# Gatton Shire Cultural Heritage Study

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# 1. The Study

## **Reasons for the Study**

This study was commissioned in January 2000. The study objectives were, in summary, to identify and analyse the historical cultural heritage of Gatton Shire, to provide recommendations on the significance of individual places and items, to provide an accessible inventory of information on individual places and items and to make recommendations which would assist in the conservation and management of heritage places within the requirements of the Integrated Planning Act 1997.

The study was also intended to contribute to the community's knowledge of its heritage and to provide information which would be useful for publications and tourism programs.

### Study Team

Buchanan Architects were commissioned to carry out the study.

It should also be noted that a separate Town Planning commission is currently being undertaken by Buckley Vann, Town Planning Consultants.

# 2. Methodology

### **Public meetings**

Meetings were held with local groups such as the Gatton and District Historical Society. A general public meeting was then held in the Gatton Civic Centre to explain the purpose of the study and to invite community participation in the process.

## **Historical Survey**

Historical research was limited to the resources possible within the project's budget. However, information on significant places was obtained in the following ways:

• Reference was made to existing studies, in particular:

Avil Tew History of Gatton Shire in the Lockyer Valley Gatton Shire Council 1979 Andrew Ward Queensland Railway Heritage Places Study: Stage 2 A report for Qld Dept of Environment and QR 1997 Ann Wallin & Associates Pty Ltd Helidon Hills A Predictive Cultural Heritage Report Wesroc 1998 Helen Bennett Gatton Shire Thematic Historical Overview Cultural Heritage Branch EPA 1999

- Owners of some identified properties were able to provide information. A large number of residents generously gave their time to talk with the study team and Gatton Shire Council is grateful for this assistance.
- Gatton and District Historical Society and its president Don Neumann were extremely helpful and shared their detailed local knowledge and allowed use of their library.
- Additional research was carried out in sources such as newspaper files and other reports.

### **Field Survey**

An intensive field survey was carried out to locate significant sites and to provide visual confirmation of places identified by the historical survey and public meetings.

Each significant place identified was photographed and located on a map provided by Gatton Shire Council. In rural areas where properties were large and boundaries unclear, aerial photographs were used to confirm position and further checked against the Council's rates records for accuracy of Real Property Descriptions.

## **Compilation of Entries**

For each place identified, the following information was compiled:-

- Formal identification of the place including name, address and RPD
- Category eg farmhouse, industrial site
- Listing boundary eg whole site or specified part of site
- Significance level either National, State, Local or Recorded
- History of the site and its occupants where possible
- Architectural description
- Significance statement
- Information on Associated Places, if any
- References
- Comments
- Photographs
- Map showing position of the place

# 3. Significance Criteria

Provisions relating to management of heritage places within the requirements of the Integrated Planning Act 1997 are currently being formulated for Gatton Shire.

In evaluating the cultural heritage significance of a place, it is important to apply a consistent set of criteria. As these have not yet been formally set down for Gatton Shire, the consultants applied the following evaluation method, based on the well-established criteria in s.23 of the Queensland Heritage Act:

# A place will be considered to have cultural heritage significance if it satisfies one or more of the following criteria:

(a) the place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Gatton history;

(b) the place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of Gatton's cultural heritage;

(c) the place has the potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Gatton's history;

(d) the place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural place;

(e) the place is important in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by the Gatton community or a particular cultural group;

(f) the place is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period;

(g) the place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons;

(h) the place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance in Gatton's history.

### **Recorded Places**

The areas covered by this survey were predominantly rural, with some rural towns. It was noted that there have been changes in the range of rural industries practised in the shire - for example dairying is no longer a major industry, leaving many structures redundant.

The study identified a number of places which satisfied one or more of the criteria but which had low economic value and limited prospect of continued use. This meant there was little chance of conserving the buildings or of protecting their cultural heritage significance. Such places included old barns, silos, former dairy sheds and structures associated with abandoned industries.

These items are classified with a significance level of "Recorded". This allows the place to be formally recorded and allows mechanisms to be developed to encourage conservation without placing an unreasonable obligation on rural owners. The category was also used for places which were marginal in significance or which were simply interesting places without fully satisfying the above criteria.

### Context

In allocating a level of significance to various places, a number of issues were taken into account.

In some cases, places were already entered on other registers such as the State Heritage Register and have therefore attained a "state" level of significance. Generally however, places identified were of local significance which acknowledges their importance in the local context. As already stated, this study introduced a further level of significance "Recorded" which acknowledges and records places either of marginal significance at this time or which in their context, are unlikely to have any prospect of long term conservation.

It should be understood that a place's perceived level of significance is based upon the status of current information, particularly as it was not possible to make a detailed inspection of each site. Re-allocation to another level of significance could occur should further information be uncovered that warrants it.

The understanding of context in the assessment of significance was central to the methodology applied throughout the study area.

An individual 1890s house in the main street of a rural township may have more importance in its context than a similar house in a large city or in a remote rural area. Similarly, a 1930s house in a prominent rural setting of large trees and farm outbuildings assumes more importance than it might in a closely-developed urban street where there would be no special landscape value.



#### Precincts

The study area contained a number of rural towns or small centres. Within those townships, there tended to be groupings of buildings and places of heritage value. These were generally concentrated along or near the main street and included both residential and non-residential places.

Due to a general lack of visual cohesion or the effect of unsympathetic intrusions, precincts in Gatton Shire were usually found to be of marginal quality. However some were of sufficient quality to require special treatment.

The methodology followed in this study was to assess individually each place in terms of cultural heritage significance. Where groupings of places made a collective contribution, an appropriate boundary was defined which encircled the most important part of that group. In some cases, the precinct included some properties that do not warrant individual heritage listing but which require special constraints for redevelopment in order to maintain the integrity of the precinct.





Ma Ma Creek

### **Relocated Buildings**

The study identified a number of places which were not on their original site but had been relocated, either quite recently or many years ago.

Schools were often moved as population fluctuated. In more recent years, removal houses have been taken to rural subdivisions, particularly in areas close to the city of Toowoomba. There appears to be a general "spill" of housing over the range and along scenic areas such as Silver Pinch Rd, Puzzling Gully and Flagstone Creek.

Such places were considered to satisfy the criteria for inclusion in the register because they demonstrate a consistent pattern of use in the history of this area and because they now contribute aesthetically to their new location.

The fact that removal buildings have been included on the register does not mean that the practice of taking buildings from their original site is encouraged. In general, a place has greater cultural heritage significance on its original site and where possible, should remain there.





# 4. Study areas

The area to be surveyed was quite large and, for convenience in handling data, was divided into nine smaller study areas:

- GattonTown
- Gatton Environs
- Helidon and area
- Grantham and area
- Murphy's Creek and area
- Ma Ma Creek, Flagstone Creek, Stockyard Creek and area
- Withcott and area
- Tent Hill, Ropeley, Mt Sylvia and area
- Special sites

# **Statistics**

The survey identified 320 places of significance, including four town precincts.

Note that the statistics below are indicative only as some places contain more than one building or type of building. All State-listed places have also been automatically listed at the local level.

Places entered in the Queensland Heritage Register are subject to the provisions of the Queensland Heritage Act.

Nine places in Gatton Shire have been entered in, or nominated for entry in, the Register of the National Estate. The Australian Heritage Commission has no statutory authority over places on the Register of the National Estate unless they are Commonwealth owned.

### TOTAL NUMBER OF PLACES OF SIGNIFICANCE: 320

	National	State		Local	Recorded
		Already entered	Identified in this study		
Houses and farmhouses				157	31
Outbuildings					4
Public Buildings including railway buildings		1	2	16	3
Industrial				4	4
Commercial	1	1	1	19	11
Churches, cemeteries and monuments	3	3	5	33	4
Schools and educational complexes	1		1	11	1
Trees, avenues, trails, road cuttings, bridges, water towers	4	3	1	10	2
Precincts				4	
TOTALS	9	8	10	254	60

#### Places entered in the Queensland Heritage Register

Former Bank of New South Wales, 9 Railway St Helidon Boer War Memorial, Gatton Weeping Mothers Memorial, Gatton Ma Ma Creek War Memorial Lockyer Creek Railway Bridge, Guinn Park, Murphys Creek Lockyer Creek Railway Bridge at Lockyer Creek Murphys Creek Railway Complex Murphys Creek Railway Tank

#### Places of State significance identified in this study

Gatton Civic Complex Spring Bluff Railway Station Royal Hotel Gatton Our Lady of Good Counsel Convent, Gatton The Daniel Walsh Centre, Gatton Helidon War memorial St Joseph's Catholic Complex, Helidon Former St Joseph's Convent, Helidon University of Qld Gatton Campus (Gatton College) Gorman's Gap Road

#### Places entered in, or nominated to, the Register of the National Estate

Former Bank of New South Wales, Helidon Foundation precinct, Gatton College (being assessed) Gatton Boer War Memorial Gatton World War I Memorial Gormans Gap Road Ma Ma Creek War Memorial Main Range Railway (being assessed) Rail Bridge, Main Line Helidon Rail Bridge, Main Line, Murphys Creek

# 5. General comments on places identified in the study

Note: As well as the general informal comments and discussion points here, a number of formal recommendations appear later.

#### Houses

Gatton Shire contains houses of a variety of styles. There are no grand mansions or magnificent homesteads, but there are a large number of attractive and substantial houses and farmhouses, plus a number of cottages.

Some of the older houses appear to be in deteriorated condition, but most appear capable of being conserved. A program of education, advice and encouragement should be initiated to assist residents to care for this housing stock.

#### Early houses (1880s to 1920)

There are a number of houses which appear to date from this period, showing the typical style of steeply pitched roof, separate curved roof over verandah and cross-braced walls. The larger verandahed style appears to have persisted in the Shire until around the end of World War I.

A relatively large number of small two-room cottages have also survived.

While some of these early houses are in good repair, others are in deteriorated condition or have been unsympathetically altered. Some have been abandoned and newer houses built on the property.





#### Federation Style houses (1900-1920)

Good examples of the Federation bungalow style, with open verandahs and some with projecting front gables, exist throughout the Shire.



#### Interwar Style (1920-1950)

Many good and substantial examples of this style including Californian Bungalows are found in the Shire, particularly in the crop growing, vegetable and orchard areas and in Gatton town. They appear to indicate an era of prosperity on the land. Most are well-maintained.

#### Post-War Houses (1945 onwards)

There are some good individual examples of the Modern Bungalow, Spanish Mission and 1950s housing styles, particularly in Gatton and these have been identified in the study.

#### Fost-Wai Houses (1945 offwarus)

#### **Removal Houses**

As already indicated, there are a number of removal houses of varying ages now in the Shire. These are in good condition and most have been relocated in a sympathetic manner.

### **Rural Outbuildings**

#### Early dwellings and farm outbuildings

There are still a reasonable number of very early structures such as slab barns in the shire. These are often picturesque but more importantly, they demonstrate early building techniques and the early pattern of settlement.

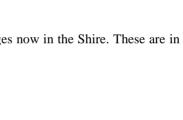
Unfortunately, most slab buildings are in badly deteriorated condition and will collapse unless the deterioration is slowed.

While it is not economically feasible to expect owners to keep these structures in good repair, they should be encouraged to make some basic maintenance such as whiteant treatment and some minimal structural repair to slow deterioration.

#### **Concrete Silos**

The most visually striking farm buildings are concrete silos. These were constructed in the 1920s and 30s as a result of government encouragement. Many such as that at Gatton College and some on privately-owned farms are still in good condition with gable roofs intact.







# Schools

Gatton Shire has a remarkable collection of wellmaintained school buildings and associated residences, particularly in the area south of the Warrego Highway.

They are all in an attractive setting of mature trees, often the result of Arbor Day planting programs, and usually have an associated residence.

There has been a tendency in recent years for small schools to be closed, or for the residence to be sold for removal – often resulting in complete removal from the area. This would have a significant impact on many of the small country centres. The desirability of retaining school houses and buildings in the Shire should be addressed in the Planning Scheme.









# **Community Halls**

A number of public halls are scattered throughout the rural areas. While these are usually modest and sometimes even rudimentary buildings, they are prominent in the landscape, well-maintained and remain important to their local communities.

They are a particularly significant element of community culture and care should be taken in renovations or extensions to these buildings to retain their special character.



## **Civic Buildings**

The Gatton Civic Centre is the most substantial civic building in the Shire.

With the increased interest in, and recognition of, buildings designed in the 1950s, it is considered to be of significance for its architectural values, as well as its social importance.

### **Commercial Buildings**

Commercial buildings are not a strong feature in the Shire. The Gatton town CBD has a small number of significant shops, particularly the two-storey shops in Railway Street, and there are a number of small timber shops in townships including Helidon and Grantham.

### **Public Buildings**

Public buildings, apart from halls, are mainly represented by police stations and post offices. These are of local significance.

### Churches

Gatton Shire possesses an interesting variety of churches and church buildings. They are all important for their demonstration of the community's social and spiritual aspirations.

Many are modest chapels in form and detail but are striking elements in the rural landscape. These have been given a level of local significance in the study.

Others in the Gatton and Helidon town areas are substantial buildings designed by well-regarded architects or associated with important church leaders and are landmarks in their urban setting. These are accorded a level of state significance for the special contribution they make to Queensland's cultural heritage.











### **Memorials and Cemeteries**

A number of memorials in Gatton Shire such as the Boer War memorial and the Ma Ma Creek Andrews family memorial are of state or national significance and are already entered in heritage registers.

The cemeteries are of local significance, including some which demonstrate the history of the German communities of the Shire.



These cemeteries eg Ropeley Cemetery, should continue to be maintained and their monuments cared for, using expert advice where necessary.

#### Hotels

There are several handsome two-storeyed hotels within the Shire. The Royal Hotel in Gatton is considered to be of state significance.

### **Railway Heritage**

The earliest railway in Queensland was constructed through this area and there are a number of significant sites and bridges, particularly between Helidon and Spring Bluff. These have been identified in the report by Andrew Ward and in other previous studies and several sites are of state significance.



#### Trees

Trees are an important component of many identified places and in many cases, should be considered as part of the listing. Tree types particularly noted during the study include bottle trees, hoop pines and bunya pines, pencil pines which were obviously a popular feature planting in the early to mid 20<sup>th</sup> century and fig trees which are found at many of the older grazing or dairying properties. Palms of many types were also common including some large specimens of date palm.



## **Gatton College**

Gatton College (now the University of Queensland Gatton Campus) is a large and significant site. It is not possible within the scope of this report to adequately study the site and its many buildings and structures.

However it is clear from a relatively brief inspection that the site is of state significance and deserves preparation of a formal conservation management plan.

In this report, the site has been listed as a precinct of state significance.





