith and his collection of works dealing with the history of Roma and the Maranoa district.

Mr. Smith was a relative of the Spencer family which took over Mount Abundance from Mr. Allan McPherson, in 1856. Mount Abundance was the earliest station in the Maranoa, having been taken up by Mr. McPherson in 1847. The history of the district is given in Mr. McPherson's book, "Mount Abundance," and Mrs. McManus' "History of the Maranoa District," and Mr. Smith's memoirs complete the known history of that part of Queensland.

Among other accounts now presented to the Oxley Library by Mrs. Smith is the story of the genesis of Roma by the late Mr. W. Ruddle, late of the Royal George Hotel.

*The Telegraph 24 August 1938*

*(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*

**COUPON FREE  
AS NEW**

<b>ARMY OVERCOATS</b> .. . . .	<b>27/6</b>
" <b>TUNICS</b> .. . . .	<b>12/6</b>
" <b>TROUSERS</b> .. . . .	<b>14/6</b>
" <b>BLANKETS</b> ..	<b>17/6 &amp; 20/-</b>
" <b>GREEN MOS. NETS</b> ..	<b>10/-</b>

**at BERGHOFERS**  
**29 CAXTON STREET,  
PETRIE TERRACE,  
BRISBANE.**

**Add Freight.                      Add Freight.**

## TWO FINED OVER BETS

Two men were fined in the Police Court today when they pleaded guilty to charges over S.P. betting.

Joseph Vincent Lewis, 44, labourer, was charged on summons that on August 8 he had in his possession at Berghofer's shop and residence, Caxton Street, Petrie Terrace, instruments of gaming.

Mr. George S.M., fined Lewis £35, with 6/ court costs, in default imprisonment for two months.

Roy Victor George McKenzie, 35, truck driver, was charged on summons that on August 8 he had in his possession at his home, Bernecker Street, Belmont, instruments of gaming.

McKenzie was fined £25, with 6/ court costs, in default imprisonment for six weeks.

*The Beaudesert Times 19 September 1947      Brisbane Telegraph 16 August 1951*

## Police claim thief had inside helper

**A secondhand dealer with shops in Toowoomba and Brisbane, fined in the Police Court today over a paint theft, was said by police to have had the help of someone at the Ford works at Eagle Farm.**

Sub - Inspector Risch said: "It is obvious he was working with the connivance of someone at the works. He will not say who it is and we have no evidence to offer."

Charles Berghofer, 35, of Caxton St. Petrie Terrace, Brisbane, pleaded guilty to a charge that he stole paint valued at £92/10/ from the Ford Motor Co. Eagle Farm works.

Sub - Inspector Risch told Mr. Burchill, C.S.M., that Berghofer had an arrangement with the company to buy empty drums.

Yesterday, Sub-Inspector Risch said, Berghofer was watched by detectives while he loaded empty drums into his motor truck. Detectives followed Berghofer's truck to his place of business.

A full 5-gallon drum of paint was discovered by Detectives Buchanan, Balsam and Cox, concealed in the load of

empties. Sub - Inspector Risch said.

Berghofer then admitted stealing two 5-gallon drums and three full 4-gallon drums, and admitted taking two other drums to his Toowoomba shop.

All the stolen paint had been recovered except one drum valued at £12/10/, Sub-Inspector Risch said.

Berghofer said he had taken the paint because he had had a lot of sickness in his family.

Mr. Burchill fined Berghofer £10 in default jail for two months.

Mr. Burchill ordered him to make restitution of £12/10/ to the Ford Motor Co.

*Brisbane Telegraph 25 September 1954  
(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*





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## FOOD WINE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1991

## Faith in Italian restored

ALL Italian is not good Italian. Regular readers of this part of the paper may have detected some mild disaffection for the genre, as manifested in Brisbane, in past weeks.

This is partly because of a long-lasting affection for Italian cuisine, one that began in London 25 years ago and more, when we began to learn about quality cooking.

It is with considerable pleasure, then, that we are able to report that Gino Fiorini's place in Petrie Terrace is serving quality Italian food.

Gino has been around for years, always running places that attract people who like their food. He had Giardinetto in one of its great times, then Gino's at Hamilton.

Then he moved to Petrie Terrace, and a licensed restaurant which carries his name, and it seemed to us at the time that standards fell away.

Our first review of Fiorini's was not favorable, for reasons which no longer apply. I have no doubt that now Fiorini's is one of the best Italian restaurants in town.

It is good to be able to report that a meal there last weekend was first-class.

The printed menu does not appear to have changed much in the past couple of years and in fact the first part is conservative in the extreme: Oysters natural, mornay and kippers, rockmelon and parma ham, smoked salmon, seafood cocktail and prawns and crab mornay.

By the time we come to the end of the first page we are into the real thing: Minestrone (\$5.50), tortellini in brodo (meat-filled pasta packets broiled in chicken broth (\$5.50) and stracciatella alla romana (chicken broth beaten with a

DINING OUT  
with DAVID BRAY

**FIORINI'S, 27-29 Caxton Street, Petrie Terrace. Telephone 369 5552. Licensed. Open for dinner Tuesday to Sunday from 6 to 11pm. Cards: AE BC DC MC VISA. Air-conditioned; seats 75; cocktail bar; booking preferred but not necessary. Cost: \$35 to \$45 a head, plus drinks.**



CHEFS busy in the kitchen at Fiorini's.

## Fine meal found at Fiorini's



THE lobby of Fiorini's.



THE bar... extraordinary list of wines.

butter of egg and parmesan cheese, \$5.50).

Then comes half a page of pasta — spaghetti or tagliatelle verde from al burro through al pesto, marinara, carbonara and bolognese to fettuccine gorgonzola. There's ravioli with four different sauces, cannelloni and lasagne al forno.

Plus what's on the blackboard — and it was here we made our first decisions: Polpi insalata (marinated baby octopus, \$9) and spiral Mona Lisa (fresh spi-

ral pasta tossed in a mixture of peas, garlic, lettuce, olives and a citrus peel, \$8.50) — two dishes which served to restore our faith in the ability of Brisbane chefs to prepare good Italian food.

The pasta was nicely al dente and the mixture of flavors and textures most satisfactory. I particularly enjoyed the vegetarian Mona Lisa.

For the second course we stayed with the blackboard for one dish — fettuccine aragosta (ribbon pasta with fresh green

lobster tail, \$13.50 the entire serve) and went to the menu for one of the nine veal dishes, scaloppine alla pizzaiola (sauteed in butter, garlic, tomato, olives and flamed in white wine, \$16.50).

The standard did not fall, though I would not have cared one bit if vegetables had not been served on the plate with my veal. They were perfectly acceptable vegetables (potato, zucchini, carrots), nicely cooked.

The menu lists at least half a dozen dishes which appeal enormously. Among them: Baranundi della Casa (grilled fillet, topped with a sauce of cherry, cream, shallots and capers, \$19.50); mignonette chasseur (eye fillet fried in butter, served with a mushroom and tomato concasse); and Saltimbocca Alla Romana (veal sauteed in butter and white wine, topped with ham and cheese and garnished with neapolitan sauce, \$18.50).

After two very satisfying courses we thought we would give the desserts a miss, but were nicely talked into trying the peaches with walnut liqueur \$7.50. And very satisfactory it was too. Lovely, but ignore the cream.

This is a restaurant where people understand the need for ice water to be served quickly.

The other drinks came from a most impressive list which has 14 local and imported beers, 21 ports and "about 160" spirits and liqueurs, a good list of champagnes with the basic ones at \$65 and top of the range at \$135.

At the other extreme, we took a glass of the house white (Brown Brothers rhine riesling), plus a Tyrrell's 1984 cabernet sauvignon at \$24.

**THERE are some dreadful imposters masquerading as pizzas these days.**

Not my words (although I agree), but those of the Brisbane Hilton.

The hotel says it can do the real thing, especially in its Taste of Italy nights every Tuesday in the Avian Cafe, where also to be found are antipasto, risotto, pastas, Italian cheeses and chianti. \$31 for the buffet.

Similarly Thursday nights, when, from March 7, there will be An Asian Affair.

THE shopping centre on the corner of Milton and Barona roads is building up a fair collection of international-style eating places.

Next of them is the Banana Leaf, which opened on Monday. It is advertised as "fast Asian food, take-away and sit down".

The place is based on Singapore-style eating, and some peering through windows revealed that the dishes appear to be interestingly different and the prices encouragingly low: eg. curry burger \$2.40, curry dog (sic) \$2.30, sarongas \$2.50.



FIORINI'S... serving quality Italian food.



TASTY MORSELS

satays (three skewers, \$3.00);

pappadums 30c; \*

LIVE lobster at \$20 — that's

what Baguette is doing all this

month, and with some wines at

bottle prices, this top-

quality restaurant looks like

making February (the slowest

time of the year) the month for

bargain-priced gourmet eating.

Francis Domenech's team is

flying the southern rock lobsters

in from Tasmania and killing

them ("humanely, of course")

when the diner places the order.

Says Francis: "Normally we

don't sell lobster. We simply

won't buy them already boiled

and frozen, and then cook them

a second time with sauce on top.

That's why the flesh is often

tough and dry".

The two talented chefs at Baguette will do the lobster grilled with butter and fresh herbs, as whole lobster salad, or That style with lime juice, soy, lemongrass and coriander.

The restaurant's bottle-shop-ericed wines for February and March are 1988 Loney Waterfalls rhine riesling DW \$13 (bottle \$25, glass \$6.50); 1990 Leo Baring chardonnay DW \$16 (\$12.50, \$3.50); 1990 Leo Baring sauvignon blanc DW \$16 (\$12.50, \$3.50); Lindemans 1987 Hunter River burgundy reserve bin 7440 (\$21.50, \$6; 1987 Tullena TR222 cabernet sauvignon (\$14.90, \$4.50).

MARINA Mirage is at it again. Table Hop No. 3 happens next Wednesday.

For a \$60 ticket, people can apparently take hors d'oeuvres and "champagne", four courses, wine, dessert and coffee in a combination of Cafe Aroma, Maxima, The Last Dancer, Fishy, The Great Wall, Koolaburra Queen and Aromas Coffee Shop, then to Ralls.

Nightclub where karaoke is featured.



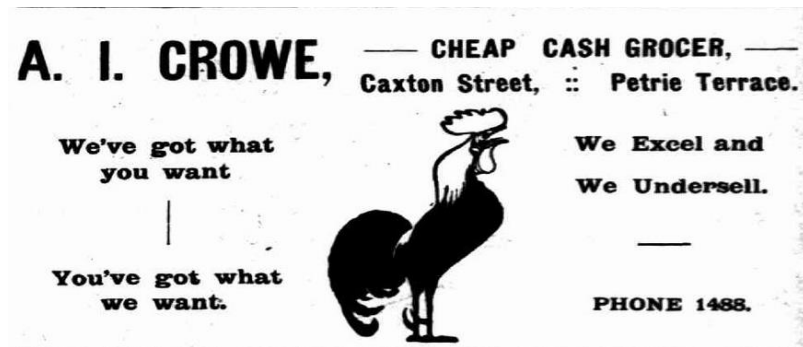
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*The Catholic Advocate 28 October 1911*  
*A I Crowe was a grocer at No 31 Caxton Street (1913 electoral roll)*  
*National Library of Australia digitised newspapers*



*1975 Nos 31-33 (State Library of Queensland)*



*1977 No 33 Shop frontage*

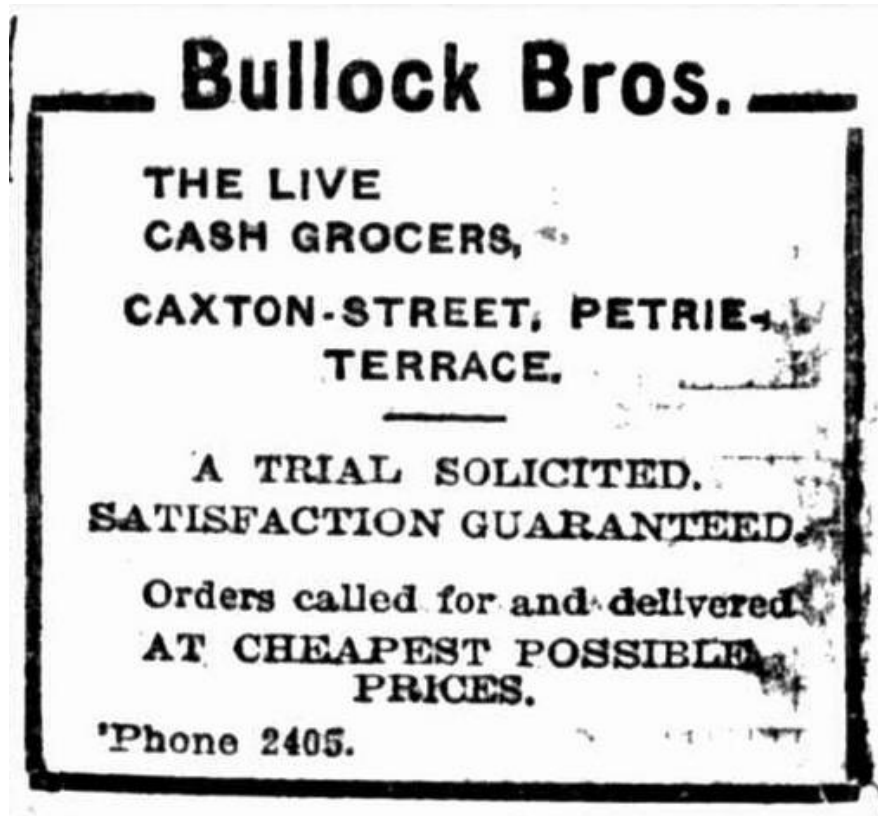


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**SELECTING HIS CHRISTMAS HAM.**  
Theft of a ham, worth 17s, belonging to Bullock Bros., was the charge brought against James Mullally (36, laborer).  
Sub-inspector O'Brien stated that the ham had been taken from a shop in Caxton-street, and that the defendant, on being tackled with the theft of it, told different stories.  
The P.M. imposed a sentence of two months' imprisonment.

Daily Standard 21 December 1915





*Daily Standard 8 December 1916*

*(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*

*1919 Pugh's Almanac places Bullock Bros one door up from Andrew Dwyer, baker*



*1975 (State Library of Queensland)*



1977

*My grandfather John Nicholson had a grocery shop where Gambaros Restaurant is today. I would often sit on the step in front of the shop when I was 5 years old. I believe there was a vacant block between my grandfather's shop and the bakery, where the baker let his German Shepherd dog roam.*

**Mary Nicholson (2024)**

*John Nicholson had a grocery store and residence at No 35–37 Caxton Street  
(1928, 1941 electoral rolls)*

**Buying Used Car Batteries**  
**14s. each**  
**OLD CAR AND TRUCK RADIATORS**  
**COPPER, BRASS, LEAD, ALUMINIUM, ZINC, CAST IRON, ETC.**  
**Delivered to Berghofer**  
**37 CAXTON STREET, PETRIE TERRACE**  
**'PHONE B 8744**

*Dayboro Times and Moreton Mail 1 May 1954*



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FOSTERS FOUNDRY**  
**37 CAXTON STREET FORTITUDE VALLEY  
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**For prompt service & top market prices  
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*Papua New Guinea Post-Courier 28 July 1972  
(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*



*1974 Fosters Scrap Metal sign on wall  
(Paddington Then & Now - Allan Miles Collection)*

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### FUNCTION CENTRE

**W**e have two Function areas and cater for all occasions.


- Wedding Receptions
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- Continental or Australian Cuisine
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Dennis Fronis, Function Manager





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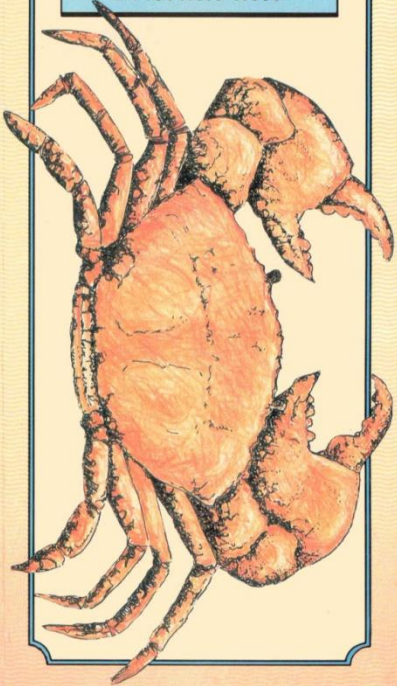
Specialising in live and fresh seafood six day delivery service, taking in the Gold and Sunshine Coasts.

Phone 846 1871  
Fax 846 1993.





## GAMBARO'S


### Restaurant



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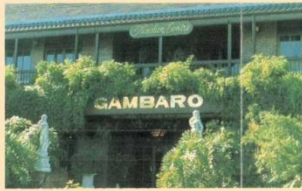
**T**he name Gambaro has been synonymous with seafood for over 37 years. Our family business commenced as a fish and chip shop at Petrie Terrace and has grown from strength to strength until it is now world renowned. (Winners of 5 American Express/ Restaurant Caterers Gold Plate Awards.)



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- A-la-Carte Menu
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- Flambe Cooking
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Open — Lunch Monday to Friday  
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Phone 369 9500  
Fax 369 4870

33 Caxton Street, Petrie Terrace



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Phone 369 4533.





*c1984 rear view of Gambaro's and statues at the front entrance*



# familyties

GAMBARO

23/06/02



**All in the family:** The famous Gambaros, including, from left, Jostie, Domenico and Michael, have a name that's been synonymous with seafood for almost 50 years

**Today** the Gambaro name is synonymous with seafood, but it's hard to believe this seafood dynasty had humble beginnings. Talking from his "headquarters" in Caxton Street, Petrie Terrace, owner Michael Gambaro credits his late father, Giovanni, with paving the way back in 1953.

"He was a cook — now they call them chefs," says Michael, 65.

It was a culinary first when Giovanni bought an existing fish and chip shop with a cafe, and opened his restaurant on Caxton Street.

"There was no such thing as a restaurant in the 1950s," Michael jokes.

Hard work and a reputation for ocean-fresh seafood have spawned an empire.

"Today we export around the world, we've got four outlets and we are going as strong as we have ever been."

The business comprises an export division at Eagle Farm, a retail shop at South Brisbane, Oyster Bar and retail shop at Caxton Street, and new business Gambaro's at New Farm, on the corner of Sydney and Brunswick Streets. (Son John's popular Rosatti's on the Park restaurant is next door.)

Michael has enjoyed working with older brother and

partner Dominic, 78, who only recently retired. The brothers started at the bottom because their father wanted them to learn every aspect of the business.

"I was the youngest fishmonger in the business, just 16. We had to fillet our own fish in the beginning."

And just like his late father, Michael is a trained cook in his own right who still lends a hand in the busy kitchen at Gambaro's.

His secret recipes are a favourite with long-time customers and it seems Michael owes his talent to his father.

"My dad taught me how to cook. He clipped me under the ear and taught me."

Michael's wife, Jostie, has been a helping hand along the way, and as the proud father of four daughters and three sons, Michael is pleased some of his children are actively involved as the third-generation of Gambaros in business.

"Some of my kids are already following in the same footsteps. It's a family tradition of three generations."

Daughter Rosie, 42, is the manager of Gambaro's restaurant and John, 33, Frank, 30, and Donny, 23, are the team behind the recently opened New Farm site.

Michael, who describes himself as a "people person", thinks the key to success is to treat all customers equally.

*The Gambaro family sold their interest in the hotel in 2022 to the Australian Rugby League Commission, it was renamed the Beetson Hotel in 2024. In 1980, at age 35, Arthur Beetson captained Queensland in the inaugural State of Origin match which they won 20-10*





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Caxton Street, northern side, looking east





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Nos 34 & 36 Caxton Street



**SOLD INSECT  
INFESTED BISCUITS.  
Man Fined £5.**

For having for sale a quantity of granose biscuits, which were adulterated, William Muldoon, of 32 Caxton-street, Petrie-terrace, was fined £5 by Mr. P. M. Hishon, P.M., in the Summons Court to-day.

**M**ULDOON pleaded guilty to a charge that on August 16, he sold, by having for sale, granose biscuits, which were adulterated.

The analyst's report was that the biscuit was a rancide wheaten product, infested with insects, and contaminated with the excreta of insects, and was, therefore, unfit for human consumption.

Defendant was fined £5, with £1 4s 6d costs, in default 14 days' goal.

*Daily Standard 4 October 1932*

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24th,  
AT 11 A.M.  
SALE BY PUBLIC  
AUCTION**

**In Our Mart, 241 Adelaide Street  
opp. Anzac Square**

Under instructions from the UNION TRUSTEE COMPANY OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED, 400 Queen Street, Brisbane, as Executor in the Estate of William Muldoon, deceased.

**PETRIE TERRACE**

*Situated at No. 32, Caxton Street.*

**FREEHOLD SHOPS AND  
DWELLING**

Comprising 2 Brick Shops, 22 x 10 and 19 x 11, with Wooden Dwelling of 4 rooms attached; gas, e.l., and sewerage installed.

Land described as Sub. 3 of Allot. 290, County of Stanley, Parish of North Brisbane, Area 123 perches, having frontages of 33 ft. to Caxton Street, and 44ft. 6in. to Judge St., at rear.

TERMS: One-quarter cash, balance over three years, with interest at 5 per cent.

**James Thorpe & Co.**  
AUCTIONEERS.

*The Telegraph 17 August 1938*

*(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*

*William Muldoon's building was next door to the Caxton Hotel (1932-36 PO directory)*



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**June 2022**

**No 38 Caxton Street**



The original Caxton Hotel was erected in 1864 by William Henry Warman who remained its publican until 1870. Warman, a compositor, evidently named the hotel in honour of William Caxton, famous for the introduction of printing to England in the fifteenth century. From 1870 to 1875 the pub was known as the Elephant and Castle but thereafter reverted to its earlier name. Publican Simon McLennan, who later ran the Prince of Wales at the corner of Charlotte and Edward Streets, moved the Caxton Hotel across the road onto a site made vacant following a shop fire.

Erected in 1884, the new Caxton Hotel was described four years later: "The present building is two stories high, and is built of red brick. It is conveniently arranged inside, with parlours, sitting rooms etc., and the rooms are clean and airy, and the hotel is in a very healthy locality".

In the 1980s the Caxton Hotel became the haunt of traditional jazz lovers. On 7 October 1981 the 'Courier' noted that president of the Queensland Jazz Club, Mileham Hayes better known as 'Doctor Jazz', praised the Caxton Street Jazz Band, which played from 2pm to 5pm each Saturday in the pub's beer garden, for introducing jazz to the young people in the Paddington – Red Hill area.

According to promotional flyers, the Caxton Hotel held its fifth and Brisbane's zaniest Jazzfest in 1989. With internationally renowned groups, soloists and bands performing the best beer-drinking, toe-tapping music, it appeared the Caxton was on a winner. But the fickle younger set, perhaps drawn to the proliferating night club scene, with its sophisticated cocktails, and the attractions of techno dance music, gradually lost interest in the Caxton's Jazz 'n Jug' Saturday afternoons.

**A Brisbane Historical Pub Tour (1995 BHG publication)**

**TO BUILDERS, CARPENTERS, &c.**

**TENDERS** are invited for the Erection of a **HOUSE** suitable for an **HOTEL**, on the **Main Road at the back of the Gaol, North Brisbane.** **Plans and specification** can be seen on the premises, where **Tenders** are to be delivered on or before **SATURDAY**, the 26th instant.

**The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.**

**W. H. WARMAN,**  
**5844 Menzie-street, Petrie Terrace.**

*The Brisbane Courier 20 June 1864*

*It appears that the land on which the original Caxton Hotel was built in 1864 was a long narrow allotment running from Menzies Street through to Caxton Street, a street that was only given the name after the Caxton Hotel was built. Interestingly, this 1869 advertisement for the sale of the hotel still gave the hotel address as Menzies Street.*

**UNRESERVED AND ABSOLUTE SALE**  
OF  
**IMPROVED FREEHOLD PROPERTY,**  
KNOWN AS  
**WARMAN'S CAXTON HOTEL,**  
MENZIE-STREET,  
**PETRIE-TERRACE.**

To Capitalists and Others.

**D**ICKSON & DUNCAN have been instructed to sell by auction, on the Premises, known as Warman's Caxton Hotel, on **THURSDAY, May 27, at 11 o'clock,** That Valuable Improved **FREEHOLD PROPERTY,** known as **THE CAXTON HOTEL,** Menzie-street, Petrie-terrace.

This well-known house stands on an allotment of land, having a frontage to Menzie-street of 33 feet more or less, by a depth of about 120 feet to a right of way at the rear. The land is all securely fenced-in.

The House comprises ten commodious apartments—viz., bar, bar parlors, dining-room, bed-rooms, &c., &c., and was specially built to suit the exigencies of hotel business. The house is constructed of the most substantial materials of the kind for a wooden building, and is in excellent preservation. A detached kitchen, out-offices, and most capacious tank (under-ground) have all been constructed on this property.

The hotel will be sold subject to a claim to Queensland Building Society No. 2, of about £250.

**LOT No. 2.**—An allotment of Land alongside the above, having similar frontage to Menzie-street—viz., 33 feet, by a depth, as above, of about 120 feet, to a right of way at rear, fenced in. Fronting the street is erected a substantial wooden cottage, in good preservation and condition, which can either be occupied as a separate dwelling, or can be used in conjunction with the Hotel, to which it forms a most convenient adjunct, either in the shape of additional Bedrooms, or Billiard Room, &c., &c.

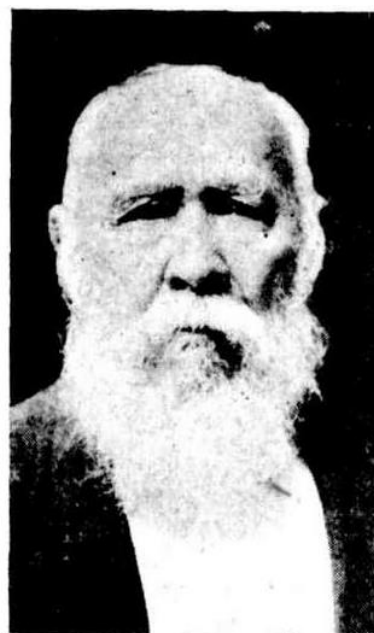
The two allotments being adjacent, have a total frontage of 66 feet, and form one snug, compact property.

The attention of capitalists and others is specially invited.

Titles guaranteed.  
Terms at Sale.

Day of Sale—**THURSDAY, May 27, at 11 a.m.**  
On the Premises. 4724

*The Courier Mail 26 May 1869*



**THE LATE MR. W. H. WARMAN,**  
"The Father of Australian Comps."  
—Thos. Mathewson & Co. photo.

*The Brisbane Courier 9 November 1912*



From August 1881 Simon McLennan owned the original hotel and just a few months later a fire destroyed several buildings on the opposite side of the street. He later purchased some of that vacant land and in 1884 built a new brick hotel which is the current Caxton Hotel.