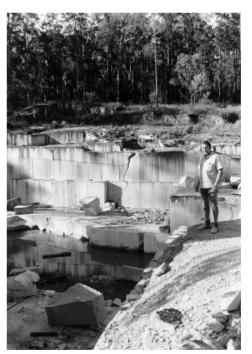
#### **Industrial Sites**

The most important industrial sites are the sandstone quarries in the Helidon-Murphy's Creek area.

Similarly to Gatton College, these require a special study. The quarries are of importance in the history of Queensland, having provided the stone for some of the state's most significant buildings.

They remain a major local industry and could have tourist potential. It would not be advisable to list a working quarry area. However, it might be possible to negotiate with owners to identify significant older quarry areas which could be preserved and made safe for public inspection – it would be of interest, for example, for visitors to see the excavation which provided stone for a well-known building such as the Great Court complex of the University of Queensland.

The Helidon Hills Study by Wallin and Assoc identified Wright's Quarry as the most significant. However other sites including the Comerford Sandstone and Australian Sandstone sites are also of significance.



Source of stone for University of Qld photo taken 1985

# 7. Recommendations

- 1. That the Council considers the places identified in this study in relation to its Town Planning provisions and also notes the general comments above.
- 2. That the Council adopts a positive, flexible and community-friendly approach to heritage conservation based on encouragement, education and community pride, with enforcement only where necessary.
- 3. That the Council formulates innovative and specific policies towards the protection of important heritage properties in the Shire
- 4. That the Council formulates innovative and specific policies which take into account the special nature of obsolete farm buildings and their prospect (or otherwise) of future conservation
- 5. That Council adopts a pro-active approach to preservation of places and sites which have tourism potential.
- 6. That particular attention should be paid to promoting sympathetic infill for village areas and precincts such as Ma Ma Creek
- 7. That existing regulations regarding importation of removal houses from elsewhere should be expanded to include a requirement for appropriate siting using traditional details.
- 8. That existing regulations regarding removal of houses from sites in Gatton Shire should be expanded to encourage retention of heritage-listed buildings within Gatton Shire ie where a listed building has to be removed from a particular site, every effort should be made to relocate it to an appropriate new site within the Shire.
- 9. That this study of built heritage should be followed as soon as possible by a study of heritage places relevant to the Indigenous community
- 10. That the Council prepares a precise and informative letter of notification to owners of all heritage places identified in this study and that the letter of notification is worded in such a way as to allay owners misgivings and emphasise the positive aspects of owning an identified property.
- 11. That the Council continues to pursue a comprehensive heritage incentive program to encourage and assist owners with heritage conservation. This might include, inter alia,
  - flexible application of Planning Scheme provisions
  - special consideration towards owners of rural properties
  - provision of a free Heritage Advisory Service
  - establishment of a community heritage consultative committee, to include local specialist groups such as the Gatton and District Historical Society, representatives of the Indigenous community, tourism representatives, real estate agents and interested members of the general public
  - recognition of local efforts in conservation of heritage through awards, plaques etc
  - production of simple booklets and leaflets aimed at both residents and tourists, providing information about Gatton heritage
- 12. That Council holds meetings with Real Estate representatives and with local service clubs, business organisation and district progress associations or similar organisations to explain and promote the positive aspects for the Shire of owning and recognising identified property.
- 13. That the inventory produced by this study should not be considered a finite list. It should be updated whenever necessary if further information is obtained, or if changes take place to buildings. Levels of

significance should also be updated whenever necessary. Individual owners should be encouraged to nominate their own properties in recognition of their efforts to restore them.

- 14. That Council negotiates with quarry owners in the Helidon-Murphy's Creek area to find non-working sites suitable for preservation. The possibility of limited public access should also be considered.
- 15. That Council promotes, through discussion with the UQ, a separate Conservation Management Plan for Gatton College.

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NAME	Commercial Hotel
CATEGORY	Hotel
LOCATION	1 Railway Street, Gatton (Cnr Crescent Street)
RPD	2RP99478
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of site
OTHER LISTINGS	Nil
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

#### History:

Built in 1927.

#### **Description:**

A two storeyed hotel with upper level verandahs extending over the footpath to both street frontages and supported on timber columns Part of the upper verandah is enclosed with contemporary detailing and materials. The main walls are of painted load-bearing brick. The corner parapet contains the date 1927. Some original verandah valences, posts and colonial sash windows remain although the balustrade has been altered.

The interior has been substantially altered and refurbished and there is a modern beer garden enclosure roofed in curved colorbond at the rear. A rear staircase has been similarly roofed and lead to an upper level dining room.

#### Significance:

The Commercial Hotel is significant for the contribution it makes to the streetscape as a local landmark at an important intersection in Gatton.

#### **Associated Items:**

The hotel forms part of a precinct which includes the Royal Hotel opposite in Railway Street, and the railway precinct, memorial park and monument between the station and Crescent Street.

#### **References:**

#### **Comments:**

The modern beer garden and extensions at the rear are not significant. The upper level was not inspected.

**GATTON TOWN 1** 



NAME	Boer War Memorial and Memorial Park
CATEGORY	War Memorial and Park
LOCATION	Between road reserve and railway station, Crescent Street
RPD	381M333225
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of park
OTHER LISTINGS	Qld Heritage Register (File No 600510)
	Register of the National Estate
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	National

#### History:

The Boer War Memorial was unveiled on 3 August 1908. A competition had been held for the design and was won by Toowoomba architect William Hodgen. The pedestal was produced by Toowoomba monumental mason W. Bruce and the original statue was imported from Italy. It was one of only three Boer War memorials in Queensland which depicted a digger; the other two are at Allora and Brisbane.

The monument was originally located at the intersection of Railway and North Streets Gatton. The original Italian marble statue was replaced at some time by the present one. The entry in the Qld Heritage Register states that the reason is unknown, but an article in The Queensland Times describes the monument's demolition by a 2 ton transport truck at 3am on 11.9.1940, and notes that the marble figure was broken into several pieces and that the remainder of the monument was damaged. Council decided to remove the "shattered monument" and the pieces were taken down and stored during the war years.

The monument was later re-erected in its present location and now has a sandstone figure.

In 1984, the monument was sandblasted to remove layers of paint

#### **Description:**

Civic park with formal gardens and Boer War Monument with memorial tablets, sculpted sandstone base, columns and surmounted by a statue of a digger, head bowed, hands resting on a reversed rifle. Marble tablets on two sides with Australian Light Horse regimental badge, bas-relief of a military bugle and lead-filled lettering recording the monument's erection by public subscription.

#### Significance:

The Gatton Boer War memorial demonstrates the principal characteristics of a commemorative structure erected as an enduring record of a major historical event.

It was constructed at an early phase of the history of war memorials in the state, These became prolific after World War I but in 1908, when this memorial was constructed, were quite rare. It is only one of two digger statues built to commemorate the Boer War; a third Boer War memorial was unveiled at Brisbane but not until 1919.

It is of aesthetic value, both as a landmark within the streetscape and for its high level of workmanship and design. It has a strong association with the community as evidence of a major historical event and with Toowoomba architect William Hodgen as an unusual example of his work.

#### Associated Items:

Two large fig trees in park. Precinct includes the railway station, Commercial Hotel and Royal Hotel opposite.

#### **References:**

The Queensland Times 12.9.1940 "Memorial Damaged" Ref. P 74,76 *History of Gatton Shire in the Lockyer Valley* A.M. Tew 1979 Entry in Qld Heritage Register

#### Comments: -







NOTE: This report has been prepared on the basis of evidence examined by the study team and seeks to identify the most important heritage values of the item. The purpose of this report is to provide an initial evaluation. If any action is planned which might affect the cultural heritage significance of this place, advice should be sought through the Gatton Shire Council Planning Branch.

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NAME	Gatton Railway Station
CATEGORY	Railway Station
LOCATION	Railway Street, Gatton.
RPD	381M333225
LISTING BOUNDARY	Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

**History:** The first section of railway line in Queensland was constructed between Ipswich to Grandchester and opened in July 1865. Work continued towards the Darling Downs immediately and the line reached Gatton on 1 June 1866 and Helidon on 30 June 1866.

The first stage of the station building was erected in 1899-1900. In 1914, as part of the duplication of the line, two platforms were provided with a waiting shed on the Brisbane platform. It is thought the footbridge was built at this time. The Goods Shed was relocated from Peak Crossing in 1965 after the Fassifern line was closed.

#### **Description:**

**The Station Building** (original section 1899-1900) is a timber building erected in two sections of varying widths, unified by a gable roof with unenriched ladder frame brackets to the shade. A recent small signal cabin is adjacent.

**Waiting Shed** (c1915) has a shallow gable roof, timber lined ceiling and unlined walls with bench seat and a shade carried on ladder frame brackets with ornamental struts.

Store: A timber Store is adjacent to the station building.

**Timber Footbridge** (c1915) is a timber framed structure, spanning two lines.

Goods Shed (relocated from Peak Crossing 1965) is a timber framed weatherboard structure

**Cart Weighbridge** Registered No 112 has a 21 ton capacity machine manufactured by Hawke and Co, Kapunda SA. The building is of weatherboard and has a skillion roof, windows and a door shaded by a metal hood with typical railway circular decoration.

#### Significance:

Important as an intact and representative railway station of comparative economic importance. It exhibits the principal characteristics of a country town railway complex. The footbridge is a rare surviving example as many such footbridges have been replaced or raised with electrification.

#### **Associated Items:**

Station Masters House (Listed Separately) The Commercial Hotel opposite the Boer War memorial

**References:** Andrew Ward *Queensland Railway Heritage Places Study: Stage 2* A report for Qld Dept of Environment and QR 1997

#### Comments: -



Store, Passenger Station and Waiting Shed



The Cart Weighbridge is the small building on the left



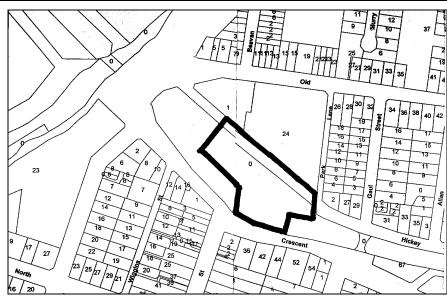


Footbridge



The Waiting Shed





NAME	Station Master's Residence
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	Facing Hickey Street, on Railway Property
RPD	381M333225
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

**History:** The Station Master's House is the only remaining one of a group of three railway houses facing Hickey St.

**Description:** A short ridge pyramid roofed bungalow with verandahs on three sides and a separate hip section at the rear. A 1920s dwelling that features lattice panels each side of the entry stair, a two rail balustrade and corner brackets. Later c1930s fibro sheeting and weatherboard enclosure of the two side verandahs as well as horizontal slats enclosing the undercroft of this highset house.

#### Significance:

Important for its demonstration of early form and materials and for its demonstration of early building techniques.

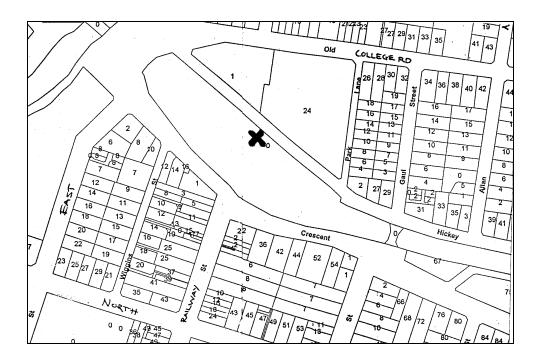
Important for its association with the railway.

## Associated Items: Gatton Railway Complex

**References:** Andrew Ward Queensland Railway Heritage Places Study: Stage 2 A report for Qld Dept of Environment and QR 1997

**Comments:** Andrew Ward (1995) indicates two railway houses but this dwelling is all that remains at this point, (March 2000).





NAME	Royal Hotel
CATEGORY	Hotel
LOCATION	2 Railway St (Cnr Crescent Street) Gatton
RPD	1RP61227
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of site
OTHER LISTINGS	Nil
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	State

The Royal Hotel built in 1914 replaced an earlier hotel of the same name which stood on the same site. The earlier building had been originally named "the Plough Inn".

#### **Description:**

An elaborately detailed Federation style hotel built in 1914, and situated on a prominent corner site. The building is of load-bearing brick and has an upper level bullnose iron roofed verandah on both street frontages extending over the footpath and supported on timber posts. Part of the verandah has been enclosed. The street facades are distinguished by a decorative pilastered parapet in facebrick with painted rendered dressings. The ground floor has a prominent corner entry and arched windows to the bar. The walls of the lower storey are now painted. Original timber verandah valences, balustrading and brackets remain. The former main entrance from Railway Street is distinguished by twin posts and gabled pediment at the upper level. A modern single storey extension has been built adjacent to the main building and houses the "Bistro Meals" dining room. The ground floor has been remodelled.

#### Significance:

The hotel is an important building of its type forming a local landmark on a prominent urban intersection. It is a demonstration of the prosperity of the town of Gatton in the early years of the twentieth century and remains substantially intact.

**Associated Places:** The hotel forms a precinct with the Commercial Hotel opposite and the railway buildings and memorial gardens across Crescent Street.

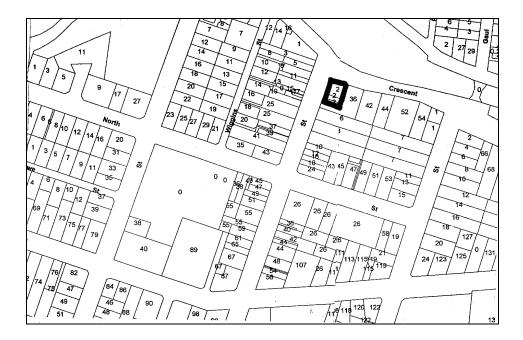
## References:

Ref. Tew p34.

**Comments**: The single storey extension is not significant. The upper level of the main building was not inspected.







NAME	Lockyer Mobiles, Lockyer Canvas Supplies
CATEGORY	Shop
LOCATION	20 Railway Street, Gatton
RPD	2RP95189
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of site
OTHER LISTINGS	Nil
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

Formerly Ballantine's Gatton Emporium. Bob Ballantine opened his Gatton Emporium in 1885 and operated a weekly delivery service to local farms and also as far as the Condamine.

#### **Description:**

Single storey shop with decorative gable facing street. The front gable is now sheeted over with modern materials but the original form, including the return spandrels remains. The roof is of corrugated galvanised iron and walls are of weatherboard.

A skillion roof street awning remains but is now supported on steel columns, replacing the earlier timber posts with decorative brackets.

The interior retains some original elements including walls lined with tongue and groove beaded joint boarding

#### Significance:

This building is significant as a rare surviving example of a shop built in Gatton during the late nineteenth century.