Shortly after 3 o'clock on Tuesday morning (says the *Courier*) a fire, which resulted in the destruction of five buildings, broke out in Caxton-street, Petrie-terrace, Brisbane. When first seen a grocer's store, occupied by Mr. James Scott, and an adjoining building, occupied by Mr. Gilmore as a residence and a draper's shop, were both on fire, and the flames were rapidly spreading. Both Mr. Scott's and Mr. Gilmore's family were sleeping on the premises, and were with difficulty awakened in time to escape; and so rapidly did the front portion of the premises, which were of wood, burn, that scarcely anything could be got out of either building. A few goods and some little furniture, of the value of about £30, were saved from Mr. Scott's place, but from Gilmore's scarcely anything was rescued before the whole building was in flames. The fire quickly extended in the direction of Caxton-street to a grocer's store, occupied by Mr. T. Harding, and in the opposite direction to the premises of Mr. Mitchell, a greengrocer, whose premises were of wood, and to a two-storey brick building, owned by Mr. W. Baynes, and used as a branch of the Graziers' Butchering Company, all of the places being totally destroyed. The wooden building adjoining Mr. Harding's, and occupied by Mr. Starkey, was badly burned at one end. At the rear of Mr. Scott's shop and residence was a large stable and hay-shed, which, fortunately, were saved, but a valuable stock and nearly the whole of the furniture and effects were destroyed. The heaviest loser, however, will probably be Mr. Gilmore, as the contents of his shop and residence were uninsured, and hardly anything was saved. The greater part of Mr. Mitchell's stock and furniture were got out before the fire reached his place, and a considerable portion of the contents of Mr. Harding's premises were also saved. The loss in the case of the Graziers' Butchering Company will be confined to the building, which was only partially insured.

*Queensland Times, Ipswich Herald and General Advertiser 22 December 1881*  
(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)



1874 view showing Caxton Street with the approximate location of 1881 fire circled.

One of the buildings that can be seen on the opposite side of the street would have been the original Caxton Hotel built in 1864.

**Publicans' Licenses.**

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**T**O the Worshipful the Justices of the Peace forming the Licensing Board for the District of Brisbane, in Queensland.

I, SIMON M'LENNAN, being the Licensee of the Caxton Hotel, Petrie-terrace, in the District of Brisbane, do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply at the next Monthly Licensing Meeting or Special Petty Sessions, to be holden for this District on the Ninth day of October next ensuing, for a **PROVISIONAL LICENSE** for the sale of **Fermented and Spirituous Liquors**, in a house and appurtenances thereunto belonging, proposed to be erected of brick and stone on Subdivision 4 and Resubdivision 3 of Subdivision 5 of Allotment 290, opposite the premises now licensed to me in Caxton-street, Brisbane aforesaid, containing the number of rooms required by the Act, and which I intend to keep as an Inn or Public-house, under the aforesaid sign of the Caxton Hotel. The house will be my own property. I am married, having a wife and two children.

Given under my hand this Seventeenth day of September, 1883.

4902  
**SIMON M'LENNAN.**

*The Brisbane Courier 27 September 1883*

**TO-MORROW.**

**UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE  
OF  
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND  
EFFECTS.**

On the Premises known as the Old Caxton Hotel, Petrie Terrace.

**D**AVID LOVE will sell by auction, on the premises known as the Old Caxton Hotel, Petrie Terrace, on **THURSDAY, April 24, at 11 o'clock,**

Cane Seat Chairs, Couches  
Pictures, Ornaments  
Single and Double Iron Bedsteads and Bedding  
Washstands and Ware, Toilet Tables  
Toilet Glasses, Sundries, &c.

On the Premises known as the old Caxton Hotel, in consequence of the proprietor relinquishing business.

No Reserve.  
Terms—Cash.

*The Telegraph 23 April 1884*

*(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*





*New Caxton Hotel c1880s/90s  
(Caxton Hotel website)*



*XXXX Collector Series Postcard No 4 (courtesy of Jason Hender Lost Brisbane)*

**LATE MR. J. GREGG.**

The death of Mr. James Gregg at the age of 69 years, at his residence, "Vaenell," Caxton Street, Paddington, after a long illness, removes a very old resident of the city, and one who took a great interest in its growth. Mr. Gregg was a native of Eker, County Kilkenny, Ireland. He landed in Brisbane 50 years ago, and shortly afterwards joined the staff of Messrs. Quinlan, Gray and Co., and subsequently for many years successfully conducted business in the Stamford Hotel, Indooroopilly, and Caxton Hotel, Petrie Terrace. He leaves a widow and family of one daughter and three sons. The funeral took place to the Toowong Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, June 27th, and was attended by a large number of the deceased gentleman's relatives and friends. The Very Rev. Father Lee officiated at the graveside.

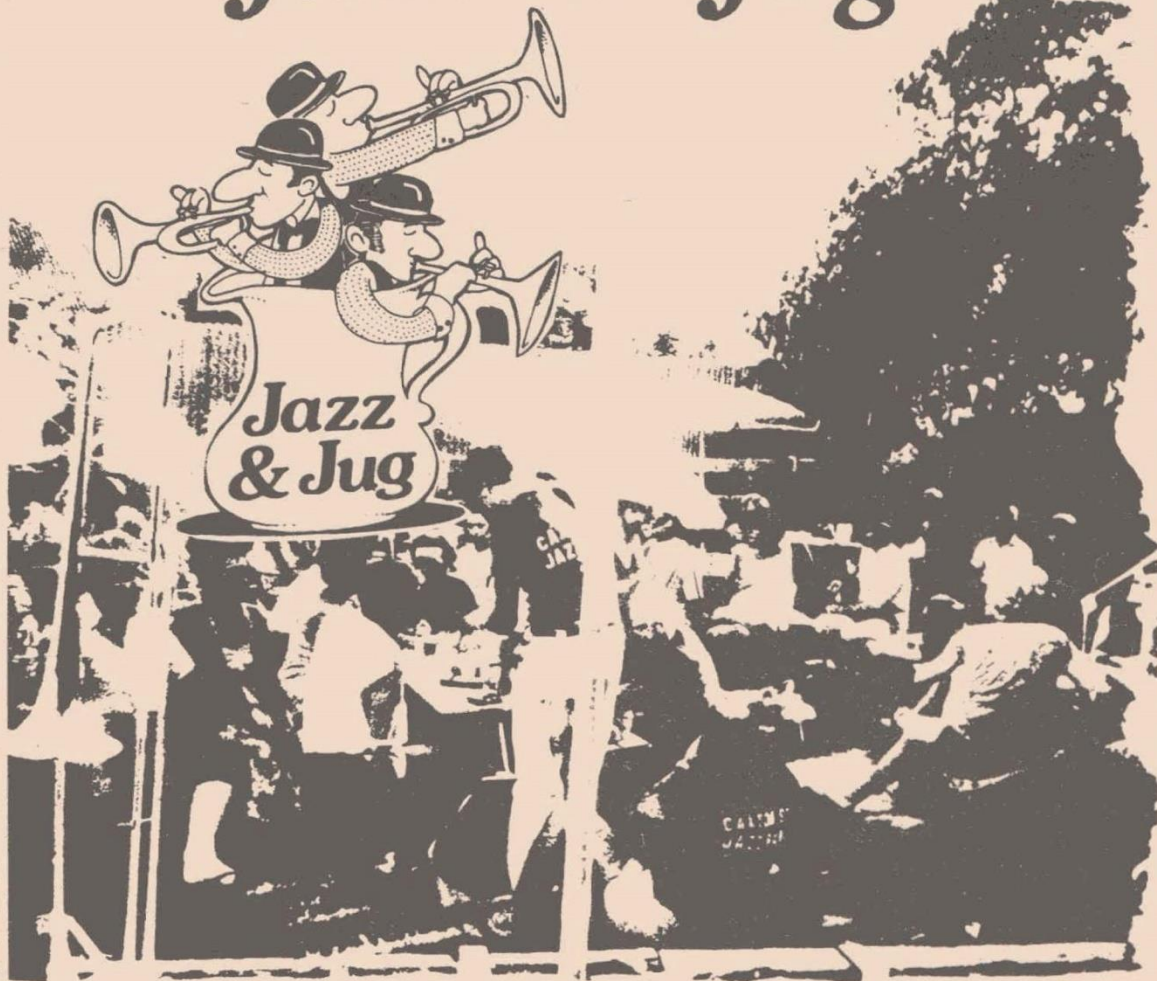
The following were amongst the large number who attended :—Messrs. T. W. Gregg, J. A. Gregg, T. Gregg, J. P. Gregg, J. Mahoney, M. Tynan, V. Tynan, J. Lalor, H. Wagner (Toowoomba), J. N. Devoy, H. S. Wood, P. J. Woods, F. Burnett (Quinlan, Gray, and Co., Ltd.), R. N. Penrose, S. Graham, W. Scaife, E. Overell, V. Palmer (Overells' Ltd.), A. Burton (Valley Clothing Co.), P. Lynch, J. O'Hanlon, P. Coughlin, T. McClusky, J. Harvey (Queensland Irish Association), W. Smith, T. Walsh, J. S. Kerr, M.L.A., Alderman A. E. Jones, Messrs. T. Carroll, J. Carroll, S. C. Kelly, D. Driscoll, J. Parkinson, J. A. Holdsworth, C. G. Barry, J. Ferrari, J. McMahon, P. Sweeney, M. Butler.

*The Catholic Advocate 5 July 1923*  
(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)

*Quinlan Gray & Co later became Castlemaine Brewery and Quinlan Gray & Co. Brisbane Ltd, brewers of the famous Fourex XXXX beer.*



# *The Caxton Hotel Jazz 'n' Jug*



*THE Saturday afternoon rage  
Caxton St. (opposite  
legal aid)*

*Summer 9/4/64*



c1983 – Caxton Hotel Beer Garden

**Brisbane's Zaniest Jazzfest hits the Caxton – Sat. and Sun. afternoon Nov. 11 & 12.**

Internationally renowned groups, soloists and bands will perform the best beer-drinking, toe-tapping music live from two different stages from **two** in the afternoon until eight at night.

The party continues inside from 7.00pm till 3 am. Experience the sound of the 20 piece "SOUTHERN COMFORT BIG BAND" in a unique Australian performance under the big marquee. Other artists performing live on the day include:

- Southern Comfort Big Band
- Caxton Street Jazz Band (in their 9th year at the Caxton)
- Barbershop quartet
- Chris Young
- Wiley Reed
- XXXX Jazz Band
- Joe Fingers
- Spinifex
- Owen Gray
- Lance McGuire
- Mick Hadley and the Last Shout
- Ram Jam Band

**CAXTON**  
Caxton Hotel, Caxton St., Petrie Terrace.  
Ph: 369 5971. Fax: 368 5725.

**Fifth Caxton Jazzfest '89**

Saturday and Sunday  
11th & 12th November.

**Brashs Palings**  
123 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane (Opposite the Hilton) Tel: 229 2155

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COMPLIMENTS OF TRAVELWORLD

**entry form**

**How to enter:**  
Fill in the form and pass it to the attendant when purchasing a Tropical Itch or just lunching or dining in the Garden Grill. Draw will be held in the Garden at 6pm Sunday, November 12. Judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Customer does not have to be present on the day of the draw!  
Winner notified by post and telephone.

Caxton Hotel, Caxton St., Petrie Terrace. Ph: 369 5971.

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Sunday Mail 13/11/94



Life at the Caxton... Michael Drum believes in the modern pub image

**I**N 1949 Jim and Margaret Drum moved into the Caxton Hotel with three young children — Peter, Julie and Michael.

The children attended boarding school, then university, displaying more academic skills than bar skills. In fact none of the three indicated any intention of taking over the family pub.

When the youngest Drum, Michael, completed a dentistry degree he set up practice in Far-inga, and visited the Caxton just to say hello.

As fate would have it, Michael was called back to the pub 15 years ago in a move which turned out to be more permanent than he intended.

"Dad had a stroke and asked me to come and help him out. Then four months later he died on me. But I had developed a feel for the place; I felt I could change a few things, so I decided to stay," he recalls.

After all, Michael had survived boarding school (from age five), and many years at Queensland Uni. He was married with four daughters, and really felt that more than 20 years in the pub was enough,

but once he was back "home" — he was there to stay.

Michael managed to combine dental work and pub duty, switching from the thrills of the drill to the spills of the bar on a daily basis. He finally scrapped the dental practice six years ago and has concentrated on pub life since.

Michael's mother-in-law Moya Lewis came in to help for a few weeks and stayed 10 years. Moya's brother was Owen "The Champ" Weller, which makes her Zena Weller's sister-in-law. Michael went to school with his cousins, the Wellers, and along the way palled up with Carmichaels, McGuires and just about every other publican kid in town during his years in "institutions".

"I was sent away to boarding school when I was five — maybe that's what's wrong with me," he laughed.

Michael's years at Nudgee Junior, Terrace and Nudgee Senior were interspersed with holidays at home in the Petrie Terrace pub.

## From drills to beer spills

"In those days the pub was like a corner store — everyone popped in. Lots of people boarded in the rooms upstairs. If all the rooms were full, mum would put me on a stretcher in the hallway."

When Michael first took over the pub he left it as it was. It wasn't long before he got the pub bug and became serious about renovations. He ripped out the tiles and revamped bit by bit.

**T**HE pub was first built in 1884 and extended in the 1920s. There were some renovations in the Sixties with liquor licence laws requiring modern toilets and other facilities.

Michael's family have all been involved in the pub. He remembers his mother Margaret working alongside her husband six days a week.

Before the Drums took on the Caxton, Margaret and Jim had the Metropole in Ipswich. There they palled up with Bob McLean, making a pub connection which would surface again

in the next generation. "Pub work was hard work. I saw mum and dad on the floor six days a week working 10am to 10pm. I think mum and dad wanted a better life for us. They were sure there was an easier way to make a living."

"My older brother is a doctor on the Coast and he isn't interested in the pub. My sister Julie isn't either."