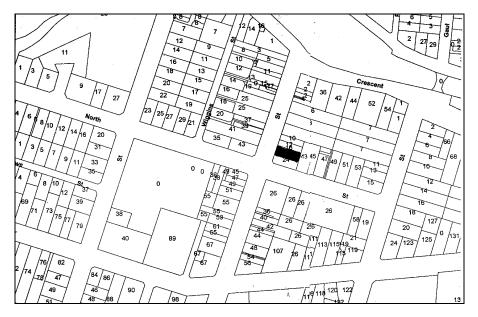
#### **Associated Items:**

References: Tew p35 and p77

Comments: -







NAME	Gatton Civic Centre
CATEGORY	Civic Building
LOCATION	Cnr Railway and North Streets, Gatton
RPD	1209126
LISTING BOUNDARY	1959 building and immediate environs inside road boundary
OTHER LISTINGS	nil
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	State

The Civic Centre was largely a goal of E. R. McCormack OBE, Chairman of Gatton Shire Council 1954 – 1979.

Gatton's first town plan was drawn up by Architects and Town Planners, Scorer and Scorer of Brisbane who had been initially invited to address the Gatton Chamber of Commerce on town planning matters in 1946.

Scorer and Scorer was commissioned to develop plans for a new Civic Centre in the late 1950s and a foundation stone was laid in July 1957. The builder was G. E. Day and Sons.

The original plans included the council chambers, library, art gallery and shire offices in two wings addressing the street and an auditorium at the rear. The auditorium was never built.

The building was renovated in 1996 with work that included some new attached offices, front entrance lobby, upgrading of finishes and services.

Fredrick Abraham Scorer was awarded the Sulman Medal for work in New South Wales. He admired the work of Alvar Alto and said this influenced his own work.

#### **Description:**

The building is a two storey facebrick civic structure in two wings, each addressing street frontages but with a quadrant shaped colonnaded corner entrance cloister with small landscaped forecourt. Columns and lintol of the front cloister are finished with local Helidon sandstone. The name GATTON CIVIC CENTRE in classical cast bronze letters is fixed to the sandstone lintol. Bronze sculptures commissioned as a Bicentennial project are a feature of the entrance forecourt.

The roof is concealed behind a plain facebrick parapet with concrete coping.

The North Street wing which houses the Council Chambers at the upper level is distinguished by steel window casements and doors opening onto small balconies.

The Railway Street wing has a cantilevred street awning and steel framed windows and concrete reveals which are part of the original design. Vertical sun control louvres are provided to the upper level windows to Railway Street.

A small clock tower projects above the corner of the Railway Street wing nearest to the intersection. A two storey high entrance atrium has been created in the 1996 alterations providing public foyer space on two levels linking with the new office wing at the rear.

#### Significance:

The Civic Centre is a significant example of the modern architectural style of the 1950s.

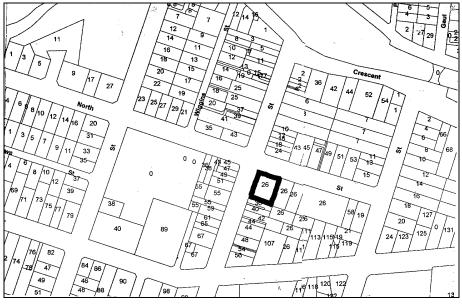
It is a demonstration of the civic pride exercised by a shire council that was proactive in the immediate post World War II period in initiating planning controls in a regional shire.

The design is an important example of a highly idiosyncratic architect – Fredrick Abraham Scorer who amongst his achievements was awarded the Sulman Medal for work in New South Wales.

#### Associated Items: References:

Ref Tew p 91.92. Bruce Buchanan (who was an articled student of Fred Scorer 1961-64).





NAME	H. Freeman Pty Ltd - Butchers
CATEGORY	Shops
LOCATION	48-50 Railway Street, Gatton
RPD	2RP179724
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of building and street awning
OTHER LISTINGS	Nil
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

Built by Hector Freeman Butcher in 1954-1955 on land which was originally part of the Byrne Estate. The construction work was supervised by the architect Robert Franklin and carried out by Italian day labourers. The building was built in two stages.

#### **Description:**

Single storey block of three brick shops with suspended and cantilevered street awning and rendered parapet. Two of the shops have recessed front entrances with original shopfronts of stained silky oak and bevelled glass double entry doors. The butcher shop is the most intact of the three tenancies and retains some original elements including black and white Italian tiling. The main roof is a skillion sloping to the rear behind stepped side parapets the top half of which is rendered and painted. All three shops have tiled front walls. There are colonial sash windows on the side wall.

#### Significance:

This building is a well-constructed example of 1950s commercial architecture in a provincial town setting. Its architectural detail is restrained and it contains some quality details and material selections, indicative of a discerning owner with civic pride.

#### Associated Items:

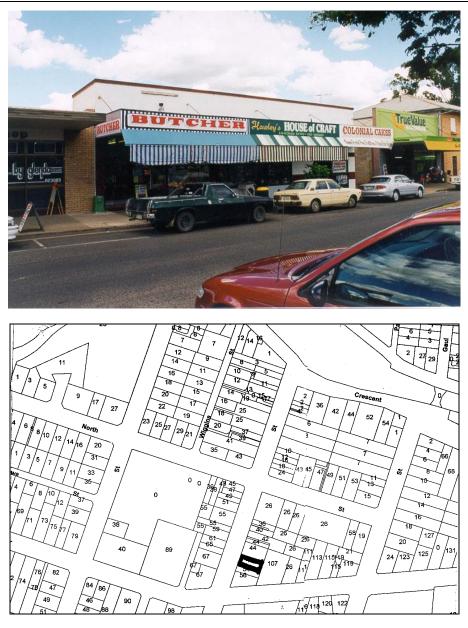
The two Canary Palms at the rear of the site are significant surviving trees from the former Byrne Estate and should be protected.

#### **References:**

Kelvin Freeman, son of the original owner Mr Hector Freeman

Comments: -

**GATTON TOWN 1** 



NAME	Gatton Dry Cleaners
CATEGORY	Shop and residence
LOCATION	42 Railway Street Gatton
RPD	1RP179724
LISTING BOUNDARY	Building only
OTHER LISTINGS	Nil
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

The original house circa 1910 has been moved back to allow the construction of the shop premises in the 1950s.

#### **Description:**

An elevated timber house at the rear with a lowset painted block dry cleaning shop attached at the front. The shop has a pilastered parapet concealing a rear skillion roof. The street awning is of suspended and cantilevered design and there are two shop windows and central front entry. Timber casement windows of the side wall of the shop open onto the side laneway. The house at the rear is of weatherboard walls and corrugated galvanised iron roof. The original front verandah has been removed to facilitate the 1950s adaptation and the house has been enclosed underneath.

#### Significance:

Significant as an interesting example of main street redevelopment of the 1950s in a provincial town. The shop with its street awning makes an important contribution to the aesthetics of the street.

#### Associated Items:

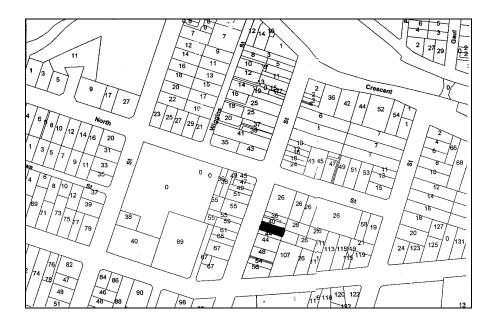
#### **References:**

#### Comments: -

The interior of the house was not inspected.

## **GATTON TOWN 1**





NAME	Imperial Hotel
CATEGORY	Hotel
LOCATION	41 Railway Street Gatton
RPD	13RP58442
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of site
OTHER LISTINGS	Nil
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

Hotel was built and named "Brian Boru" in 1886. It was the location for the Gatton murders autopsies. Partly restored in the 1990s.

#### **Description:**

Two storey timber hotel with upper level verandah extending over the footpath and supported on timber posts. The large hipped roof has two projecting octagonal bays and bay windows one of which was centred over the original corner bar entry. The ground floor has been extensively remodelled but retains the original main timber stair. Verandah balustrading and lattice panels are not original. The light fittings projecting from the upper verandah posts are from the Gatton Showgrounds.

#### Significance:

Significant for its contribution to the streetscape and as a local landmark.

#### **Associated Items:**

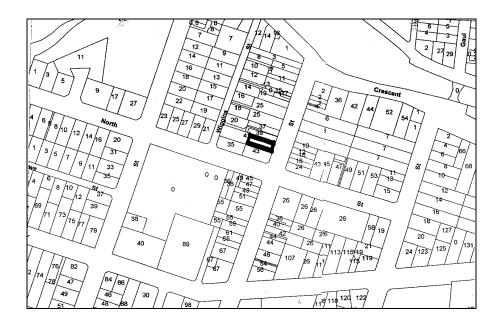
#### **References:**

Avil Tew History of Gatton Shire in the Lockyer Valley Gatton Shire Council 1979 p35

#### Comments: -

Upper level not inspected.





NAME	Wymans Mensland, Crozier Electrical, Sew Creative
CATEGORY	Shops and residences
LOCATION	37-39 Railway Street, Gatton
RPD	2RP115618 and 1RP115618
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of site
OTHER LISTINGS	Nil
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

Built in 1935 after the major fire which destroyed a large section of this side of Railway Street in 1934.

#### **Description:**

Substantial block of two storey brick shops with residences above. The block is in two semidetached sections with a continuous stepped roof parapet and upper level verandah. The open verandah extends across the footpath and is supported on cast iron columns. The Wymans tenancy retains some pressed metal ceilings and some early shopfront detailing. The other ground floor tenancies have been extensively remodelled. Components of the pre 1934 buildings including cast iron columns, balustrade panels and friezes have been incorporated in the reconstruction work. A tramway track from the pre-fire period survives intact in the alleyway between the brick side walls of No.37 and No. 39.

#### Significance:

Significant as a substantial commercial and residential landmark building which forms part of the only surviving continuous group of two storey facades in the main street. The building contains rare structural elements pre-dating the 1934 fire.

#### **Associated Items:**

21 - 35 Railway Street shops and offices.

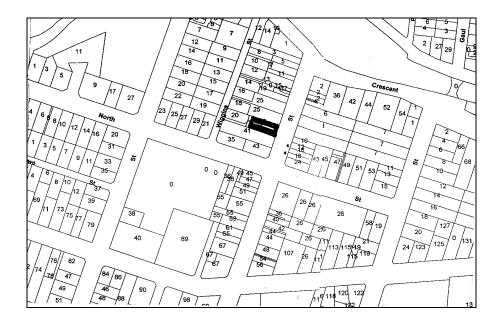
#### **References:**

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**GATTON TOWN 1** 





NAME	Commercial Tenancies inc. Barber, George's Café, Footwear & Saddlery, King Soft Computers, Gatton Pharmacy, Clarries Record Store, Peter's Toyworld
CATEGORY	Shops / Commercial
LOCATION	21 – 35 Railway Street, Gatton
RPD	8RP98976 and 6RP98976
LISTING BOUNDARY	Facades and street awnings
OTHER LISTINGS	Nil
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

#### History:

A row of two storey shops and upper tenancies built in 1934 – 1935 to replace earlier buildings destroyed by fire.

#### **Description:**

The building is two storeyed with an upper level designed in four bays defined by rendered pilasters and features distinctive stepped face brick parapets and open balconies projecting over a cantilevered street awning. The balconies are timber framed and sheeted with weatherboards. The balconies have individual skillion roofs. The ground floor contains an arcade. The ground floor tenancies have been remodelled.

#### Significance:

The significance of this building is in the contribution it makes to the streetscape of central Gatton. It forms part of the only continuous two storey group of buildings fronting the main street.

#### **Associated Items:**

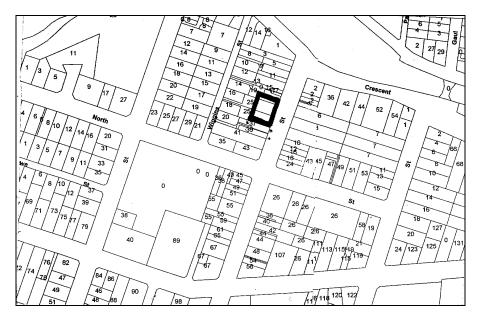
37 - 39 Railway Street shops and offices.

#### **References:**

## Comments: -

The upper level was not inspected.





NAME	Gatton Post Office
CATEGORY	Post office
LOCATION	Crescent St Gatton
RPD	24RP147633
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

The Post Office used to be at the Railway Station, then this building was constructed in 1908. By the 1980s, it was being used by Telecom.

In the 1980s, the adjacent residence was moved to the rear of the block and a new Post Office was built onto the front. The residence was converted to a mail sorting room and staff amenities, storage etc. An external verandah linked the two buildings and gave access to private letter boxes.

#### **Description:**

The 1908 Post Office is a lowset timber-framed building with weatherboard cladding. The hipped and gabled roof is clad in cgi and has a lantern roof ventilator. Many original features of the building are intact including sash windows, open front porch, timber stumps and battens.

The 1980s Post Office re-uses these elements as a contextual response and is carefully linked to the former Post-Master's residence behind.

#### Significance:

The group is important as an example of adaptation of historic buildings by Australia Post.

The 1908 Post Office and Post Master's residence are individually significant as demonstrations of early form and materials and early building techniques.

The group contributes aesthetically to the streetscape.

The group is important for its association with the provision of postal services and the development of Gatton as a town centre.

#### Associated Items:

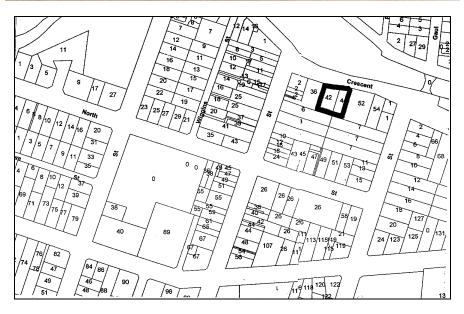
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**GATTON TOWN 1** 







NAME	Gatton Town Precinct
CATEGORY	Precinct
LOCATION	See map
RPD	Various
LISTING BOUNDARY	See map
OTHER LISTINGS	Some places within this precinct are listed at a local, state and national level
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	local

#### **History:**

#### **Description:**

Precinct containing the Civic Centre, a railway complex, Boer War memorial and parkland, hotels, commercial buildings and a post office.

#### Significance:

This area is important for the evidence it contains of the early development of the town centre and there are elements surviving in this precinct which are evocative of its commercial enterprise and growth.