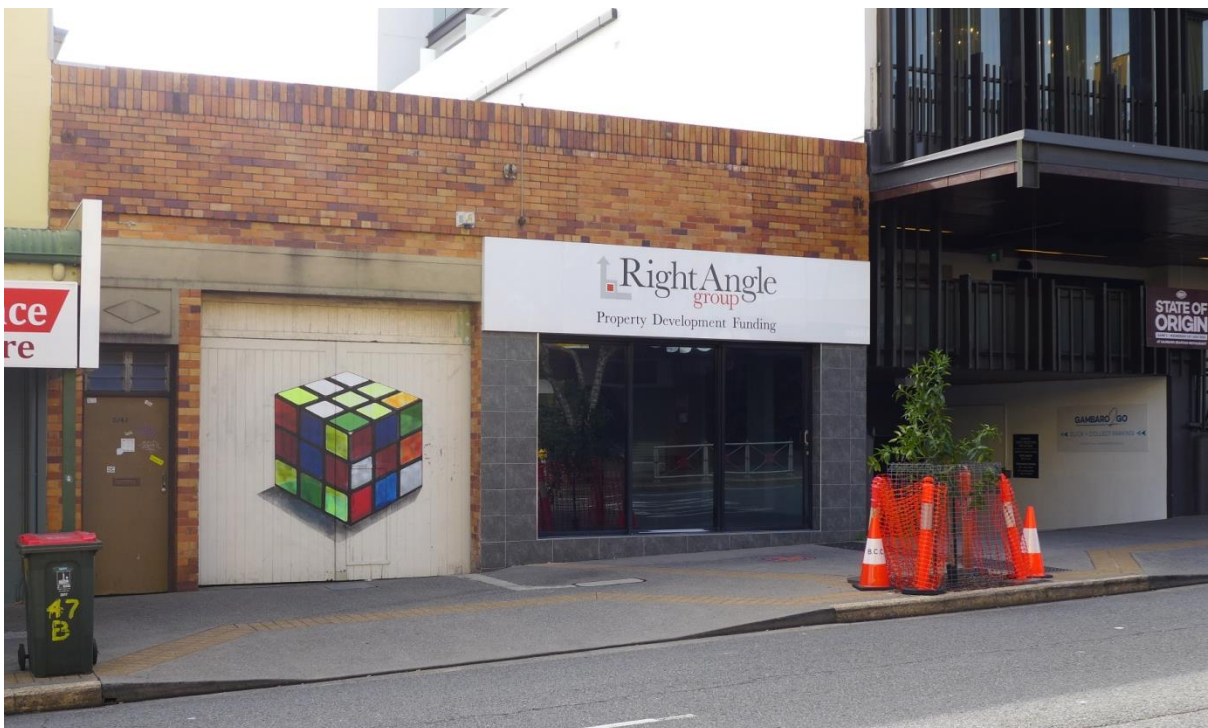
Michael's four daughters have worked in the bars whenever they were needed.

"State of Origin nights and Marble days, they are here. The family are supportive and helpful — it is a family business. I don't want to discourage the girls from the pub life but I want them to take on their own careers. Dominique is working for Paul McLean and Peter Lewis in body corporate services. Sophie is a graphic designer — she does all my art work, which is quite handy."

Georgina is an arts/law student and Annabel is at school with another relative, Samantha Weller."



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**June 2022**

**No 39 Caxton Street**



**MR. ANDREW DWYER,  
PADDINGTON.**

It is with very great sorrow that we record the death of Mr. Andrew Dwyer on Friday last, at his residence at Petrie Terrace, Paddington. The late Mr. Dwyer was a native of the Commonwealth, having been born in Sydney, N.S.W., in 1844. He was educated in that city, and came to Queensland in 1863, when he secured an appointment in the Government service in Brisbane. This he retained until 1877 when he purchased the bakery business of Mr. F. Bennett, at Petrie Terrace. This business he developed until 1900, when he decided to retire, but two years later, his latent business energy asserting itself, he again commenced business operations. These continued until two years ago when he vested control of the business in his younger son (Andrew Dwyer, junr.), who still continues it. The late Mr. Dwyer was father of the well-known footballer, Mr. Phil. Dwyer of the Railway Department, and of Mr. Andrew Dwyer, junr. Mrs. Dwyer, a native of Maryborough, Queens Co., Ireland, also survives. The deceased had been attended by Sir David Hardie, and Rev. Father Canali administered the last consolations of holy religion. The funeral, which was private, took place to the Toowong Cemetery, and Rev. Father Canali officiated at the graveside. R.I.P.

*The Catholic Advocate 21 June 1913*

**SOLD BREAD ON SUNDAY  
BAKER FINED £10**

A fine of £10, with 3s. 6d. costs, was imposed on William Knowles, trading as the Caxton Bakery, Paddington, this morning, by Mr. J. Stewart Berge, Police Magistrate, in the Industrial Magistrate's Court.

Knowles had pleaded guilty to having issued bread from his bakehouse on Sunday, April 29. The defendant failed to appear.

Peter Watson, Industrial Inspector, said that on the day in question, about 12.10 p.m. he saw persons coming from the bakehouse carrying bread. He interviewed a woman who admitted she had bought bread at the bakehouse. The defendant when questioned admitted that he had sold the bread, but said it would be the last occasion on which he would sell bread on a Sunday.

Mr. Watson said that the defendant had been convicted on four previous occasions for the same offence. The last time he was fined £8.

*The Telegraph 25 May 1928*  
(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)



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**June 2022**

**Nos 46 - 50 Caxton Street**



# **SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 30th JULY**

BY PUBLIC AUCTION, ON THE PREMISES.  
Under instructions from the Trustees in  
Estates of late J. H. Cameron and late L. A.  
M. T. Foot.

## **GOOD INVESTMENT FREEHOLD**

at 2.30 o'clock

### **(1) CAXTON STREET, JUST OFF PETRIE TERRACE**

Sub. 6 of Allot. 296, North Brisbane, area 20¼  
perches. Improved on Caxton Street frontage  
with two storied brick shop and dwelling of  
8 rooms, and on Judge Street frontage with  
a wood and iron cottage, 4 rooms and bath-  
room. Both are sewerred, and let to good  
tenants at 25/ and 15/ respectively. Will be  
sold as one lot.

*The Courier-Mail 16 July 1938*



*1975 (State Library of Qld)*

*(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*



*1975 (State Library of Queensland)*

**No 46 Caxton Street**



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**June 2022**

**Nos 47A & 47B Caxton Street**



**Auctioneers' Announcements.**  
**TO-MORROW,**  
**At 11 o'clock.**  
**IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION.**  
**STOCK IN TRADE OF GENERAL GROCER AND PROVISION MERCHANT.**  
**HARDWARE.**  
**TANN'S SAFE, AVERY'S WEIGH-BRIDGE, THREE HORSES, TWO SPRINGCARTS, HARNESS, &c.**  
**ON THE PREMISES,**  
**49 Caxton street, Petrie terrace.**  
**By Order of the Trustees in the Estate of A. Phillips, in Liquidation.**  
**A.** S. PHILLIPS has been favoured with instructions from the Trustees to sell by auction, on the Premises, 49 Caxton street, Petrie terrace, on **TUESDAY, September 8, at 11 o'clock,**  
The Stock in Trade of a General Grocer and Provision Merchant, consisting of a Very Complete List of all sorts of Groceries, in good order, Lampware, Hollow and Enamelled Ware, Tinware, Crockery, and Pottery, Tann's Fireproof Safe, 16 x 16 x 22, inside measurement; 8-cwt. Avery's Weighbridge, 2 Sets Brass Counter Scales and Weights, Ice Chest, Store Truck, Bacon Case, 3 Stanch Horses, 2 First-class Springcarts, Springcart Harness, Saddle and Bridle, and everything necessary for carrying on a first-class Grocery Business.  
**Terms Cash. No Reserve.**

*The Telegraph 7 September 1903*

**CAXTON STREET, OFF PETRIE TERRACE,** short distance from the city; Two-story Brick Shop and Residence, containing 4 rooms, shop, kitchen, large modern bakers' oven, and stables, water and gas.

The land is described as subdivision 13 of allotment 293, county Stanley, parish of North Brisbane, area, 13 <sup>4</sup>/<sub>5</sub> perches.

Premises recently occupied by Boston Supply Co.

A splendid opening for energetic baker.

(This property is being submitted in conjunction with Messrs. Cameron Bros.).

*The Telegraph 22 March 1922*

*(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*



*Early 1920s (Lost Brisbane Facebook)*

*Lake's Pies went around the streets selling them ..... lovely homemade ones.*

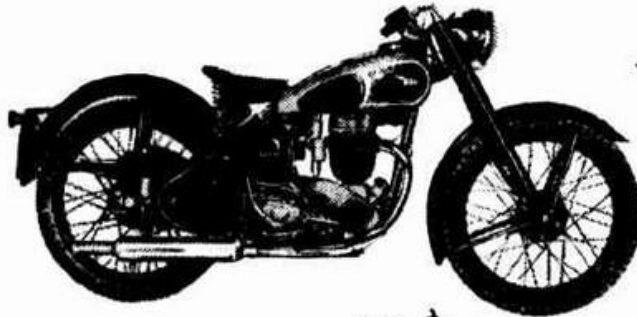
***Mrs Klein interview 1990s***

*My grandfather and great grandfather, Samuel and Walter Neil, had a bakery in Caxton Street just after World War Two. Dad said he used to spend his Saturdays helping to make pies and pasties because they had contracts to supply them for the races.*

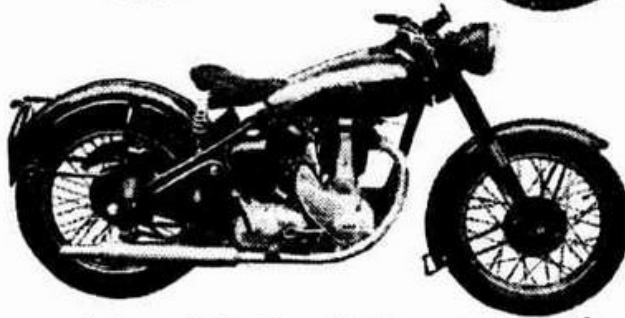
***Lyndal Parfoot 2024***

*The 1947 Post Office directory shows S L and W J Neil listed as pastrycooks at No 47 Caxton Street, the premises previously used by George Lake.*





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## PATROL CITY TO GUARD DECORATIONS



**MR. CON CROWLEY** (left) president of the Queensland Motor Cycle Proficiency League briefs league members last night outside the Criminal Investigation Branch on Royal Tour patrol duty. Members will tour city streets to guard decorations against vandalism and fire.

*The Courier Mail 2 March 1954  
(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*





1975 (State Library of Qld)



June 2022

No 50 Caxton Street

**FIT  
"DEFLECTOR  
BLINDS"  
for the  
Summer Months**

**E**NJOY sleeping out this summer. You can have the advantages of the open air and the protection of a closed room when you fit "Deflector Blinds"—a new patent which gives an absolutely new type of ventilation.

See the Deflector or write for illustrated pamphlet.

**McNaught Venetian  
Blinds, Ltd.**

50 Caxton Street, Petrie  
Terrace, near Caxton Hotel,  
Brisbane.

(Makers also of the famous  
Chain Venetian Blinds.)  
Ring C4062—ask for Mr.  
Clarke.

*Truth 13 October 1929*



Display by McNaught Venetian Blinds, 50 Caxton Street, Petrie Terrace  
(Phone B6929).

*The Queenslander 29 August 1935  
(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*



*I remember Mullins garage when I was a kid. Terry Mullins raced a speed car at Brisbane Exhibition Speedway. I was only about three or four at that time. I do remember seeing him and the car.*

*Terry is driving the car on the left front, no roll bars just helmets and short sleeve shirts. They used to get great crowds. As a kid I used to drool over that car when we walked past the Mullins garage.*

*The speedway photo is from the late forties early fifties and I can remember Mullins garage from that period, it was almost next to the Caxton pub. I think there were a couple of shops between the garage and the pub There was a motor bike shop opposite in those days. They were mainly English bikes BSA and Triumph.*

**John Curry 2024**



*Ron Strong drove the Mullins Special Speedcar Q30 and my father Bob was in the pit crew. Those were the days.*

**John Andrews 2024**

*We knew Greg and Les Mullins very well. They managed our family's trucks and cars. They did a lot of big trucks and prime movers. They retired and the pub used the site for parking.*

**Colin Connell 2024**



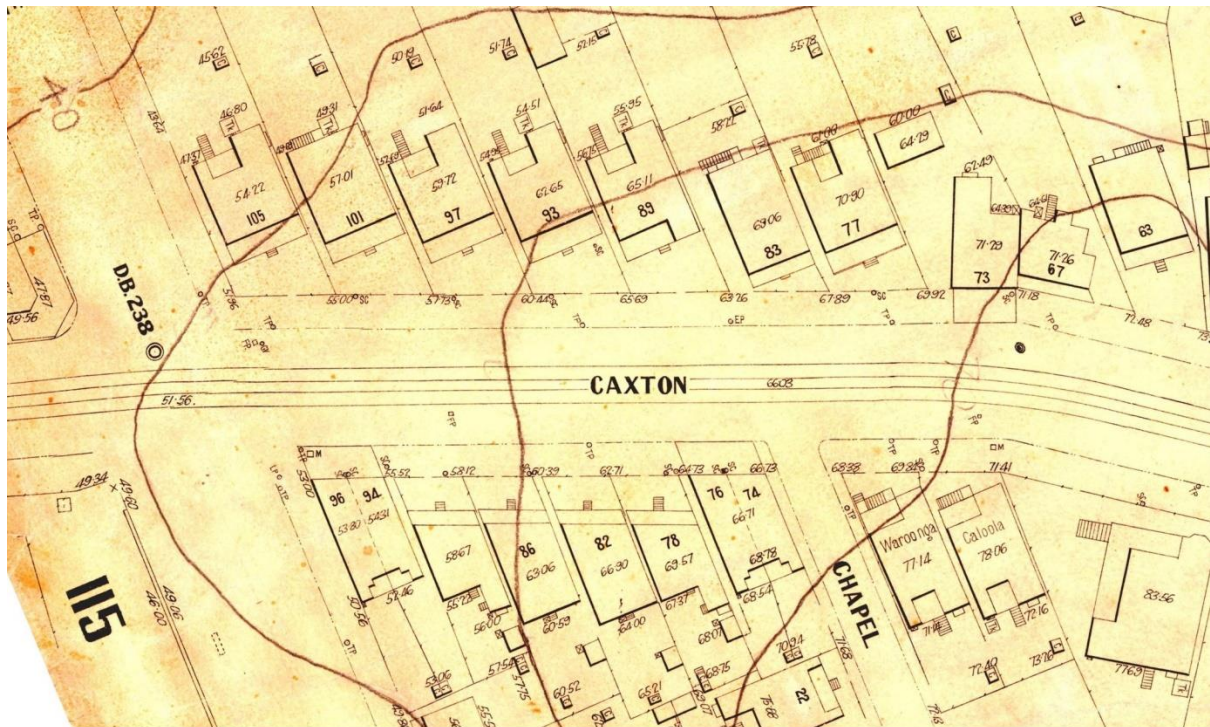
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**June 2022**

**No 55 Caxton Street**





*Part 1927 Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board Detail Plan No 113 (Brisbane City Council Archives) and 1961 aerial photograph (QImagery). Hale Street on the left*





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**June 2022**

**No 57 Caxton Street**





**1977**



**June 2022**

**No 58 Caxton Street**

# Tram, trucks, car in smash

**Two trucks, a tram and a sedan car were involved in a spectacular smash at Paddington this morning.**

The tram, one truck, and the car were extensively damaged, but no one was injured.