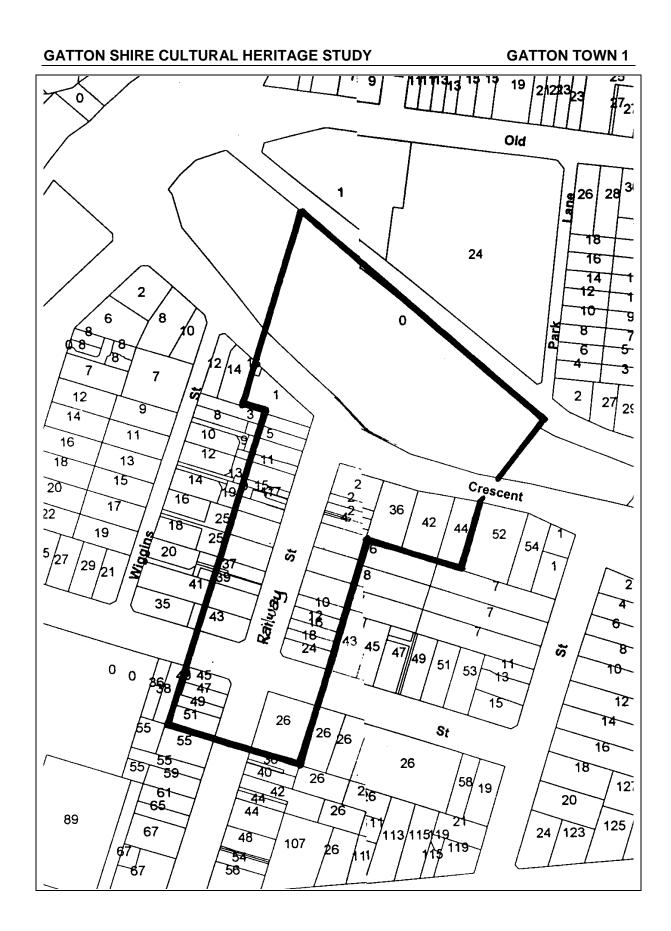
This precinct is valued by the community and is important for imparting a sense of place.

#### **Associated Items:**

#### **References:**

#### **Comments:**

It will be important to try to retain the character of the historic precinct and prevent further unsympathetic alterations and further erosion of its integrity. This does not mean that new buildings within this precinct should be replicas. New development and infill should respect the scale and materials of the historic buildings within the curtilage of the precinct.



NOTE: This report has been prepared on the basis of evidence examined by the study team and seeks to identify the most important heritage values of the item. The purpose of this report is to provide an initial evaluation. If any action is planned which might affect the cultural heritage significance of this place, advice should be sought through the Gatton Shire Council Planning Branch.

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NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	7 Spencer Street, Gatton
RPD	11RP844544
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	local

#### **Description:**

- Lowset bungalow on timber stumps, c.1910 style, with a short ridge and hip roofline and integrated verandah.
- L- shaped front verandah with the entry steps on the short side. The verandah detailing is a two-rail dowel balustrade.
- Landscaped garden setting

#### Significance:

Important for its demonstration of early form and materials and for its demonstration of early building techniques.

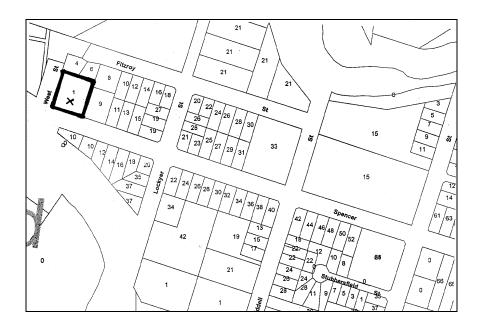
The house, with its surrounding garden, contributes aesthetically to the streetscape.

#### Associated Items: -

References: -

Comments: -





NAME	"Wanaruah"
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	27 Spencer Street, Gatton
RPD	7RP2286
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

#### **Description:**

- Lowset house, probably late 1930s. Triple fronted. Stucco rendered masonry construction
- Hip roof (with 3 stepped hips) clad in terracotta tiles.
- Decorative brick voussoirs around the front door and windows match the coloured bricks in the chimney.
- Four brick feature pillars with rounded edges front the porch that is accessed via a brick stair.
- Dormer window, coloured glass windows, low semi-circular window box garden by the porch.

#### Significance:

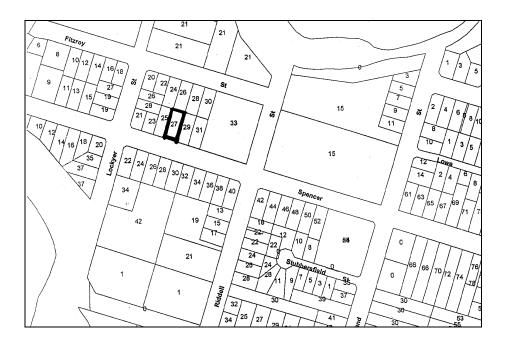
A good example of a style rare for Gatton Shire and which makes a distinctive aesthetic contribution to the streetscape.

#### Associated Items: -

References: -

#### Comments: -





NAME	
CATEGORY	Former burial ground
LOCATION	Cnr Spencer and Riddell Sts, Gatton
RPD	N/a
LISTING BOUNDARY	Raised area in road reserve
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	local

The earliest burials in Gatton are believed to have taken place here, on a block which contained the first Gatton lockup.

Gatton cemetery (listed separately) was gazetted in 1868.

#### **Description:**

The burial area can be discerned by a hump in the road reserve.

#### Significance:

A rare example of an early burial place in a town, unmarked by headstones, demonstrating the pattern of development of Gatton.

#### **Associated Items:**

References: Avil Tew History of Gatton Shire in the Lockyer Valley Gatton Shire Council 1979

#### Comments:



NAME	St Mary's Catholic Church
CATEGORY	Church
LOCATION	15 Maitland Street, Gatton
RPD	1RP189586
LISTING BOUNDARY	Corner site of church only
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Recorded

This church was built in 1961, replacing an earlier timber building which was moved on the site to become a parish hall.

#### **Description:**

- A flat roofed brick building
- long white concrete window hood along the south front elevation featuring a half sandstone and half coloured glass wall
- A tall skeletal bell tower, supported on square reinforced concrete columns with a patterned steel lattice infill between the upper third, sits adjacent on the south elevation.

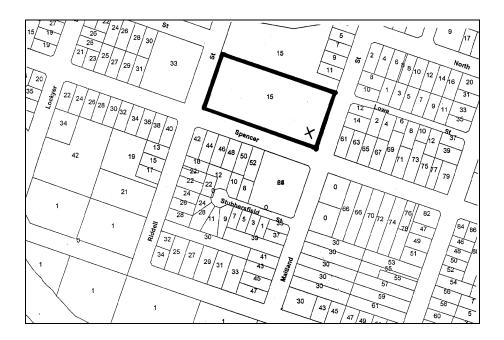
**Significance:** Recorded as a local landmark and for its association with the religious and social life of the community.

Associated Items: Neighbouring Presbytery and large conifer tree

**References: -**

Comments: -





NAME	St Mary's Presbytery
CATEGORY	Presbytery
LOCATION	15 Maitland Street, Gatton
RPD	6RP122589
LISTING BOUNDARY	Presbytery site only
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

#### **Description:**

- Late 1920s highset building, a derivative of the Californian Bungalow Style
- clad with weatherboards
- contains a typical porch with weatherboard-clad corner supports.
- The balustrade is constructed with three rails interspersed with a pattern of upright balusters.

#### Significance:

Important for its demonstration of aesthetic characteristics typical of the period between World War I and World War II.

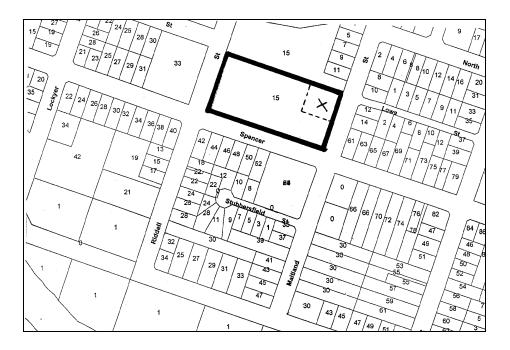
Also important for its association with the religious and social life of the community.

Associated Items: Neighbouring St Mary's Catholic Church

#### **References:**

**Comments:** - This type of house is sometimes referred to as Coptic bungalow. The term is a derivative from its shape, a Greek cross used by the Copts, with at least three sides having a gable extending from a corrugated iron, short ridge bungalow roof. (Rechner, J. G., 1998, *Brisbane House Styles 1880 to 1940, A Guide to the Affordable House,* Brisbane History Group, Studies No. 2)





NAME	Lockyer Parish Uniting Church
CATEGORY	Church
LOCATION	33 Maitland Street, Gatton
RPD	3RP118318
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

Originally a Presbyterian gabled church hall c. 1890 The new façade, designed by Scorer + Scorer Architects, c1962

## **Description:**

- Gabled church c. 1890, chamfer board clad, gothic lancet windows along each side of the building.
- Roof is corrugated galvanised iron with a small metal-sheeted spire.
- The new facebrick façade uses two walls to form a shallow triangular protrusion at the gable entry end with the ridge of the roof extended forward.
- A large triangular coloured glass window that incorporates the entry porch and door is the main feature.

## Significance:

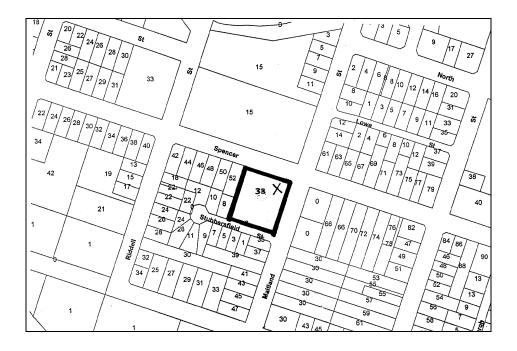
- Important as an evocation of the religious and social life of the community
- A local landmark valued by the community

Associated Items: Lockyer Parish Uniting Church Children's Ministry, adjacent.

## **References:**

Comments: -





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NAME	Lockyer Parish Uniting Church
	Children's Ministry
CATEGORY	Former Manse
LOCATION	33 Maitland Street, Gatton
RPD	3RP118318
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

## **History:**

## **Description:**

- A highset bungalow c.1910 style with a short ridge and hip roofline and integrated front verandah.
- An arched batten valance between timber stumps
- two-rail dowel balustrade
- brick chimney

## Significance:

Important as a demonstration of the use of traditional form and materials. It makes an aesthetic contribution to the streetscape.

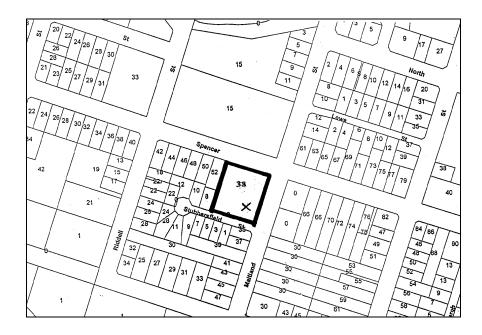
Important for its association with the religious and social life of the community.

Associated Items: Lockyer Parish Uniting Church adjacent.

**References:** 

Comments:





NAME	Our Lady of Good Counsel Convent
CATEGORY	Former Catholic Convent, currently used as four residences
LOCATION	30 Maitland Street, Gatton
RPD	43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 24 of G124
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	State

Fr Brun opened St Marys Catholic School at Gatton in 1868 in a former inn. This building was used for mass until a church was built in the 1870s. The school became a non-vested school from 1870-75. When the Gatton Provisional School opened in 1876, St Mary's lost its status and government assistance and struggled to survive, finally closing in 1892.

A new impetus to reopen a Catholic School began a little over 20 years later. The foundation stone was laid on 19.12.1915 and this event is commemorated by a plaque on the front of the building.

The Convent and the adjacent school (see separate listing) were both designed by Toowoomba architect Harry Marks and built by J. and F. Muller Bros at a cost of £4500 and \$1354 respectively.

The official opening took place on 14.1.1917.

At the time of opening, the bottom floor of the convent building was used as music rooms, dining room, chapel, kitchen and bathrooms. The top floor consisted of eight rooms for the teachers (Sisters of Mercy) and one large dormitory with 20 beds for boarders.

In recent years, the building has been rented as four accommodation units.

#### **Description:**

- Facebrick, two-storey federation building with terra cotta clad hip roof, featuring a gable and a Dutch gable on the front elevation.
- Two corners of the building are brick infill, with the verandahs spanning between.
- The upper verandahs feature cast iron lace balustrades and slender posts finished with a capital.
- The lower verandahs have a simple post and rail balustrade, thicker posts and an arched slatted valance.
- Established trees and garden.

#### Significance:

- An important example of a substantial and stylistic church building
- Significant for its association with an important early architect
- Important as an evocation of the religious and social life of the community
- It makes a significant aesthetic contribution to the streetscape

# Associated Items: The adjacent Daniel Walsh Centre and Administration Building References:

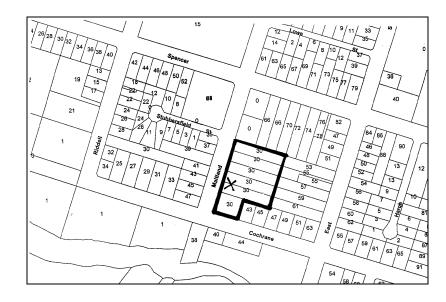
Qld Times 15.1.1917 "Gatton Convent School – Opening Ceremony"

#### Comments: -

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Convent School in background, former convent on right



NAME	The Daniel Walsh Centre
CATEGORY	School
LOCATION	30 Maitland Street, Gatton
RPD	43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 24 of G124
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of site
OTHER LISTINGS	
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	State

History: Opened on January 14, 1917 by Fr O'Flynn of Brisbane, and Fr Walsh of Gatton.

The architect was Harry Marks of Toowoomba and the contractor was J & F Muller Bros.

## **Description:**

- Double storey brick building
- Short ridge pyramid roof, clad with terra-cotta tiles (probably the original Wunderlich tiles) and with a triangular gable pediment marking the entry below.
- The lower storey is encircled with terra cotta roofed verandahs on all 4 sides.
- The two rail balustrade features cast iron lace work and a simple corner bracket to the posts.
- Although of the federation period the building exhibits a verandahed Georgian character with a symmetrical façade of expressed brick columns, multi-paned windows and plain detailing.
- Mature trees and front garden.

## Significance:

- An important example of a substantial and stylistic ecclesiastical building
- Significant for its association with an important early architect
- Important as an evocation of the religious and social life of the community
- Makes a significant aesthetic contribution to the streetscape

## Associated Items:

References: Qld Times 15.1.1917 "Gatton Convent School, Opening Ceremony"

**Comments:** - This significant building should be considered in context with the Our Lady of Good Counsel School Administration building on the left and the Our Lady of Good Counsel convent (now a residential building) on the right.

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**GATTON TOWN PART 2** 





# GATTON SHIRE CULTURAL HERITAGE STUDY

NAME	Our Lady of Good Counsel – Catholic Primary School Administration Building
CATEGORY	School
LOCATION	30 Maitland Street, Gatton
RPD	43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 24 of G124
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Recorded

## History: Opened May 11, 1952

**Description:** the single storey, brick School Administration building is long and rectangular in plan with gabled ends. The entry is highlighted by a double gable front and the roof is clad with terra-cotta tiles.

## Significance:

- Associated with the religious, educational and social life of the community
- A good example of a 1950s building designed in context with the two more stylistic and significant adjacent buildings.

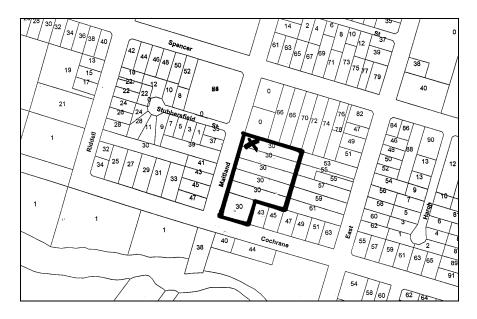
#### Associated Items:

Catholic buildings adjacent

#### **References:**

Comments: -





NAME	
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	65 Spencer Street, Gatton
RPD	26RP102788
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

## **Description:**

- Federation bungalow with a corrugated iron pyramid roof
- left hand side gable has a verandah that has been enclosed on two sides.
- Walls clad with chamferboards
- Stop chamfered verandah posts with capitals and ornate brackets on the front verandah
- Lattice infill in area between the two-rail dowel balustrade and facia
- Metal window hoods
- chain venetians

## Significance:

Important for its demonstration of early form and materials and for its demonstration of early building techniques.

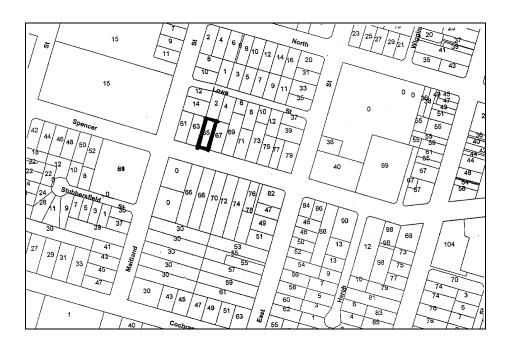
The house, with its surrounding garden, contributes aesthetically to the streetscape.

#### Associated Items:

**References:** 

Comments: -





NAME	
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	73 Spencer St, Gatton
RPD	22RP102788
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

History: Built by the Malouf family c1896

## **Description:**

- Walls clad with chamferboards.
- Asymmetrical short ridge iron roof and gable projecting towards the street.
- Bullnose verandah on two sides has been enclosed with casements and hopper windows
- Faceted bay window is a feature of the gable front and may be original to the house.
- Unusual corner projection, octagonal in plan and roofed with multiple small gables reflecting the octagonal plan, possibly not original
- Corrugated iron water tank on elevated timber stumps at the left hand rear corner
- Timber stumps and timber battening

## Significance:

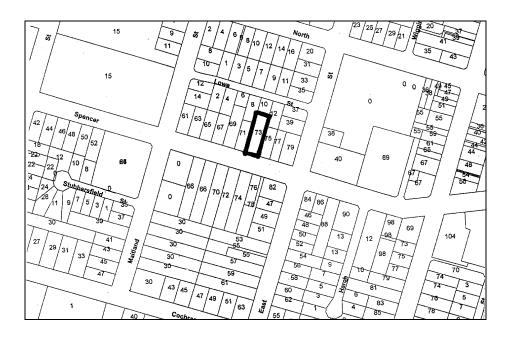
A good example of an unusual variant on traditional style and which makes a distinctive aesthetic contribution to the streetscape.

#### Associated Items:

References: Information from Gatton & District Historical Society

#### Comments: -





NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	77 Spencer St, Gatton
RPD	2RP59734
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

## **Description:**

- c.1930s style single storey residence of rendered fibro
- double gable with a central entry porch
- short ridge and hipped main roof with half-hipped gables
- Painted cover strips decorate the fibro gable infill.
- Facing the street are dual faceted bay windows with flat window hoods and a flared skirt beneath
- Original casement windows and hoods are evident on all elevations.

#### Significance:

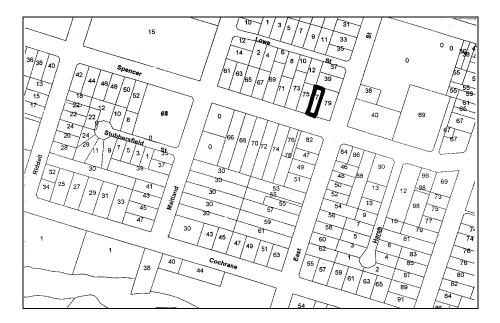
An unusual variant on the inter-war style which makes a distinctive aesthetic contribution to the streetscape.

## Associated Items:

## **References:**

Comments: -





NAME	-
CATEGORY	House and Shop
LOCATION	79 Spencer Street, Gatton
RPD	1RP59734
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	House local; shop recorded

**History:** The house was built c1900 as the residence of the Pickford family. The shop was started as a small general store in the late 1940s or early 1950s and was later used as a butcher shop.

## **Description:**

<u>House</u>

- High set federation house with short ridge pyramid roof
- verandahs on three sides with a two-rail broomstick balustrade, stop chamfered posts with capitals and ornate corner brackets. The left side verandah has been enclosed to form a sleep-out area
- the internal verandah walls are single skin tongue and groove VJ's.
- Original French doors open to the verandah
- corrugated iron water tank and stand.

#### <u>Shop</u>

- built on the front alignment
- pitched and gabled roof
- clad with weatherboards.

The property also contains several large trees, including a poinciana tree and mango trees

#### Significance:

Important for its demonstration of early form and materials and for its demonstration of early building techniques.

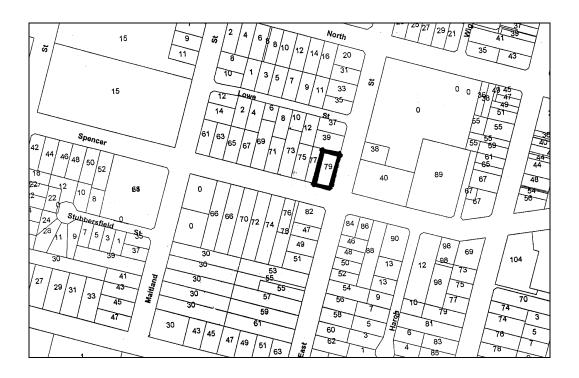
The house, with its surrounding garden, contributes aesthetically to the streetscape.

## Associated Items:

References: Information from Gatton & District Historical Society

**Comments:** - Encouragement should be given to retention of the shop.





NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	116 Spencer Street
RPD	38RP79624
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

## **Description:**

- high set house upon timber stumps
- Stepped curved verandah to two sides have been mostly enclosed with fibro.
- pyramid roof
- The two-rail broomstick balustrade remains with stop chamfered posts and ornate corner brackets.
- A single skin internal construction is evident.
- a battened screen encloses the undercroft.

#### Significance:

Important for its demonstration of aesthetic characteristics and building techniques typical of the late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century, now becoming rare.

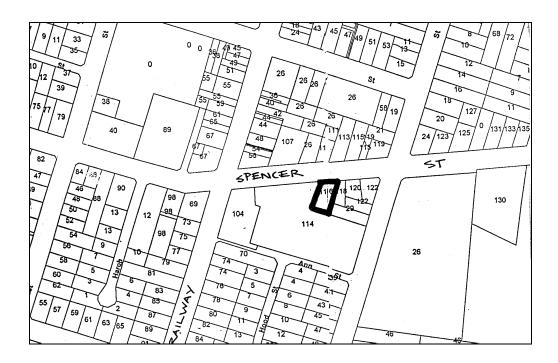
The house, with its surrounding trees and garden, contributes aesthetically to the streetscape.

## Associated Items:

#### **References:**

**Comments:** - One of the last late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century residences in this now more commercial stretch of Spencer Street.





NAME	"Colleen"
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	50 Spencer Street, Gatton
RPD	1RP118318
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

Built by Col Hickey and his wife in 1950-51. They did much of the work themselves. The house was built before the days of ready-mixed concrete so the foundations were mixed by hand and the house has timber floors.

The house is built of Denaro block, a precursor of Besser block, made by a Mr Denaro whose works were at Nundah. It is the third Denaro block house in the district, the others being at Winwill and cnr Smith and Railway streets in Gatton.

A kitchen extension was built c1962 and the Hickeys sold the house in 1968.

## **Description:**

- triple gable roof clad with new green concrete roof tiles
- walls are rendered masonry and stucco above a dado line
- The interesting curved corners of the front protruding room are designed to match the "waterfall" style chimney
- Stained glass French doors open on to an entry porch
- Neat two-pipe rail and rendered pillared fence.

## Significance:

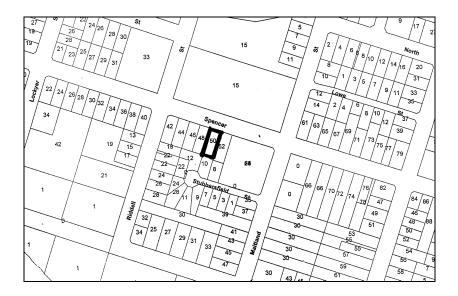
A good example of a style which is rare for Gatton Shire and which makes a distinctive aesthetic contribution to the streetscape.

## Associated Items:

References: Mr Col Hickey

Comments: -





NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	33 Cochrane Street, Gatton
RPD	10RP839084
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

## **Description:**

- terracotta hipped roof and stucco rendered house
- brick plinth, front uncovered porch accessed via glazed French doors
- steel balustrade, typical of the 1930s
- under-sill decoration in the stucco walls

## Significance:

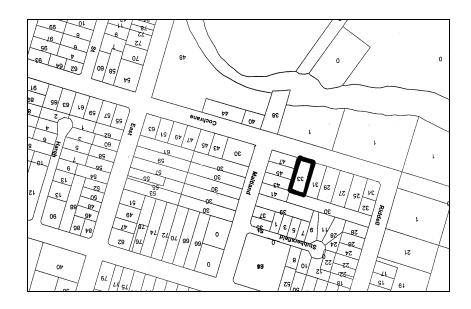
A good example of a style rare for Gatton Shire and which makes a distinctive aesthetic contribution to the streetscape.

## Associated Items:

#### **References:**

Comments: -





NAME	Braeside
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	97 Railway Street, Gatton
RPD	3RP21565
LISTING BOUNDARY	Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

**History:** Built in 1906 by John Doyle. The house was purchased shortly afterwards by Henry Walter Morrow as his family home. Henry Morrow was born in Ireland and arrived in Queensland in the mid-1850s at the age of 10 with his family. He took up work on the first section of railway line Ipswich-Grandchester in 1865 and later selected land at Tent Hill while working on the railway line to Toowoomba.

In 1875, he was involved in obtaining a school for Tent Hill and, with James Logan, donated land for the school. Henry served as the first Secretary of the School Committee and his oldest daughter, Margaret, was one of the first pupils.

He was employed in the Railway Department for 44 years, and before retiring, held the position of District Superintendent in the Maintenance Branch. He died on 13th June, 1923 at his home at Railway Street. Two of his daughters, Barbara and Lucinda, ran a shop in the town for many years selling millinery and hand made and embroidered baby clothes.

**Description:** A large, high set, Federation house with a Dutch gabled main roof featuring gabled bays at 45 degrees on each front corner. The front verandah features cast-iron balustrading and a small, central gable pediment marking the entry stair. The verandah posts are stop chamfered and hold decorative corner brackets and capital mouldings. The exposed stud walls are lined with single skin tongue and groove boards and contain original double hung, paned, sash windows. The front entry has stained glass sidelights and transom light.

#### Significance:

Important for its demonstration of aesthetic characteristics and building techniques typical of the late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The house, with its surrounding trees, contributes aesthetically to the streetscape.

The surrounding farm buildings demonstrate early building techniques and have the ability to yield information about early farming practices.

The house is associated with an early Gatton family.

## Associated Items:

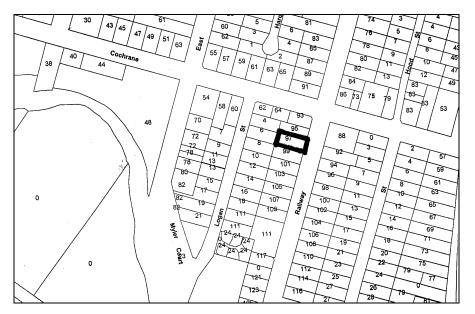
References: Information on Henry Morrow from descendants and obituary June 1923

Comments: -





Braeside in 1917



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NAME	Gatton Water Tower
CATEGORY	Water Tower
LOCATION	Cnr Cochrane and East Streets.
RPD	2CC807885
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

**History:** The severe drought of 1902 made Gatton residents aware of the need for a town water supply. Bores and windmills were constructed, supplying troughs.

When electricity was connected in 1932, a reticulated water supply was planned. A weir was built in Tent Hill Creek. A pumping works, filtration and treatment plant and tower were built by contractors Gibson and Sutherland and opened in 1935. At that time, it was said that the Gatton Town supply was the first scientifically softened and purified scheme in the state. The water supply was fluoridated in 1970.

**Description:** A very tall structure, the water tower is constructed with reinforced concrete. The columns are braced midway between ground level and the underside of the concrete tank. Spanning between the columns just below the tank is a curved valance. Access to the top of the tank is gained via a central hollow pillar with an internal stair leading to a maintenance ladder high above. The ladder then extends vertically on the outside of the tank to the top of the tower.

Adjacent are outbuildings that house water control facilities. Most exhibit masonry or rendered masonry construction.

A weir is in the creek below.

#### Significance:

A stylistic example of a functional water tower which is a landmark and which makes an aesthetic contribution to the town.

At the time of its construction, it was technically advanced in terms of water softening and purification.

It is important in demonstrating the development of Gatton as a town centre.

#### Associated Items:

#### References:

Comments: -







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NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	5 Allan Street, Gatton
RPD	41RP846031
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Recorded

## **Description:**

- high set house, c1890s style, pyramid roof, verandah to 3 sides, (front, right and rear).
- The verandahs have been enclosed with weatherboard cladding and a mix of louvre and casement windows.
- Timber stumps. timber battens.
- A 1930s patterned valance has been added the front undercroft.