After leaving the line the tram slewed across the road and blocked following traffic for two hours.

Trams were unable to pass the Bardon and Paddington line and banked up along Petrie Terrace, Roma Street, and George Street for more than half a mile.

Police were told that the accident occurred at 8.37 a.m. near the corner of Caxton Street and Petrie Terrace.

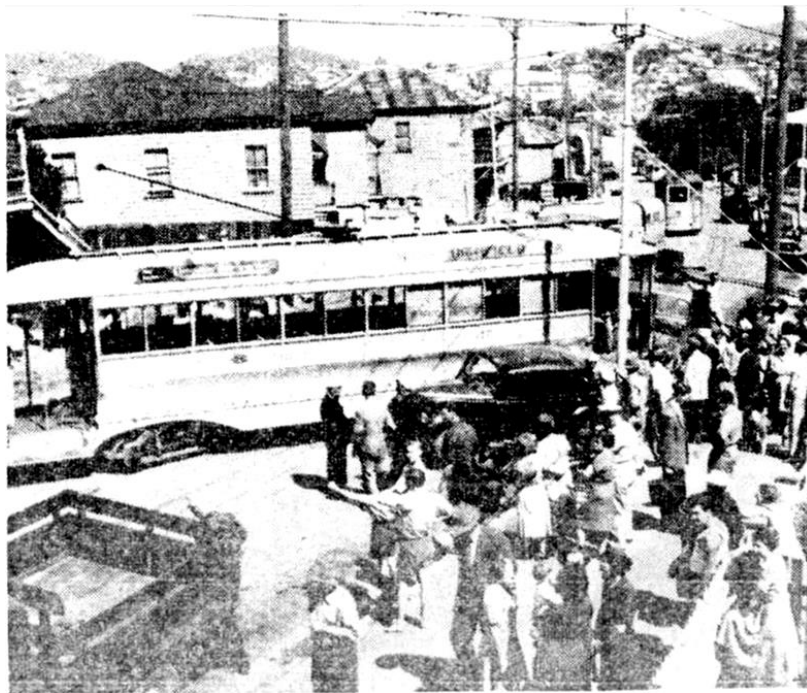
A truck travelling outbound and pulling out from the kerb struck the tram.

The tram canoned across the street into the other truck and the sedan car, which were parked.

There were no passengers on the tram, which was travelling to Paddington depot when the accident occurred.

The last passenger, Mrs. Con. Crowley, wife of a well-known Brisbane businessman, left the tram at the previous stop.

**PICTURE OF SMASH,  
PAGE 12.**



Scores of people were late for work as the damaged tram almost completely blocked the roadway and other trams were unable to pass.

*The report notes this as at the corner of Caxton Street and Petrie Terrace, the topography and houses in the background suggest this is at the 'dog-leg' in Caxton Street*





This tram, the car in the foreground, and the truck were extensively damaged in a spectacular smash in Caxton Street, Paddington, this morning.



A close-up picture shows the wrecked front of the tram after it left the line and hit the parked car and truck.

*Brisbane Telegraph 1 November 1951  
(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*



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**June 2022**

**No 59 Caxton Street**



## No 65 Caxton Street

## **SHED DESTROYED BY FIRE.**

**Outbreak At Petrie-terrace.**

**Firemen Save Dwelling.**

A shed used as a store room in conjunction with the grocery business of Mr. George Harding, in Caxton-street, Petrie-terrace, was destroyed, and the wall of an adjoining house damaged, by a fire which occurred shortly after 9 o'clock to-day.

**T**WO fire machines, one from headquarters and one from Ithaca, under Deputy Chief Officer Garven, responded to the call. The flames had a strong hold, however, and the shed, which was a wood and iron structure, 20ft by 15ft, and its contents, were destroyed. The building was owned by the estate of the late Mr. Wright, and was insured for £370. The contents, which comprised groceries, were insured for £200.

The fire is believed to have been caused by a spark from a rubbish fire.

A five-roomed house adjoining the shed also caught fire, but the brigade succeeded in confining the damage in this case to the scorching of the wall and the breaking of some windows. Part of the contents of the house were also damaged by water. The house was occupied by Mrs. Lydia Bartlett and owned by a Miss Singer, of Paddington.

## **Late Mr B. G. Harding**

Mr Benjamin George Harding, who died at the weekend, was a former president of the Grocers and Retail Traders' Association, chairman of directors of Merchants Ltd, and for a term president of the Queensland Congregational Union. He was the son of Mr George Harding, was born in Kent 66 years ago, and was brought out with the family when four years of age. The family settled down in the Rosewood district, where Mr B. G. Harding learnt the grocery trade. He afterwards was associated for many years with that trade in Brisbane, mainly at Given Terrace, Paddington, with branches at Caxton Street and Auchenflower.

He was an indefatigable Church worker as local preacher, Sunday School teacher, and as a holder of various offices in the Congregational Union. He had been an invalid for the last three years. Mrs Harding survives her husband, also, three daughters—Misses Gertrude, Alice, and Jeannette—and two sons—G. H. and J. B., of the RAAF. A service, which was held at Milton Congregational Church, was attended by many old friends, including Mr E. M. Hanlon, Minister for Health and Home Affairs.

*Daily Standard 25 January 1934*

*The Telegraph 3 August 1943*

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*The Brisbane Review 1 April 1993*



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**Rear No 65 Caxton Street**



## LAD'S FIRST RIDE ON NEW BIKE ENDED IN DEATH

Message Boy Struck  
by Car

Story at Inquest

A week after he had obtained a job and but a few hours after his mother had bought him a bicycle—it was in fact his first ride on the new machine—Edward Christopher Mogan, a 13 year old telegram boy, was struck by a motor car in the city and was fatally injured. Incidents associated with the smash were related to the City Coroner to-day.

The lad was employed at the Petrie Terrace Post Office, and his home was No. 67 Caxton Street, Petrie Terrace. He was knocked off his bicycle by a motor car driven by David Smith in College Road, near Gregory Terrace, at 5.40 p.m. on January 10, and died a few minutes later.

Mr. J. J. Leahy, City Coroner and Police Magistrate, presided at the inquest. Acting Sergeant T. G. Long conducted the examination, and Mr. O. M. Fletcher (Messrs. Morris, Flecher and Cross) appeared to watch the interests of the driver of the car.

### FATHER'S EVIDENCE.

Edward Christopher Mogan, a second hand dealer, father of the deceased, deposed that his son had started work only a week before, and his mother had bought him a bicycle on the day he was killed. He was returning from the cycle shop on his way home with the new machine at the time of the accident. He had not ridden much in the city, only about Petrie Terrace where he was employed.

**WANTED** scrap copper, brass, lead, zinc, aluminium, cast iron, used car batteries, radiators, any quantity, open Saturday mornings; MOGANS, 67-73 CAXTON STREET, PETRIE TERRACE.

*The Telegraph 5 February 1935*

*Brisbane Telegraph 17 December 1952*

*(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*

*My cousin Teddy McCafferty and Brian Mogan were mates. Every time Teddy wanted money to go to the Paddington Theatre, and his mother wouldn't give it to him, he'd take a piece off the wrought iron fence and take it up to Mr Mogan, the scrap metal dealer on Caxton Street, and get his sixpence.*

**Grace Ludgate (1992)**



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**No 66 Caxton Street**





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**No 68 Caxton Street**

*In 1965 the house was purchased by a 39 year old woman named Joyce Brimble. She became a local identity of the suburb and was known as Auntie May, who ran a well-patronised brothel for many years in the 1970s/80s. She was known for wearing heavy make-up and lots of very red lipstick. She became quite eccentric as she got older, and her home became very dilapidated.*



*(Headstone in Gympie cemetery)*



*(Two to the Valley: A Portrait in Black & White by David Hinchliffe 1992)*

*I was in a taxi once and the old Aussie driver said the line to see \$2 May stretched 100m down the road*

**Jay Uchino**



**THE POOR ARE PEOPLE LIKE JOYCE BRIMBLE,**

who sees the homeless people down at the Mission Australia cafe and thinks she's got no troubles. Oh, she loves it down at Café One. It's better than anywhere in Brisbane, that's how good the food is. Sometimes she'll have steak on toast for \$4. It's cheap, and you won't find anywhere friendlier. But Joyce's kitty of \$40 a week doesn't always stretch to steak, so she takes their leftovers. They'll give those to anybody. And don't you worry about the fact she doesn't have an oven or a microwave. She's got a steamer. It does a better job than a stove.

Joyce was born in 1926 and has lived in her large Paddington Queenslander since 1964. Houses were cheap back then. Joyce had two homes. She leased the other one out for a while, then sold it because she wasn't getting much rent. She can't remember when she got rid of it, but it was years back. The money's still in the bank. That's where she draws her \$40 a week from and how she affords the cheques she writes for bills.

When was it she started working as a waitress at the Yungabar Immigration Centre at Kangaroo Point? She must have been 18, because that was the age she moved to Brisbane from Gympie. She met her husband at Yungabar. He was a cook;



a Welshman. He used to get terribly homesick. His mum would write these letters: "My dear son, please come back, even if it's for a holiday." Then he just took off. Left Joyce with two kids, Clive and Gladys. She thought he was still in Australia but when Gladys turned 21, she wanted to trace him. A private detective found out he'd made his way back to Wales on a merchant ship. It was good to know where he'd got to.

Clive is still around but Gladys died in 2002. She thought she had the flu but it turned out to be double pneumonia. The hospital was treating her for a virus. You can't blame them, though. It's just one of those things.

To walk into Joyce's house is to fall through a rupture in history; to find yourself in the Depression of the 1930s. It's dark. Many of the doors don't open. There's no indoor toilet or heat source. A single handwashed pillowcase dries on a wire that's been strung across the dirty, wooden walls. There are pictures of tropical islands, cut from calendars and taped up near the window, and a single piece of red tinsel from some long-ago Christmas.

Joyce's fridge is crammed with brown food that's seen better days. Her lodger Les (from whom she doesn't request any rent) is lying on his single bed, staring out of the window. On the old kitchen table, there's a plastic plate of something Joyce says is mince, destined to be warmed in her steamer. Beneath the house lives someone called Robert. He's in Sydney right now, but when he's at Joyce's he gets by without proper walls, sharing his cleanly swept space with a broken fridge and some pigeons. He only comes up to the house now and then to make a cup of tea.

Joyce believes in God. As she always says, you can't lose sight of Jesus. Every night before she goes to bed in her room full of plastic bags and old newspapers, she closes her eyes and thanks the Lord for everything she's got.

*Brisbane Courier May 2010 (Catherine Delahunty)*





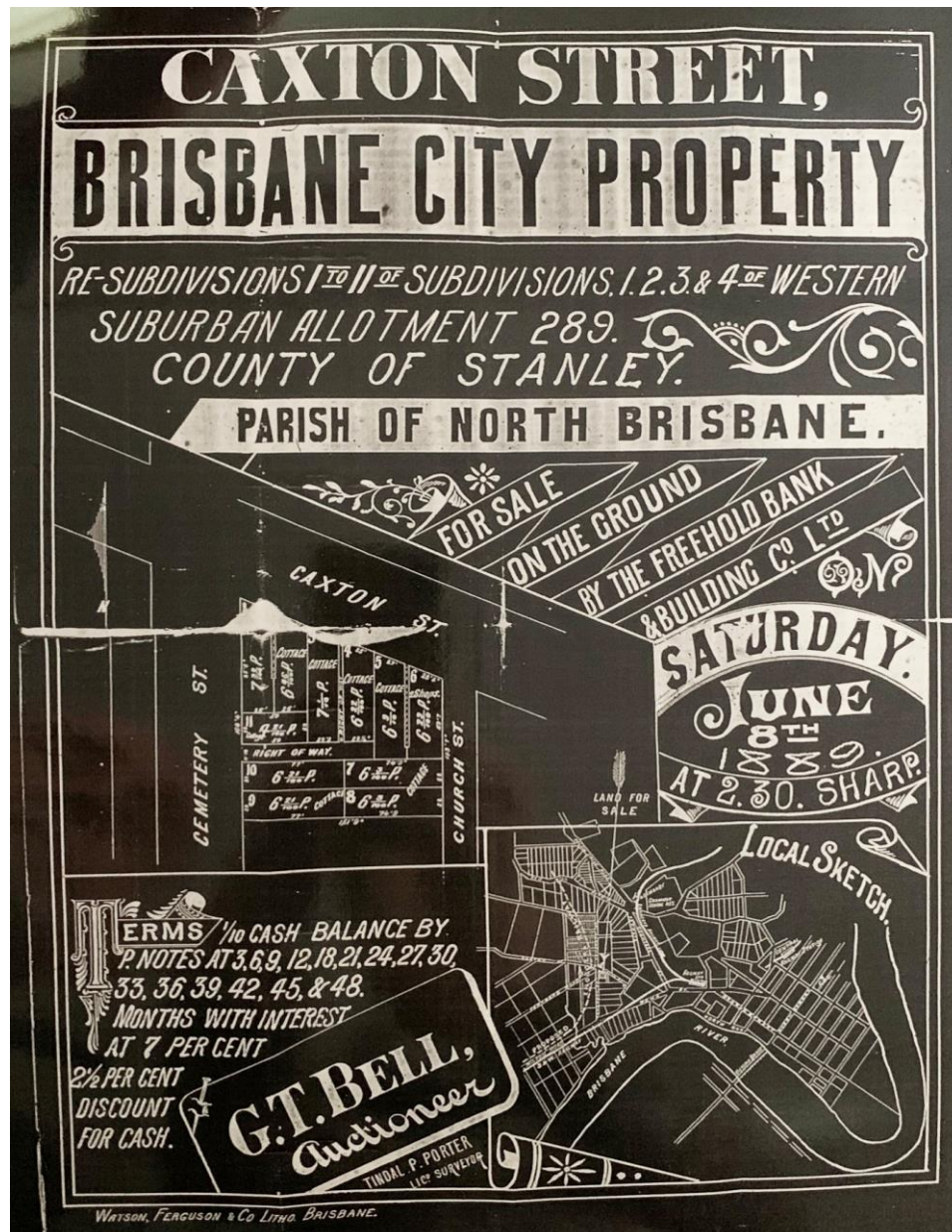
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**Nos 74 – 96 Caxton Street**





1889 Subdivision plan of Allotment 289, County of Stanley, Parish of North Brisbane

There were six structures on the land fronting Caxton Street between Chapel and Hale Streets. The corner blocks contained two-storied buildings with double fronted shops on street level and residences above. Four cottages were built in between.