## Significance:

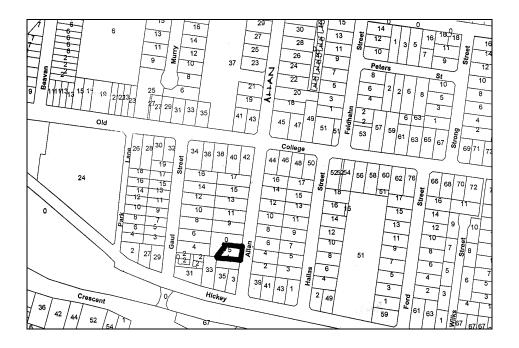
Recorded for its demonstration of aesthetic characteristics and building techniques typical of the late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

## Associated Items:

**References:** 

Comments: -





NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	28 North Street, Gatton
RPD	5RP913035
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

## **Description:**

Highset Californian Bungalow with boxed and jettied double front gable. Clad with weatherboards White slatted valence Entry porch in one gable, weatherboard clad corners, ornate timber infill and a slatted two- rail balustrade. Bay window with coloured stained glass windows and a flared skirt to the base. Garden and trees

## Significance:

The house is significant as a very intact and well-maintained example of the use of materials, form and detailing typical of the interwar period.

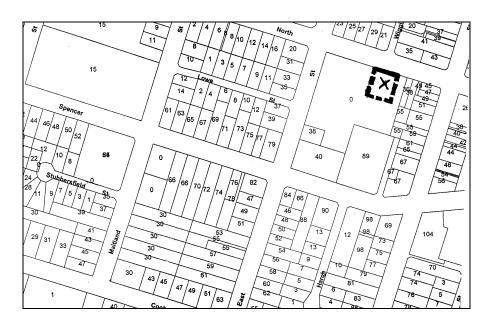
The house, with its surrounding garden, makes an aesthetic contribution to the streetscape.

## Associated Items:

## **References:**

**Comments: -** Located on "Peace Lutheran School" and Church grounds.





NAME	Former Gatton Private Hospital
CATEGORY	house
LOCATION	20 North Street (cnr East Street) Gatton
RPD	1RP137586
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Recorded

The building was designed by Brisbane architect W.C. Voller and built by J. Lather. The plans for the building were approved by the Dept of Public Health.

As originally built, the hospital had four double wards and two single wards, each ward having a verandah frontage; a dining room which also had couches where convalescents could rest or read, a hall; and a kitchen where surplus water was conveyed to an underground anaerobic tank. A disinfecting chamber was underneath the highset house.

Dolman had been practising in Gatton for six years when he decided to erect his hospital. It was officially opened in 1913 after a period of controversy when Council refused to issue a licence Local residents held "indignation meetings" in support of Dr Dolman.

The building was later used as an ambulance centre.

## **Description:**

Highset timber house which has now had its verandahs enclosed. Brick chimney

## Significance:

Recorded for its historical interest

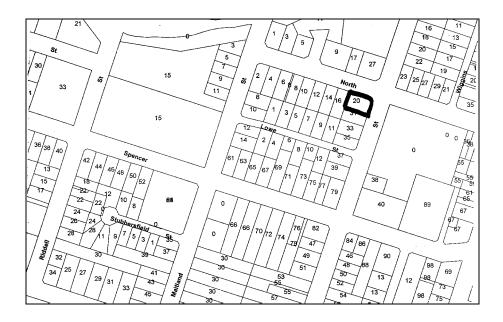
#### Associated Items:

#### **References:**

Qld Times 12.9.1913. Indignation meeting 20.8.1913 "Gatton Private Hospital - A Fine Building" ; photo of building 18.8.1913

#### Comments:





NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	62 Cochrane Street, Gatton
RPD	1RP135891
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

**Description:** This is a 1920s style asymmetrical bungalow with central gable, converted to a two-storey house and business. The original front entry porch and front door are visible but are now incorporated as an upstairs verandah. The left side sleep-out, enclosed with casements is part of the original design. The additions have been sympathetic for the most part with the enclosed lower floor walls a continuation of the weatherboards from above. Window hoods have also been constructed to match the existing.

#### Significance:

The house is significant as an example of the use of materials, form and detailing typical of the interwar period.

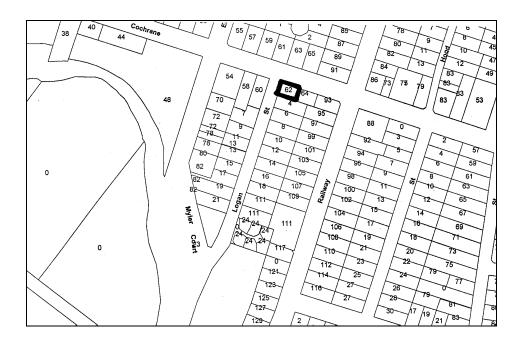
The house, with its surrounding garden, makes an aesthetic contribution to the streetscape.

#### Associated Items:

#### **References:**

# Comments: -





NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	68 Crescent Street, Gatton
RPD	1RP111691
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

# **Description:**

- low set house with a pyramid roof
- curved verandah to 3 sides
- fretwork infill to the pediment over the verandah entrance
- some original doors and windows opening to the front verandah
- side verandah areas are enclosed
- no sub-floor battens and no balustrade to the steps at the verandah entry

#### Significance:

Important for its demonstration of aesthetic characteristics and building techniques typical of the late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century, now becoming rare.

The house, with its surrounding trees and garden, contributes aesthetically to the streetscape.

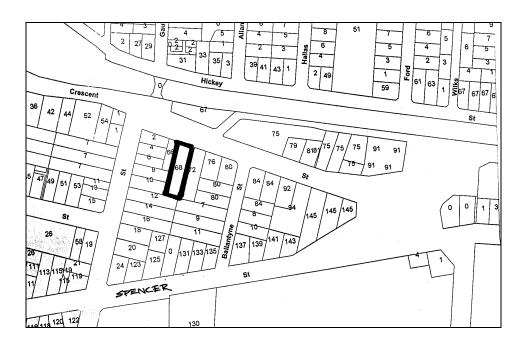
#### Associated Items:

**References:** 

Comments: -

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NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	35 East Street, Gatton
RPD	6RP102788
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

#### **Description:**

- Probably of the late 1920s
- Nested porch double gable house clad with weatherboards
- Porch has a hip roof with the entry to the side
- gables are boxed and jettied
- The bargeboard is extended to a point at each side, a detail typical of the 1920s
- Valance at the front sub floor lies to the front of the battened undercroft area
- Timber stumps
- Original timber and chain wire, three-rail fence.

#### Significance:

The house is significant as an example of the use of materials, form and detailing typical of the interwar period.

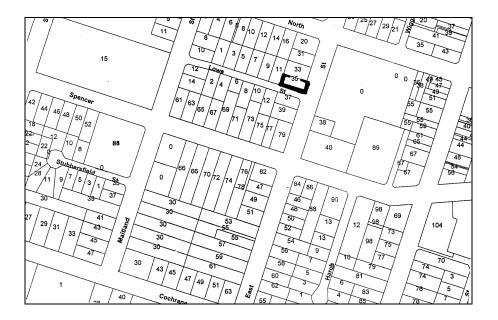
The house, with its surrounding garden, makes an aesthetic contribution to the streetscape.

#### Associated Items:

#### **References:**

Comments: -





NAME	Cook's Transport
CATEGORY	Warehouse/Industrial Shed
LOCATION	81 Crescent Street, Gatton.
RPD	19G1237
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Recorded

# **Description:**

- saw-tooth roof line and corrugated iron walls
- front elevation clad with weatherboards
- large central sliding door allows access for large vehicle loading
- low timber stumps
- each bay contains a small square window

#### Significance:

Recorded as an example of an older industrial building.

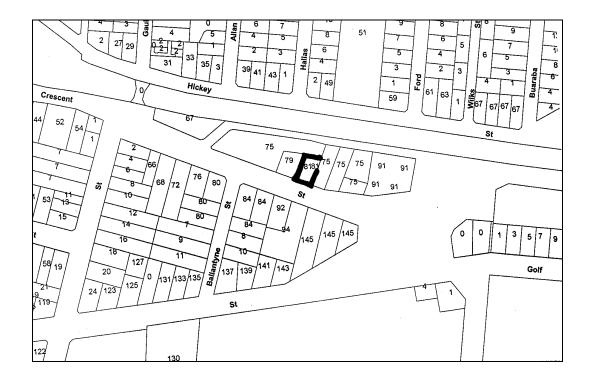
#### **Associated Items:**

#### **References:**

#### Comments: -

Retention should be encouraged. Gatton has several buildings of this type and they are capable of adaptation for a range of uses.





NAME	-
CATEGORY	Warehouse/Store/Hall
LOCATION	94 Crescent Street, Gatton
RPD	2RP169976
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Recorded

**Description:** An unusual building with a skillion roof, low set on timber stumps and ant caps and clad with weatherboard. The front is double height and the rear single height. Lower windows are sheeted over and the upper windows on the front elevation are 3 light casement windows. A skillion addition is evident at the rear. A recent gabled front entry porch has been added in the federation style with a 3 rail balustrade and decorative capitals, corner brackets and finial.

#### Significance:

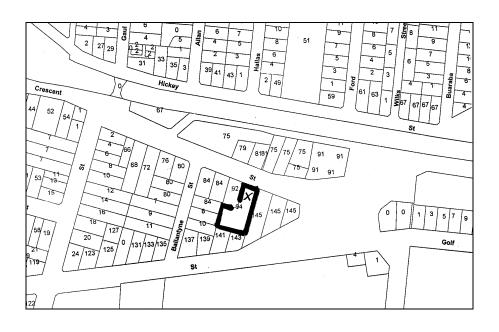
Recorded as an unusual building.

Associated Items:

**References:** 

Comments: -





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NAME	-
CATEGORY	Shed
LOCATION	1Byrne Street (cnr Crescent St), Gatton.
RPD	65RP21582
LISTING BOUNDARY	Site of shed
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Recorded

**Description:** This is a single ridge gabled shed clad in weatherboard. Two Colonial Sash windows open to the front elevation along with a double ledged and braced T&G door. The shed is unpainted and in a weathered condition.

# Significance:

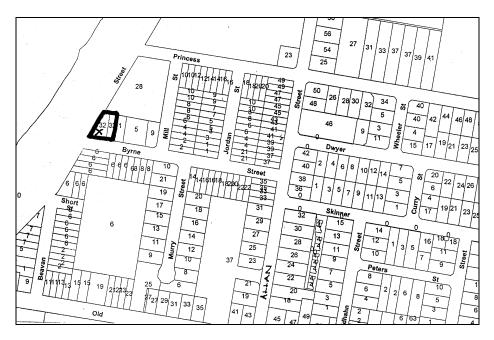
Recorded as an example of an older timber shed.

#### **Associated Items:**

**References:** 

Comments: -





NAME	Hoods Saw Mill
CATEGORY	Industrial site
LOCATION	6 Beavan Street, Gatton.
RPD	Main site is 9RP42674
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Recorded

The mill was first established by Geo. Cossart & Co. and in 1926 Ernest Thomas Hood & Willie John Bryant Hood bought the mill, they being brothers.

A Joinery Works was set up and the company was known as Hood Sawmillers & Joinery Works. This is the original site of the sawmill, 6 Beavan Street, Gatton. The mill was run by steam.

In 1946 E.T. Hood passed away and W.J.B. Hood took over until he passed away in 1960, and was then taken over by John William Hood and family. In the 30s, 40s& 50s the family did their own falling of native hardwood

from their land. All the mechanics of the trucks and machinery were carried out on site by their own mechanics.

Other Sawmills were obtained within the area, Lockyer Sawmill near Withcott, Laidley Sawmill, and Mt. Byron Sawmill at Mt. Byron. Hoop pine, spotted gum and blackbutt were the most common choices of hardwood with pine being cut from the Mt. Byron Mill.

Sawmilling has always been the major type of work carried out on the site. The Sawmill at Gatton is the only remaining Sawmill in the family and in 1986 the children of J.W. Hood bought into the Sawmill. The Sawmill was remodelled and refurbished to keep up with modern trends.

In 1990 a Roof Truss Factory was set up on the site to diversify with the change in the trend away from native forests. This has now been moved to Toowoomba in 1998. Today hardwood is still being cut but the source of the timber is very difficult to obtain.

The present owners are Stuart & Elizabeth Finlen(nee Hood) who bought the Mill outright in 1997. The sawmill has been in the Hood family for 74 years and the current owners say they are proud to be associated with it.

#### **Description:**

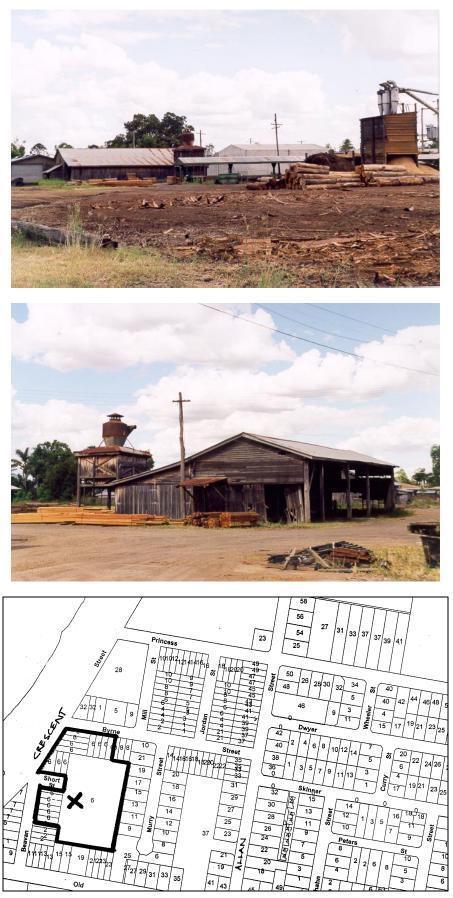
An operating Saw Mill. The site contains a number of timber framed gabled sheds and machinery for milling timber. Large metal sawdust bins are used in the process of extracting saw dust from the cutting area.

# Significance:

Recorded as a surviving example of an industry of importance in Gatton history and for its association with a family important in Gatton's industrial history.

#### Associated Items:

**References:** Information from Mrs Elizabeth Finlen **Comments:** -



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NAME	Gatton Saw-milling Company
CATEGORY	Saw Mills
LOCATION	90 Old College Road, Gatton.
RPD	29RP860775
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Recorded

The Stubbersfield brothers established Kent sawmills in Gatton in 1879, using pit-saw methods. In 1885, the business relocated to another site in Gatton and a steam-powered mill was installed.

One brother later became a builder, and his son followed in the business. After World War II, timber was difficult to obtain and, around 1950, the son was involved in starting a new sawmill on the current site to try to overcome the problem.

The business now processes timber and is currently operated by a member of the family.

#### **Description:**

- An operating Saw-mill
- The site contains a number of log post and timber framed gabled sheds and machinery items
- A sawdust bin is a prominent structure.

#### Significance:

Recorded as a surviving example of an industry important in Gatton history.

The sawmill site is a local landmark, occupying a prominent feature on the main road into Gatton.

# Associated Items:

References: Information from current manager.