From the mid 1880s CF Dieckmann owned all of these properties. By 1910 they were acquired by the Morris family, owners of the Boot Factory on the corner diagonally opposite. Circa 1950 they were sold to the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane to form part of their Parish of St Thomas More. All buildings are known to have been demolished by 1964.

**Titles and Jan Hannon, Petrie Terrace School Past Students Facebook page**

**TO LET**, a new Four-roomed **COTTAGE**, lined and ceiled, with all conveniences. Apply, O. F. Dieckmann, corner of Caxton and Chappel streets, Petrie Terrace.

*The Telegraph 12 Jun 1884*

**WANTED** to **SELL**, two well-built **HOUSES**, almost new, and a vacant Corner **ALLOTMENT** in Caxton street; terms given. Apply, C. F. Dieckmann, Caxton street.

*The Telegraph 21 December 1886*

**TO LET**, Three-roomed **COTTAGE**. Dieckmann's Buildings, Caxton street.

*The Telegraph 16 July 1888*

### **Caxton Street Difficulty.**

Some three or four weeks ago the Ithaca Shire Council obtained permission from the Brisbane Municipal Council to fill up the portion of Caxton street in the municipality in order to make it uniform with the improvements being carried out in the shire's portion of that street. As the level of the street would be raised, the water channels had to be removed and filled up, and their absence together with the fact that the stone which is being put on the street easily crumbles and is blown about in great clouds of dust, have caused a nuisance, of which Mr. Dieckmann, who is the owner of property fronting Caxton street, complains rather bitterly. Mr. Dieckmann has brought his grievance before the representative of the ward and thinks he has not been properly dealt with, while on the other hand we are assured that the city authorities, who at present have scarcely anything to do with the matter, have written to the Ithaca Shire Council, representing the complaint of Mr. Dieckmann and requesting them to use all expedition in completing the work. The nuisance caused by the dust, and the absence of the watertables, was aggravated last Saturday week, when the water which should have been carried to the manhole at the corner of Caxton and Cemetery streets, found its way into Mr. Dieckmann's shop, causing him a considerable amount of inconvenience. Since then steps have been taken to prevent a recurrence of that trouble, but it has been pointed out to us, that nothing of a permanent character as to watertables can be carried out until the filling-up has been completed, and sufficient time allowed for the ground to settle. In the meantime there seems to be no way out of the difficulty and the sufferers will have simply to "grin and bear it." Mr. Dieckmann's bitterest complaint is concerning the alleged discourtesy with which he has met, especially from one of the aldermen, who informs us that he really has not been discourteous, and that he has done all in his power to remedy the grievance.

*The Telegraph 4 March 1889*

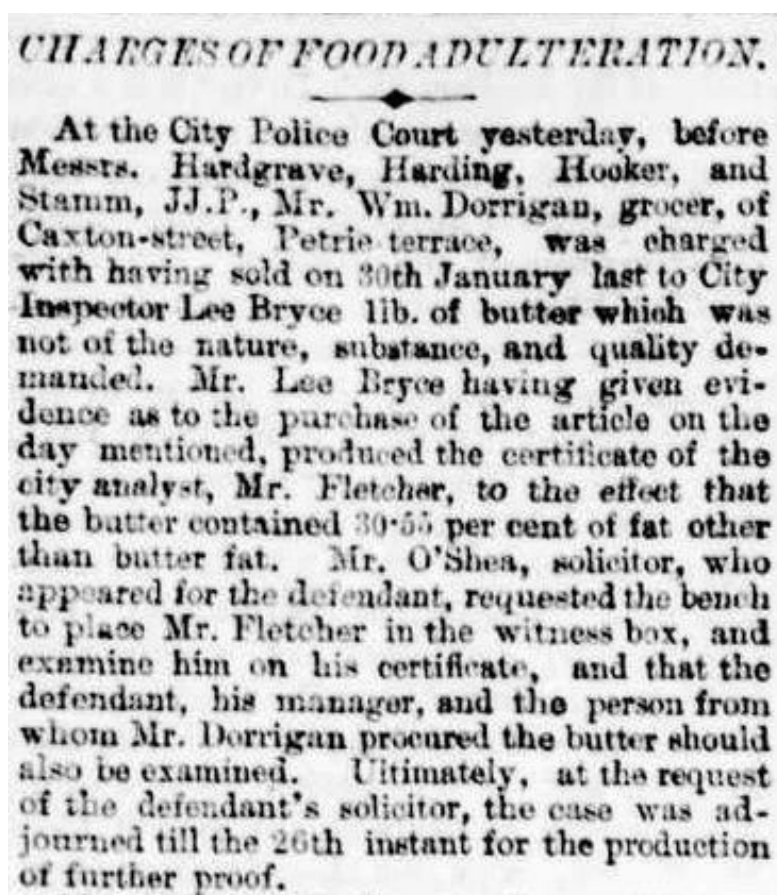
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William Dorrigan's grocery shop was at No 74, cnr Caxton and Chapel Streets with Mrs H Davis, draper, in the shop next door. All during the 1880s Mrs Odey, a dressmaker, lived in the second house along from the Chapel Street corner. The cottages were all named: Elbe, Rheine, Oder and Weichsel.

John Thurlow, picture frame maker, was next to Mrs Odey, then J S Thompson, a private tutor. The shops in the two-storied building on the corner of Hale Street (No 94 – 96) were C F Dieckmann, fancy goods dealer and W Ives, fruiterer, writer and decorator.

(1887 and 1889 PO directories)



*The Brisbane Courier 20 February 1889  
(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*

## **FRESH PUZZLE OVER LETTER FROM SOLDIER**

**W**HO are Elsie, Bill, Eunice and Eric,  
and have they a friend, Henry,  
serving with the forces overseas?

Yesterday Mr. Robert Townsley, of  
76 Caxton Street, Petrie Terrace, tele-  
phoned The Courier-Mail and said  
that he had received a letter from  
overseas addressed to the above  
names. The letter was in a strange  
handwriting, differing from that on  
the envelope.

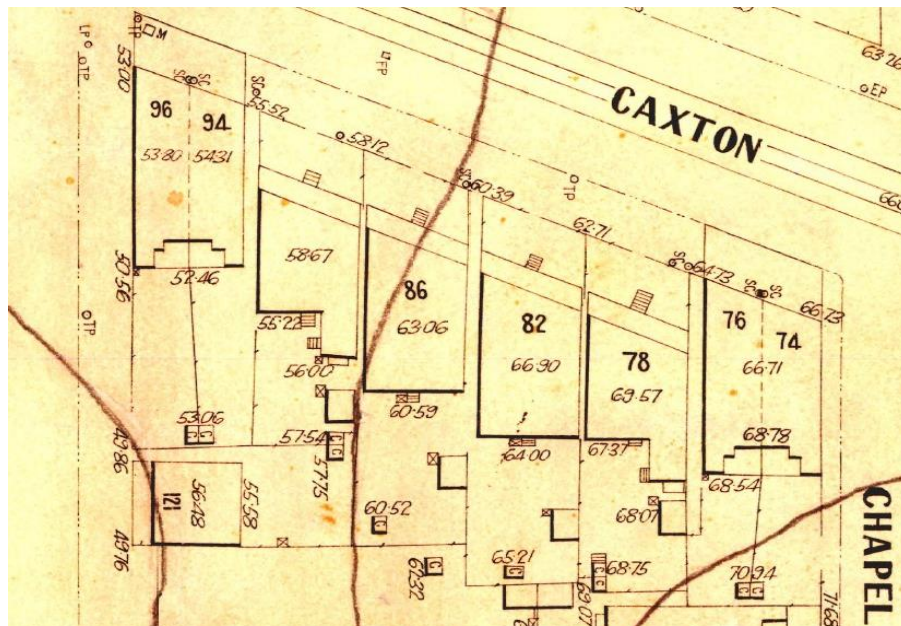
It is thought that the wrong letter  
has been placed in the envelope by a  
censor. As the only friend of Mr.  
Townsley overseas is Sergeant D.  
Cumes, he expects that his letter will  
be signed "Dudley."

Henry is presumably Acting  
Corporal H. E. Alcroft, QX5128, who  
is serving abroad, as that name was on  
the top of the letter.

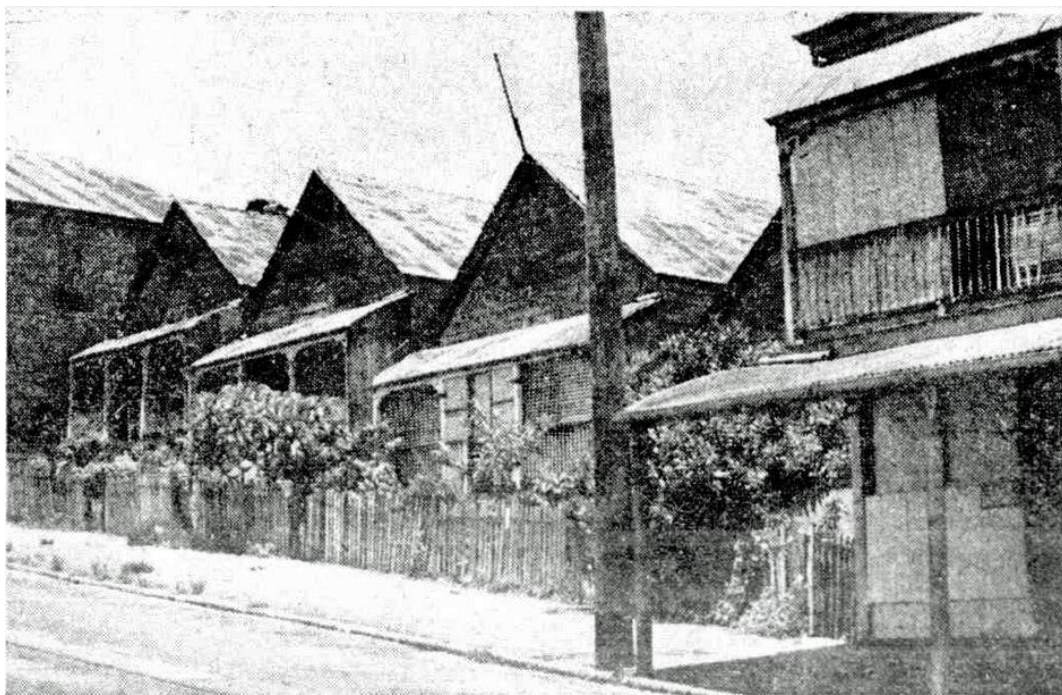
This is the third instance in which  
the mixing of soldiers' letters has been  
reported. In the first two cases The  
Courier-Mail was instrumental in re-  
turning the letters to the two parties  
for whom they were intended.

*The Courier-Mail 29 January 1941  
(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*





Part 1927 Detailed Plan No 113 Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board  
(Brisbane City Archives)



RIGHT: Unpainted old wooden houses in Caxton Street, Petrie Terrace, which lie on the route the Royal couple will take on their way from Government House to attend Divine Service at St. John's Cathedral on March 14

*Brisbane Telegraph* 20 January 1954  
(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)

The partially obscured building at the top of the newspaper photo (No74 & 76) was occupied by Red Seal Potato Flakes on the ground floor and residential on the top floor.

**Joan Kelly 2025**

*The original owner of the allotment on the corner of Caxton and Hale Streets from 1866 was John Hutton, the public Executioner at the gaol on Petrie Terrace.*

*"In the 1850s John Hutton was sent to gaol for five years. He was assigned to light and extinguish the lamps in the prison and became known as Old Jack the Lamplighter. He became intensely interested in executions and was appointed executioner at his own request just before he was due to be released from jail. He was appointed in 1862 and held that position at the gaol for 22 years."*

***R J Blanch 1991 ('The case of the feeble flagellator')***

#### **FIRE IN CAXTON-STREET.**

A SERIOUS fire broke out at one o'clock this morning in Mr. J. Fahey's, grocer, at the corner of Caxton and Boundary streets, just near the old cemetery. The alarm was given at the head station at ten minutes past one, but the Petrie Terrace reel and hose with several members of the brigade resident there were quickly on the spot, and they proceeded to check the spreading of the flames to the adjoining premises. The whole building, however, was one mass of flames, and together with an adjoining cottage, tenanted by Madame Gran, were speedily destroyed. A good supply of water was on, and the efforts of the brigade were directed to the saving of an outhouse and a detached kitchen which had not yet caught fire. This they succeeded in doing. Nearly the whole of the grocery stock of Mr. Fahey and the furniture of the adjoining cottage perished, owing to the little time available for saving anything. How the fire originated is at present a mystery. The two buildings, which belong to Mr. Hutton, the public executioner, were each insured for £100 with the London, Liverpool, and Globe Insurance Company, and Mr. Fahey had his stock insured for £275 with the New Zealand Insurance Company.