#### Comments: -









NAME	
CATEGORY	Factory/Warehouse
LOCATION	27 Whittle Street
RPD	16G1223
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Recorded

# History: A 1920s cordial factory

**Description:** The four bay timber framed and weatherboard clad structure is topped with a saw tooth roof. Once painted finish has now deteriorated to weathered timber and the signwriting on the fibro parapet is barely discernible. The front of the building has a large sliding door for loading purposes and a smaller access door, other small openings and windows are located around the perimeter of the building.

#### Significance:

Recorded as an example of a typical early industrial building.

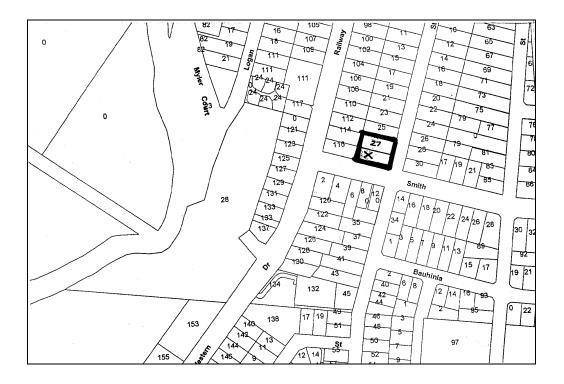
#### Associated Items:

#### References:

#### Comments: -

Retention should be encouraged. Gatton has several buildings of this type and they are capable of adaptation for a range of uses.





NAME	The Weeping Mother's Memorial
CATEGORY	Memorial
LOCATION	Littleton Park, 24 Old College Road, Gatton
RPD	155CC2253
LISTING BOUNDARY	Site of monument and surrounding park
OTHER LISTINGS	Queensland Heritage Register File 600511
	Register of the National Estate
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	National

The memorial was designed and produced by highly-regarded Ipswich mason Frank Williams. It honours the 68 local men who fell during World War I. The memorial cost more than £500 which was raised by public subscription.

The foundation stone was laid on 22 April 1922 and at the ceremony, the memorial was said to be an expression of sympathy with the mothers of fallen soldiers. The date of the official unveiling is not known.

In 1933, a light was provided by the Gatton RSL Women's Auxiliary and was officially switched on by ex-World War I nurse Pollock on Armistice Day.

#### **Description:**

A white pedimented marble sculpture, originally listing the names of men lost in WW1 1914-18. The names of those who fell in World War II and Vietnam were later recorded on the base of the pillar.

New sandstone slabs with bronze plaques are located on either side of the path leading to the monument, These are memorials to soldiers in later conflicts. The Memorial is located in a formally designed garden.

Trophies (guns) are at the rear and each side of the monument.

The figure of the weeping mother is in Ulam marble.

#### Significance:

The Weeping Mother memorial demonstrates the principal characteristics of a commemorative structure erected as an enduring record of a major historical event.

Its design is unique in Queensland and possibly Australia.

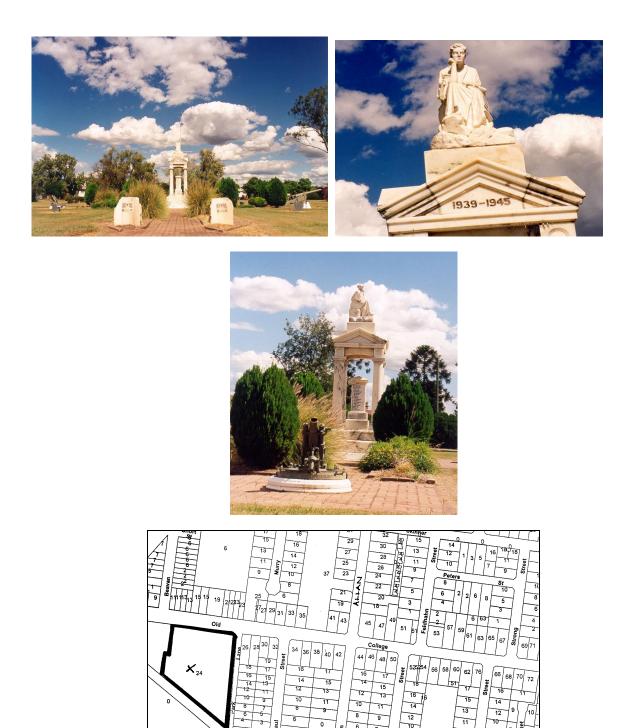
It is of aesthetic value, both as a landmark within the streetscape and for its high level of workmanship and design. It has a strong association with the community as evidence of a major historical event and as a focal point for remembrance of that event. It has a special association as an exemplary example of mason/sculptor Frank Williams.

#### Associated Items:

#### **References:**

Entry in Queensland Heritage Register File 600511

# Comments: -



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NAME	
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	8 Larkin Street, Gatton.
RPD	29G1236
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

#### **Description:**

- Highset house, timber posts,
- double gable with hip roofed porch
- porch has ornate corner bracket and valance details on shortened double posts that are clad with weatherboards to the ground line
- the gables are boxed and jettied
- walls clad with weatherboards
- casement windowed sleep-out on the left side
- A simple slatted balustrade is continued down the stair entry.
- sub-floor area enclosed with dark battening

#### Significance:

The house is significant as a good example of the use of materials, form and detailing typical of the interwar period.

The house, with its surrounding garden, makes an aesthetic contribution to the streetscape.

#### Associated Items:

#### **References:**

Comments: -





NAME	
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	69 William Street, Gatton
RPD	65G1223
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

# **Description:**

- medium-set weatherboard house, timber stumps
- double gable with hip roofed porch
- gables are boxed and jettied
- casement windowed sleep-out on the left side
- porch features ornate corner bracket and valance details with one set of shortened double posts, that
  are clad with weatherboards to the ground line
- a simple slatted balustrade is continued down the stair entry
- sub-floor battened valance

#### Significance:

The house is significant as a good example of the use of materials, form and detailing typical of the interwar period.

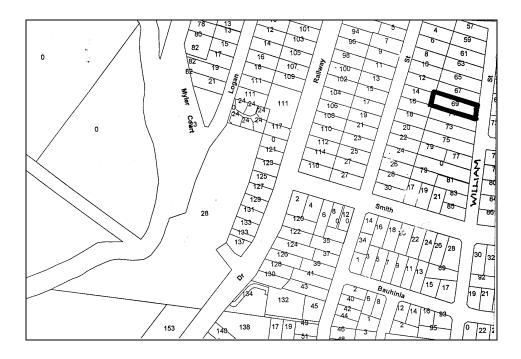
The house, with its surrounding garden, makes an aesthetic contribution to the streetscape.

#### Associated Items:

#### **References:**

Comments: -





NAME	
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	71 William Street, Gatton.
RPD	64G1223
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Recorded

# **Description:**

- High-set house with timber stumps, fibro infill to the sub-floor at sides
- Short ridge pyramid roof core, stepped curved verandahs to the front and rear
- Walls clad with weatherboards
- The original sash windows retain decorative convex tin sun hoods.
- Although the front and rear verandah were enclosed with weatherboards and casement windows, the original verandah end details are evident on both.
- No balustrade to the front entry stair
- Timber framed water tank stand at the rear of the house.

#### Significance:

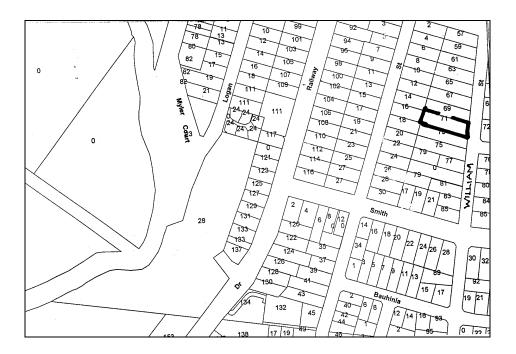
Recorded for its demonstration of aesthetic characteristics and building techniques typical of the late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

#### Associated Items:

#### **References:**

Comments: -





NAME	
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	17 Smith Street, Gatton.
RPD	3RP63243
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

#### **Description:**

- Lowset Spanish Mission derivative,
- stylised central parapet gable
- The roof is clad with terra cotta tiles
- walls rendered, windows mainly casement
- front porch is concealed behind the gabled wall with a single casement lobby window allowing light penetration.
- neat formal garden and a decorative low pillared fence with art deco patterned steel infill
- timber lattice arch over the driveway

#### Significance:

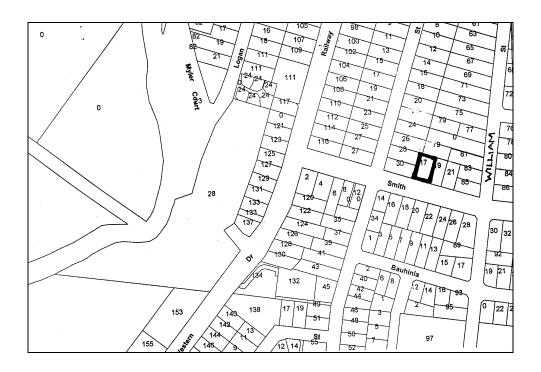
A good example of a style rare for Gatton Shire and which makes a distinctive aesthetic contribution to the streetscape.

#### Associated Items:

#### **References:**

Comments: -





NAME	
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	30 Smith Street, Gatton.
RPD	1RP72212
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

#### **Description:**

- Lowset stucco rendered masonry house
- · diamond light windows with a curved brick sill
- terra cotta clad, hip roofed, with one end hip and a central hip
- glass entry door and sidelights open to a porch
- The garden features a pencil pine and intact 1930s style fence.

#### Significance:

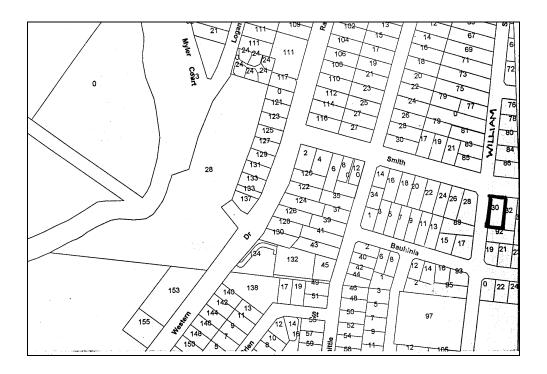
A good example of a style rare for Gatton Shire and which makes a distinctive aesthetic contribution to the streetscape.

#### Associated Items:

**References:** 

Comments: -





NAME	Gatton Cemetery
CATEGORY	Cemetery
LOCATION	Cnr Denis Minson Drive and Lake Apex Drive
RPD	83CC2850
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

The Gatton Cemetery was gazetted in 1869, the site then being "a mile out of town".

A number of unmarked graves have been identified and a granite plaque has been erected in memory of those buried.

#### **Description:**

A c1950s style entry fence and sign, with a central paved path leading through the area.

# Significance:

Important for its demonstration of the characteristics of a country town cemetery with graves dating back to early settlement; for its association with the social and spiritual evolution of the surrounding district; and for its ability to yield information on local social history and individual family histories.

#### Associated Items:

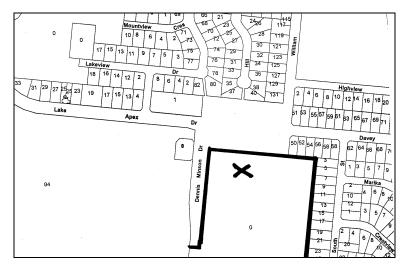
#### **References:**

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# Comments: -







NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	4 Whittle Street
RPD	42G1223
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

## **Description:**

- An early 1880s style Colonial Gable dwelling with enclosed front and rear verandahs.
- The front left-hand gable is not typical of this style and may have been a later addition.
- The building also shows an extra front window hood/awning.

## Significance:

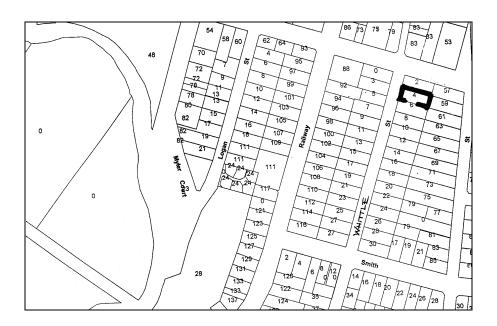
Important for its demonstration of aesthetic characteristics and building techniques typical of the late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century, now becoming rare.

### Associated Items:

**References:** 

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NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	35 Allan Street, Gatton
RPD	94RP21582 and 93RP21582
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

## **Description:**

- Highset asymmetrical bungalow with an L-shaped verandah
- short ridge pyramid roof and a projecting boxed and jettied gable to one side
- verandah is enclosed with weatherboards and 8 light casement windows
- timber posts
- sub-floor battened valance at the front
- undercroft enclosed with timber battens
- tank stand.

### Significance:

The house is significant as a good example of the use of materials, form and detailing typical of the interwar period.

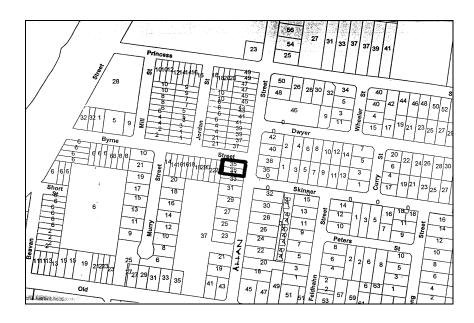
The house, with its surrounding garden, makes an aesthetic contribution to the streetscape.

### Associated Items:

**References:** 

Comments: -





NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	63 Old College Road, Gatton.
RPD	24RP64066
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Recorded

### **Description:**

- hip roof and street-facing gabled verandah that has been enclosed
- mock shingle infill between the wide weatherboard front columns, hiding the lower posts at the front and with a flared skirt
- entry steps lead to a stepped hip, portico located under the rear hip of the main roo
- fence and entry arch are new and of federation influence.
- Row of palms at front

#### Significance:

The house is recorded as an example of the use of materials, form and detailing typical of the interwar period.

The house makes an aesthetic contribution to the streetscape.

### Associated Items:

**References:** 

Comments: -





NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	60 Old College Road, Gatton.
RPD	1RP99843
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

## **Description:**

- Californian bungalow with a short ridge pyramid roof and boxed, jettied gable to one side
- porch has wide weatherboard-clad columns extending to hide the front posts, supports two smaller columns decorated with art deco corner brackets and valance
- slatted balustrade
- sub-floor valance constructed with matching slats
- stepped rail balustrade on entry stair
- garden with trees and shrubs

### Significance:

The house is significant as a good example of the use of materials, form and detailing typical of the interwar period.

The house, with its surrounding garden, makes an aesthetic contribution to the streetscape.