**KEEPING A DISORDERLY HOUSE.**—*Kelena Grau*, on remand, was charged with keeping a disorderly house in Caxton-street, Petrie Terrace, on 14th November last. Mr. Appel appeared for the accused. Sergeant Burk stated he knew the accused under the name of Madame Gray, who resided at Caxton-street on the day on which the information was laid against her. The landlord of the house was John Hutton. He went to the accused's residence and saw women there whom he, as Inspector under the Contagious Diseases Act knew to be prostitutes. The house in question was now burnt down. The case was still continuing at 1 o'clock.

*The Telegraph 14 January 1884*

*The Telegraph 28 January 1884*

*(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*



*One half of the shop on the corner of Caxton and Hale Streets was at one time the barber shop of Les Lewis, Wally Lewis' grandfather. Next door was Miss Emily Treloar's grocery store which she operated from as early as 1926 up until her death in 1942. (Qld PO directories)*

*"It was a two-storied divided shop – Les with one half and Miss Treloar with the other half. Les didn't mind a glass of beer. I remember going in there and him putting on the thing around my neck. A mate came in and asked him to join him for a glass of beer. He said "Would you mind?" and gave me a book to read. He had a couple of beers then came back and cut my hair. It was 1 shilling and 6 pence for a haircut."*

#### **1992 interview with Kevin Gamble\***

*Miss Treloar was a lovely woman – tall and statuesque, rather elegant. Her hair was grey, she wore glasses and everyone in those days picked up their groceries and paid at the end of the week. We knew her well because Aunty Lily could never get her family to run messages etc and of course we were always there, so we got to know Miss Treloar. She would buy her bread from Bedgoods who were up in Paddington on the corner of Isaac Street, behind the Paddo Tavern. She had a hand cart all lined with brown paper and whatever kids were going up, they would go with her money and buy so many loaves of bread for her and they'd all get a lolly or something when they got back with the cart loaded with beautiful fresh-smelling bread.*

*It was a battle zone that you had to enter to get there, which made it interesting and occasionally they got me to go because I was bigger than they were and it was to intimidate a family of girls who lived in Campbell Street.... the Possingers. We would arm ourselves with small bricks and by the time you got to the street you knew the Possingers were waiting for you. We could have deviated down any street but you didn't let five girls beat you. We'd get the bread!*

*Everyone knew my cousin Teddy McCafferty, he was 11 or 12 and he grew up to be a jockey. He had a push bike and in those days no-one had the money to buy a push bike but if anyone had a bike, it would be Teddy. He was riding down Caxton Street towards the intersection of Hale Street and he used his foot as a brake to stop himself and got his toes caught in the spokes and it ripped his little toe off. We were all playing cricket and when we heard we all thought it was very thrilling and went looking for the toe.*

*He went to Miss Treloar's shop and she was doing her books. He said "I've had an accident, you will have to call the ambulance." She said "Not now Teddy, I'm busy" while she was adding up her figures. Teddy said "Things are bad and I'm bleeding." She said "Go away Teddy. I haven't got time for you now." He said "Look Miss Treloar" and put his foot up on the counter. She took one look at his foot and fainted. Teddy got to the phone and the ambulance came and had to attend to Miss Treloar first.*

#### **1992 interview with Grace Ludgate (nee McAllister)\***

*(\*Part of the research undertaken by Natalie Haymann for her book 'Resumed in protest, the human cost of roads'. Copies held in BHG Research Library)*



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**June 2022**

**No 77 Caxton Street**



# Died Worth £7,000.

## Caxton Street Romance.

### Remarkable Old Man.

### Valuable Estate Held by Curator

The death occurred on Thursday in an old dilapidated looking store situated at No. 77 Caxton street, Paddington, of an old man named James Pitt, said to be 76 years of age.

The deceased, who lived alone, died intestate, and so far as is at present known had no relatives in the State. So far, Government securities to the extent of over £3,000 have been found in the tumbledown shelves of the old building in which the man lived for the past 25 years. The store, if such it might be termed, is situated close to Hale street, Paddington, and from the outside has the appearance of a nick-nack shop. Certainly it is understood that old Pitt was a kind of Whiteley, in the matter of being able, at a moment's notice, to furnish all kinds of odds and ends, and the appearance of the interior from the main entrance suggests that he had been for years a collector of odd items in brass and iron work of the most minute description. In a cellar underneath the police discovered valuable collections of paints, cans of oil, old ironwork, lead, and various scraps of household requisites which in their way represent coin of the realm.

But everything in the building, as it now stands, is covered with the dust of ages, and even the loft above the shop portion of the store is one mass of old lamps, scraps of iron, crates of old-fashioned crockery, old-fashioned rifles and bayonets, and a multitude of other things, some of them valuable, but almost hidden by cobwebs and dust, added to which the place is swarming with vermin.

It had been known to Senior-sergeant Graham, of the depot, for some time, that the old man was not well. That officer caused one of his men to keep an eye on the place, and on Tuesday last it was noticed that the shutters were up. Senior-Sergeant Graham at once visited the

place, and found old Pitt lying on a rickety old bed in a small room at the back of the premises. It was at once seen that the old fellow was in a very bad way, and Senior-Sergeant Graham at once sent for Dr. Carvosso, and meanwhile Mrs. Singer, a neighbour, volunteered to attend on Pitt. When the doctor arrived he gave it as his opinion that the patient would not last more than 24 hours, and Pitt died on Thursday at 3 o'clock, practically from old age, accelerated by disease of the kidneys.

A glance at the room he died in revealed a life of miserly habits. The bed itself was of the most rickety and tumbledown appearance, an old clock dusty and battered stood on a shelf, a dirty oil lamp worth about 6d. was apparently the deceased's method of lighting his bedroom, and the bed linen was scanty and dirty. Alongside was a kind of kitchen smothered in dusty surroundings—a hovel about 6 feet wide—and containing a dirty, open fireplace, all blackened and smoke begrimed. An old table, literally covered with scraps of all kinds of rubbish, and which apparently had not been cleaned for years, almost filled up the available space in the room. On the table stood a glass case—generally used by confectioners for sweets—and in this was a long narrow loaf of bread. An invalid's canvas chair was the only seating accommodation discovered in the place.

The body of the old man was removed under the direction of Senior-sergeant Graham to the undertaking establishment of Mr. John Hialop, whence it was to be buried that afternoon. The curator of intestate estates afterwards was notified, and he repaired to the store in Caxton street and took possession of Government securities worth somewhere about £3,000, in addition to deeds of properties in Brisbane and a Savings Bank book showing a credit of nearly £400. Mr. Martin, one of the curator's officers, was immediately placed in charge of the store or shop, and will remain on the premises until the stock, which altogether is very valuable, has been removed. Another big store was discovered at the back of the premises in Caxton street, and erected on the same allotment, which contains other valuable property. It is estimated that when the whole of the property which so far has been traced has been realised, it will total something like from £7,000 to £10,000, but it is impossible at present to get an adequate idea of the amount of property which the deceased owned. He is said, however, to have been possessed of cottages and shops in and around Brisbane.

Telegraph 5 November 1904

and shops in and around Brisbane.

An examination of the premises disclosed the fact that the deceased slept with a loaded revolver under his pillow. The weapon was of the bulldog pattern, and the cartridges, when extracted, looked as if they had being placed in the revolver 20 years ago. The old man had also taken the precaution of erecting mock cannons around that portion of the store in which he dwelt so as to scare possible intruders. A steamer ticket also was found, showing that the deceased came to Queensland in the steamer *Sunda*, of the Black Ball line, on 27th June, 1863, at the age of 35 years, so that at the time of his death he would be exactly 76 years and a few months old. For a man with thousands, the manner in which he apparently lived denoted the most miserly of habits, but it is stated that he was a most kind and amiable old gentleman, always willing to oblige a customer, no matter how complex was the order required to be fulfilled in his own particular line of business. He had been heard by the neighbours to speak of a brother who lived in the Westminster Abbey district in London, but so far as at present can be gathered the old man never was visited by any relatives, and never received any letters other than those from business firms. The remarkable fact is clear, however, that he had the good sense to invest his money in sound securities and properties, and although he lived the life of a miser, he, so far as could be discovered, did not hoard up money. A further search, however, to clear up this point now is being made.

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*Telegraph 5 November 1904*

*After James Pitt died, John Singer from No 83 Caxton Street purchased the property*



## **CLAIM FOR £100.**

### **Boarding-house Keeper Alleges Defamation.**

Mr. J. S. Berge, P.M., in the Magistrates' Court to-day, heard a claim for £100 damages by Lydia Mary Bartlett, of 77 Caxton-street, Petrie-terrace, against Charles Gates, of 234 Petrie-terrace, alleging defamation.

**M**R. A. L. MACNAUGHTON appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. E. M. J. C. Williamson for defendant, who pleaded not guilty and no indebtedness.

The plaintiff, in her evidence, said that she was a boarding-house proprietress. She alleged that in consequence of something that defendant had said about her, several of her boarders left. She denied defendant's statement concerning her conduct, and she had asked him for an apology, but he refused to give it.

The hearing was adjourned till to-day.

*Daily Standard 11 June 1931*

## **CHILD DRINKS POISON.**

When June Sims (3½ years) was playing with some bottles in the backyard of a shop in Caxton Street, Paddington, last night, she put one of them to her mouth and drained it of the dregs. She became violently ill, apparently from the effects of poisoning, and Mrs. L. Bartlett, of 77 Caxton Street, gave the girl an emetic, with satisfactory results. The girl, who lives with Mrs. Ellen Smith, of 17 John Street, Paddington, was taken to the Children's Hospital by the ambulance. Last night it was stated that the girl was very sick, but her condition was not serious. June had accompanied Mrs. Smith to the shop. It is thought that the bottles had contained photographic chemicals.

*The Brisbane Courier 16 February 1933*  
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**No 83 Caxton Street**



## DEATH OF MR. JOHN SINGER

[See illustration.]

Mr. John Singer, whose death was recently announced, was a very old and respected colonist. He was born in Glasgow on May 2, 1838, and arrived in Moreton Bay when quite a young man. He reached here in the sailing ship *Ocean Chief*, on October 31, 1862, after a voyage of four months. The vessel was anchored in the Bay for six days, the Settlement being reached on November 6. He received two land grants—one for himself and the other for his wife, these being supplemented by another two. He settled on Spring Hill (then a blacks' camping ground), but two years later moved to Caxton-street, at a spot situated behind what was then the old gaol, and now designated Victoria Barracks. Twelve years saw him moving a little further down the street, and it is worthy of remark that the stumps of his residence—where he remained until his death on March 8—were cut out of the bush on the opposite side of the bush track which in later years gave place to Caxton-street. He was on the Gympie field with the late Mr. Nash (the discoverer) and Mr. Malcolm, but after four months there he returned to Brisbane, working for many years for the Gas Company, then for Messrs. Peter Fleming, and afterwards for the Apollo Candle Company as engineer. In 1895 the deceased gentleman retired, and enjoyed good health until within nine weeks of his death. Mr. Singer was one of the party of Presbyterians who worshipped under the Rev. James Love in the old School of Arts, which at the time was located on the present site of the palatial Q.N. Bank buildings. He was a member of the church up to his death. Mrs. Singer survives him, and he also leaves ten children (four sons and six daughters), thirteen grandchildren, and one great-grandchild to mourn his loss.



LATE MR. JOHN SINGER.

*The Brisbane Courier* 25 March 1911

## MRS. J. SINGER

Death removed a 65 years resident of Brisbane on Thursday last, when Mrs. John Singer, of Bungunya, Caxton Street, off Petrie Terrace, joined her husband, who, 14 years ago, passed into the Great Beyond. Together with her husband, who was an engineer, Mrs. Singer came out to Brisbane in the emigrant ship *Ocean Chief* in 1862. She was a native of Glasgow, where she was born 63 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Singer first lived at Spring Hill, which was a very sparsely populated suburb in those days. Indeed, the blacks were wont to come around the family doorstep begging for food, and Mrs. Singer has given them articles of clothing to induce them to dance some of their corroboree items. As full-paying passengers Mr. and Mrs. Singer had grants of land which were issued under the land settlement scheme of those days, but Mr. Singer preferred to follow his calling in Brisbane, and the land grant was disposed of. Between 40 and 50 years ago the family removed to Caxton Street, and has lived there ever since. Naturally they saw that part of Brisbane develop wonderfully in the course of that long period.

Mrs. Singer, who was well liked by those with whom she came into contact as a strong, motherly soul, was more or less of an invalid for the last nine years, and death came naturally and peacefully. A married daughter died a little while ago. Four sons—Messrs. John, George, Alec, and James C.—and five daughters—Mes-

sames F. Cross and E. As' and Misses Margaret, Jessie, and Edith Maud—survive. Miss Singer, who is in the Public Instruction Department's



service, for some years, was a member of the Girls' Central School staff. There also are a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

*The Week* 28 October 1927

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No 83 Caxton Street was called 'Bungunya' when the Singers lived there (death notice)



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**No 89 Caxton Street**





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**June 2022**

**No 93 Caxton Street**

## DANGER IN OIL RAGS

### RISK OF SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION

On August 4 last considerable damage by fire was done to a five-roomed house, occupied by the owner, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Houston. The house is No. 93, Caxton street, Petrie terrace. It was insured for £250. Damage was estimated at £358 0s. 6d.

This fire was the subject of an inquiry by Mr. J. Burrows, J.P., in the Inquiry Court yesterday. Sergeant S. Warner examined the witnesses.

Deputy Chief Officer Milne, of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade said on the arrival of the brigade he found the kitchen on fire. He found that the fire had originated behind the door of the kitchen, where there were some floorcloths and material for cleaning linoleum. The owner arrived after the fire had been extinguished. It is possible that these rags with turps or linoleum polishing paste on them might have caused spontaneous combustion.

Charles Smith, residing at 51 Hale street, Petrie terrace, Brisbane, said Mrs. Houston purchased the house from him in June, 1921, for £385. At the time of the fire about £211 was still owing. It was insured with the Sun Insurance Office. Mrs. Houston said she left her home at 9.30 a.m. to do some shopping in the city on the day of the fire. She had used the cloths that were in the bag behind the door about two or three days before the fire. There might have been some linoleum cream on them.

Mr. Burrows: I will tell you, witness, for your future benefit, that rags left with turps, linoleum creams, and such matter are always liable to spontaneous combustion. They should be kept in a tin receptacle with a lid on.

Mrs. Houston, continuing, said she was over £100 at a loss as a result of the fire. She was not in a good financial position, and had four children.

Constable W. H. Ridgway said he had made inquiries, and was satisfied that there were no suspicious circumstances.

Proceeding.

*The Telegraph 31 October 1924*

## HERE MAY BE YOUR HOSTEL

A further list of the emergency hostels which will be available for the homeless in the case of an air raid appears below. These hostels, which are situated in different districts throughout the metropolitan area, have been established by the Department of Labour and Industry, in conjunction with a number of feminine patriotic workers.

**Roma Street Police Division:** All Saint's Hall Ann Street, Miss C. Cox, Kedron Street, Woolloowin, phones B5062 and M2231; City Tabernacle, Wickham Terrace, Mrs. A. Butler, The Manse, Coronation Drive, Toowong, Twp. 1893; Presbyterian Mission Hall, Portescus Street, Spring Hill, Deaconess M. Walker, c/- the Hall, Portescus Street, Spring Hill (messages taken B5939).

**Rosalie Police Division:** Methodist Hall, Given Terrace, Paddington, the Rev. B. Powell, Enoggera Terrace, Paddington; Christchurch Hall, cnr. Hale Street and Milton Road, Petrie Terrace, Mrs. M. E. Huston, 93 Caxton Street, Petrie Terrace, B7990; School of Arts, cnr. Nash and Elizabeth Streets, Mrs. Williams, 133 Beck Street, Rosalie; Forrester's Hall, Latrobe Terrace, Mrs. Pillingier, Latrobe Terrace, Paddington; Baptist Hall, cnr. Fernberg Road and Ellena Street, Rev. J. C. Farquhar, Upper Carrington Street, F4308.

*The Telegraph 28 May 1942*

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**No 97 Caxton Street**

## BIRTHDAY PARTY.

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To celebrate the birthday of their son, James, Mr. and Mrs. John Cassidy entertained a large number of friends at their residence in Caxton-street, Petrie-terrace, last Saturday evening. The hall was artistically decorated with palms and streamers. Mrs. Cassidy received the guests wearing a frock of vieux rose satin Marocain. The tables were beautified with vases of roses, poinsettia, and wattle, and a carnival cap marked each guest's place. Dancing, singing, competitions, and musical items were enjoyed. The competitions were won by Misses Jessie Ward and Sylvia Connelly, while Miss Phyllis Connelly and Mr. Jack Cassidy supplied the music. The invited guests included Mesdames Cassidy, Connelly, Blackburn, Couser, Misses Phyllis Couser, Ethel Couser, Isabel Ward, Noreen Ward, Phyllis Connelly, and Miss Sylvia Connelly, M. Storie, Messrs. Jack Neal, Jack Cassidy, J. Couser, Ward, Carl Cromwell, Jack Minter, T. Wallace, George Couser, Jim Douglas, Allen Ward, J. Kennedy, P. Kennedy, Jim Houston, Ken Houston, Arthur Pryor, and J. Connelly.

*The Brisbane Courier 1 July 1930*

*(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*

*The Cassidy family lived at No 97 Caxton Street (1932-36 PO directory)*





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**No 105 Caxton Street**



## YES! IT STILL RAN ON FOUR TRACKS



**T**HIS tram used both tracks for 40 feet at Petrie Terrace at 6.20 last night.

The tram, empty, and outbound to Paddington Depot, was derailed on the

downhill grade in Caxton Street, near Hale Street. The rear bogie jumped on a curve and ran on to the inbound track.

The motorman stopped the tram after a 40ft. skid.

A breakdown gang righted the tram by 7.10 p.m. An emergency bus took passengers from following trams to Bardon and Paddington.

*The Courier-Mail 7 March 1952  
(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*

# Workers' street gains chic polish

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IN the early Eighties, the first signs of chic crept into Caxton Street in the form of expensive Cardin bath towels and chocolate croissants.

The Caxton Street Hotel became an observation post for locals who gawked and giggled at the first generation of Paddington's rich young things who flocked to shops with names such as Beau Salle and Pazzz to buy their Italian sandals, and then dined on fine cuisine at Rags or Fiorini's.

But, even when the chi-chi crowd moved in, Caxton Street retained a community flavor which has its roots in a working class history.

While women shopped for expensive dresses, on the other side of the street lost souls looked for help at the Caxton Street Legal Service or in the United Brothers Lodge, one of the oldest buildings in the street.

The Lodge used to be home for a popular weekly flea market. It is now used by the Queensland Pensioners' League for bingo.

Male shoppers in Caxton Street have often consulted Greek tailor Tony Frangos, whose little shop has been in the Lodge for 22 years.

Frangos is one of the oldest tenants in Caxton Street. He is the fourth tailor to have a business in the small shop which is crammed with half-pinned suits, tailor's dummies and rolls of material.

He learnt his trade in Europe and most of his adult life has been spent in a tailor shop. He recalls the history of Caxton Street in terms of shops formerly patronised by soldiers and police at the once-busy Victoria Barracks on Petrie Terrace.

"Over there — that used to be a grocery

shop," Frangos said. "And beside me there was a paper shop. Across the road there was a fish and chip shop and there was a butcher over there on the corner."

"But my business... it is the same as it always was. People come to me from all over Brisbane. They have always done this."

The old and the new work side by side in Caxton Street. A few doors down from Frangos' is the Cafe Paradise, which used to be a well-known restaurant named Rags.

Cafe Paradise owner Manuel Patunas moved his original Cafe Paradise from Paddington to Caxton Street at the start of this year.

It has been a successful move for Patunas, who has had little trouble getting a full house of diners at his cosy restaurant which is rich with the smell of incense and traditional Greek food.

"This is a lovely place," Patunas said. "There is not much room — this area is a little cramped. What we do need is a mall so people can talk and drink Greek coffee at tables in the street."

"But I am not really complaining as we have a good trade."

Upmarket Italian restaurant Fiorini's has become Gambaro's. This two-storey brick villa, guarded by statues, is really the second home for Gambaro's.

The original, located across the road, these days is a takeaway fish and chip shop.

Owner Michael Gambaro has been in Caxton Street since 1954, when his father opened their first shop. The restaurant has had a reputation for serving the best seafood in Brisbane and has only added to the confusion felt by any gourmet want-

## ENTERTAINMENT



CAXTON STREET

ing to dine in Caxton Street.

Variety is the key to this area's intrigue and those who don't want or can't afford fine cuisine can always walk around the corner, past Brisbane's second Eiffel Tower at Michel Bonnet's restaurant, to Harry's Fine Foods or the Windmill Cafe.

These two establishments specialise in fast food of the chiko roll variety. Their busiest hours are midnight to 3am when there are few other places open to feed the hungry.

In the early hours of the morning, watching swaying people searching their pockets for change, one can't help thinking the chic shops around the corner have little to do with the real history of Caxton Street.

It has always been a versatile region, a haven for the working class and, later on, Brisbane's fragile Bohemian community.

Caxton Street and Petrie Terrace were the first areas of Brisbane to be subdivided as a working-class suburb. The allotments were tiny — some measuring only five perches (126.4sq m).

In the Fifties and Sixties, it was still an area where people could find cheap housing. It attracted artists, poets and writers who needed a cheap place in which to live and thrived on a community atmosphere full of like minds.

"This area was home for lots of artists — Paddington was as well — and students," Brisbane Alderman Joe St Ledger said. "It was a good mixture of people."

"I suppose in one way a lot of properties became



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neglected because it was a working class suburb. We started to see commercialism coming in, with retailing replacing housing — the same sort of pattern that changed Spring Hill."

Ald St Ledger, who has lived in Brisbane's inner city all his life, is concerned Caxton Street will lose its charm after completion of a ring road through Hale Street.

The road will connect the South East freeway to Hale Street, bypassing the inner city. He said the road would take 50,000 cars a day past the Caxton Street and Petrie Terrace area.

"I really think it is the most serious mistake to embark on a city ring road," Ald St Ledger said. "The council had an alternative to use Countess Street, which is wide enough to make a significant two-way road and not destroy a suburb."

"I don't think the residents have really understood what the implications are. The pollution will be unbelievable, so it won't be a nice place to live. It is really sad as it is a great historic area. It

makes you wonder if these people have a soul."

Certainly Caxton Street has jazz. The Caxton Street hotel is one of the city's primary jazz venues and the music can be heard for the price of a pot.

The Caxton is also home for the Marble Championships on June 4. This odd competition attracts a number of high-rollers who invade the hotel car park in a show of style which inevitably results in several losing their marbles.

The Caxton's main competition is the Barracks Hotel on the corner of Petrie Terrace and Caxton Street.

The Barracks (formerly the Alfred) has had a monumental facelift which seems to be the fate of many an inner-city pub.

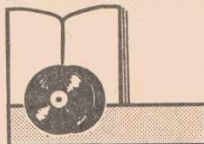
As well, management has injected new life into the hotel by bringing in entertainment on week nights and weekends. There is a slightly fancy cocktail bar, a beer garden and a restaurant named Pasta Flagon.

The flea market at the United Brothers Lodge is no more; but on sunny Sunday mornings the winding streets which curve up to Caxton Street provide a pleasant route for a stroll.

There may not be the opportunity to invest in a \$150 towel, but the doors of Pamela's Pantry will be open. A visit to the Windmill will have to wait, as this is a spot for night owls — and not early birds.

— Sandra McLean

## WHAT'S HOT



The things Queenslanders went for last week:

★ **Single:** The Living Years Mike and the Mechanics Album: 15h, 1927.

★ **Movie:** The Naked Gun.

★ **TV:** LA Law.

★ **Video:** Red Heat.

★ **Books:** Fiction — To Be the Best, Barbara Taylor Bradford. Non-fiction — Wally and the Broncos, Adrian McGregor.

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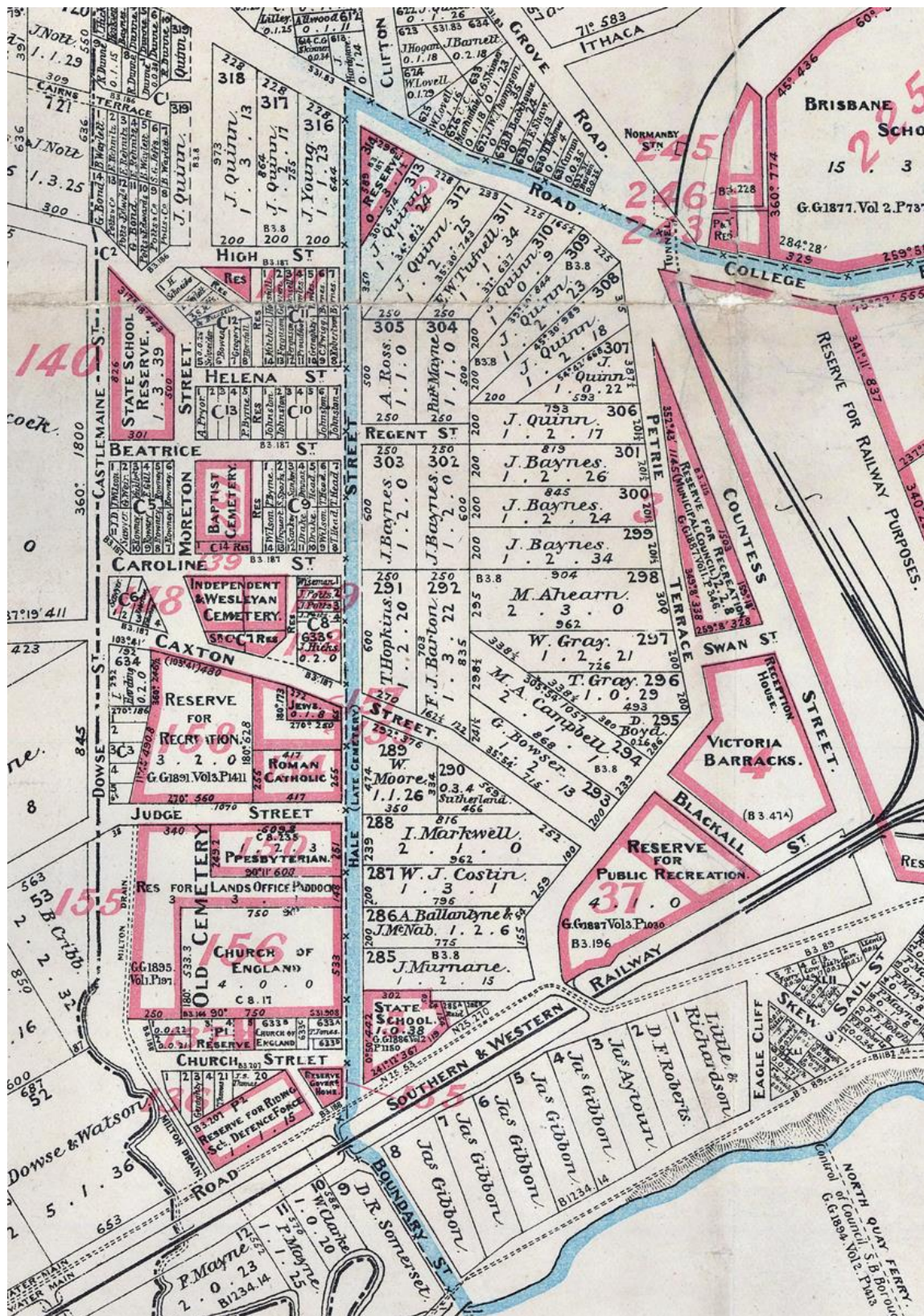
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**Caxton Street looking east**





July 1900 Plan of City of Brisbane & Suburbs according to the original land grants  
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