## Associated Items:

#### **References:**

Comments: -





NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	56 Old College Road, Gatton.
RPD	1RP21577
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

**Description:** 

- Colonial Gable weatherboard cottage with enclosed front and rear verandahs
- Semi-detached rear wing, possibly original kitchen
- original windows and metal sun hoods
- The garden contains mature trees
- Most of the wired-paling side fence appears to be original

### Significance:

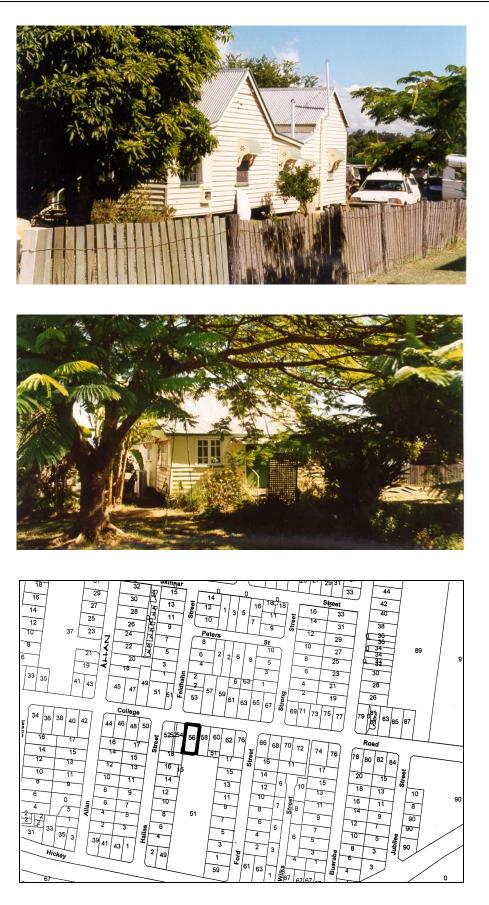
Important for its demonstration of aesthetic characteristics and building techniques typical of the late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century, now becoming rare.

The house, with its surrounding trees/garden/farm buildings, contributes aesthetically to the streetscape.

### Associated Items:

**References:** 

Comments: -



NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	4 Gaul Street, Gatton
RPD	26RP21578
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

## **Description:**

- 1890s style short ridge pyramid-roofed house
- verandah to three sides
- The verandah has been enclosed c1920s or 30s with fibro cladding above the hand rail height and weatherboards below
- Several casement windows flank the entry
- Timber rail and chain wire fence

### Significance:

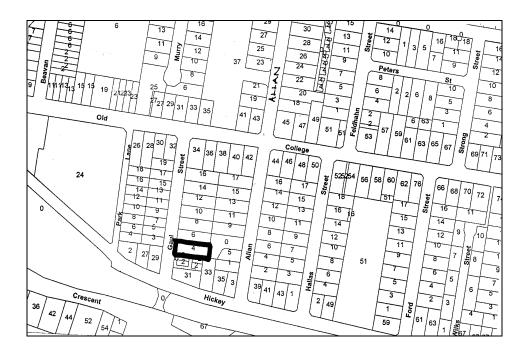
Important for its demonstration of aesthetic characteristics and building techniques typical of the late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

#### Associated Items:

#### **References:**

# Comments: -





NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	35 Hickey Street, Gatton.
RPD	3RP76007
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Recorded

### **Description:**

- 1890s style, short ridge pyramid roofed house
- verandah to three sides, enclosed c1920s or 30s with fibro cladding and weatherboards.
- Several casement windows flank the entry.
- An extra awning under the verandah fascia extending around the perimeter protects the windows from weather

#### Significance:

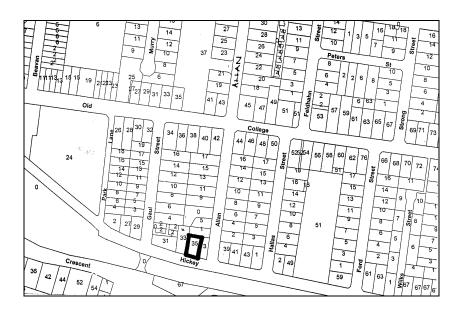
Recorded for its demonstration of aesthetic characteristics and building techniques typical of the late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

### Associated Items:

#### **References:**

Comments: -





NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	45 Old College Road, Gatton.
RPD	1RP101666
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

## **Description:**

- high-set house is an asymmetrical bungalow with an off-centre gable
- sleep-out on the right hand-side with weatherboard balustrading and casement windows above
- front verandah, to the left, features a two-rail balustrade with lattice infill above and a simple valance
- the lobby window is a feature and marks the position of the entry vestibule
- timber stumps
- enclosed with battens.
- picket fence and entry arch
- mature garden.

### Significance:

The house is significant as an example of the use of materials, form and detailing typical of the interwar period.

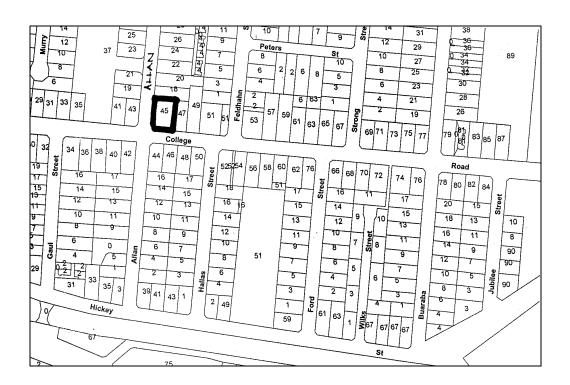
The house, with its surrounding garden, makes an aesthetic contribution to the streetscape.

#### Associated Items:

**References:** 

Comments: -





NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	14 Gaul Street, Gatton.
RPD	21RP21578
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

### **Description:**

- c1890s style, weatherboard workers cottage with a pyramid roof
- stepped curved verandah to the front and rear
- many original windows and doors
- window hoods along the side not original
- front verandah, double stair and picket fence appear newly renovated

### Significance:

Important for its demonstration of aesthetic characteristics and building techniques typical of the late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century, now becoming rare.

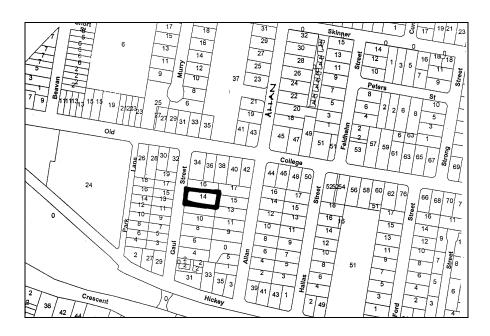
The house, with its surrounding trees and garden, contributes aesthetically to the streetscape.

#### Associated Items:

References:

Comments: -





NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	83 Old College Road, Gatton.
RPD	15RP15678
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

### **Description:**

- 1930s style transverse double gable residence.
- entry porch with decorative timber valance and double posts
- weatherboard cladding extending to cover the stumps
- faceted bay window and French doors to the porch
- slatted sub-floor valance.
- the entry stair is a replacement possibly 1950s
- Mature trees

#### Significance:

The house is significant as a good example of the use of materials, form and detailing typical of the interwar period.

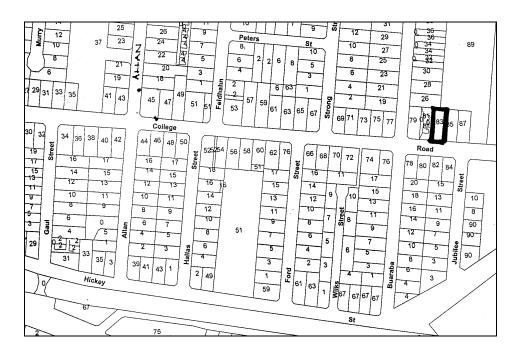
The house, with its surrounding garden, makes an aesthetic contribution to the streetscape.

#### Associated Items:

#### **References:**

Comments: -





NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	13 Old College Road, Gatton.
RPD	1RP21580 and 2RP21580
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Recorded

## **Description:**

- 1880s style Colonial cottage with hipped roof
- curved front verandah roof and rear skillion.
- front verandah enclosed with weatherboards and louvre windows
- the core of the cottage is clad with weatherboard and the rear skillion is fibro clad.
- timber rail and chain wire fence.

#### Significance:

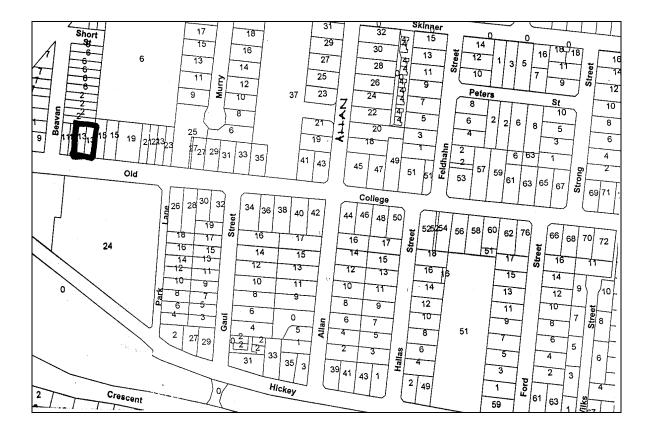
Important for its demonstration of aesthetic characteristics and building techniques typical of the late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century, now becoming rare.

#### **Associated Items:**

**References:** 

Comments: -





NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	23 Old College Road, Gatton.
RPD	7RP42674
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

### **Description:**

- probably late 1940s or 1950s construction
- lowset house, clad with narrow chamfer boards, typical of this era
- terra cotta clad hip roof with two projecting hips and a central porch entry.
- bubbled paned windows and French doors are a significant feature of the house.
- flat porch roof supported on an open web beam that spans between the two hipped projections.
- low brick fence with herringbone pattern between the pillars and matches the brick steps and porch plinth.
- Neat formal garden with Pencil Pines

### Significance:

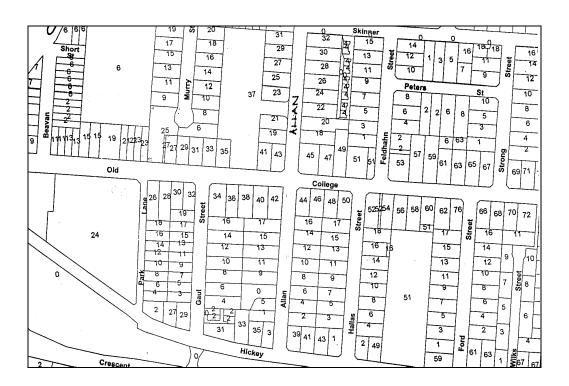
A good example of a style rare for Gatton Shire and which makes a distinctive aesthetic contribution to the streetscape.

#### Associated Items:

#### **References:**

#### Comments: -





NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	25 Old College Road, Gatton.
RPD	9RP846037
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

### **Description:**

- c1890s style with a short ridge pyramid roof and left-hand rear hip projection.
- Bullnose verandah wraps around three sides and has been partly enclosed with weatherboards and casement windows, probably c1930s.
- The lace balustrade on the open front verandah is thought to be a more recent renovation.
- The property contains several mature trees and has a rear access to Murry Street where a couple of skillion roofed sheds are situated.

### Significance:

Important for its demonstration of aesthetic characteristics and building techniques typical of the late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

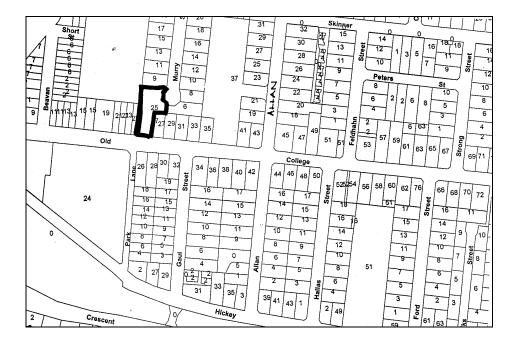
The house, with its surrounding trees, contributes aesthetically to the streetscape.

### Associated Items:

**References:** 

Comments: -





NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	28 Old College Road, Gatton.
RPD	2RP63650
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

## **Description:**

- Probably c1910-1920s
- porch and gabled bungalow with two front gables extending from a short ridge pyramid roof.
- The gables mark the main bedroom and the entry to the L-shaped verandah.
- The verandah balustrade is two-rail and slatted with a central feature panel.
- An infill of lattice has been incorporated above the handrail.
- The set of three casement windows to the main bedroom projection with timber slat and tin skillion sun hood is a typical feature of this era.
- The house is high set on timber stumps with an arched batten skirt to the front and enclosing battens to the remainder of the sub-floor.
- The fence and entry arch appear to be later renovations.

## Significance:

The house is significant as an example of the use of materials, form and detailing typical of the interwar period.

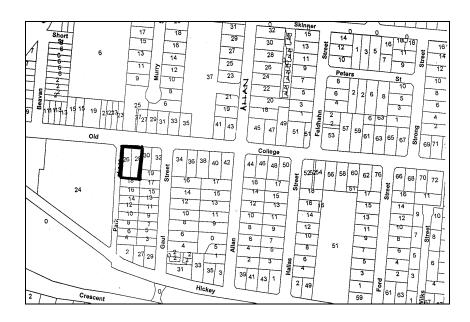
The house makes an aesthetic contribution to the streetscape

## Associated Items:

#### **References:**

Comments: -





NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	37 Princess Street, Gatton.
RPD	8RP21583
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

### **Description:**

- High-set house with short ridge pyramid roof
- The roof extends over the verandahs to three sides (one side is enclosed).
- The steps are centred on the front
- Two-rail slatted balustrade features a centred patterned baluster. The posts are stop chamfered and have capitals and corner brackets.
- Single skin core with a belt rail and occasional bracing
- Several French doors open to the verandah.
- Timber stumps
- Sub-floor area is enclosed with full length battening.

### Significance:

Important for its demonstration of early form and materials and for its demonstration of early building techniques.

The house contributes aesthetically to the streetscape.

#### Associated Items:

#### **References:**

Comments: -





NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	49 Hickey Street, Gatton.
RPD	12RP84956
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole Site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Recorded

History: The building now appears to be a residence.

**Description:** This building (Hall or Shopfront/Workshop) contains a distinctive clerestory with a convex roof that rises between two skillion roofs.

The parapet on the front is sheeted with mini orb iron over a curved verandah with decorative end infill that protects the front door.

The windows to the front may have been reglazed with a rough cast obscure glass as they appear to be 'shop front' windows.

### Significance:

Recorded as an unusual building which appears to have been a hall or commercial premises.

### Associated Items:

**References:** 

Comments: -







NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	2 Park Lane, Gatton.
RPD	2RP21579
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Recorded

## **Description:**

- pyramid roof and stepped verandahs to three sides.
- Original doors and windows
- Verandahs enclosed possibly c1960s with hopper windows.
- Weatherboard clad, high set with timber stumps and batten infill.
- Several large mature trees in front

# Significance:

Recorded for its demonstration of aesthetic characteristics and building techniques typical of the late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

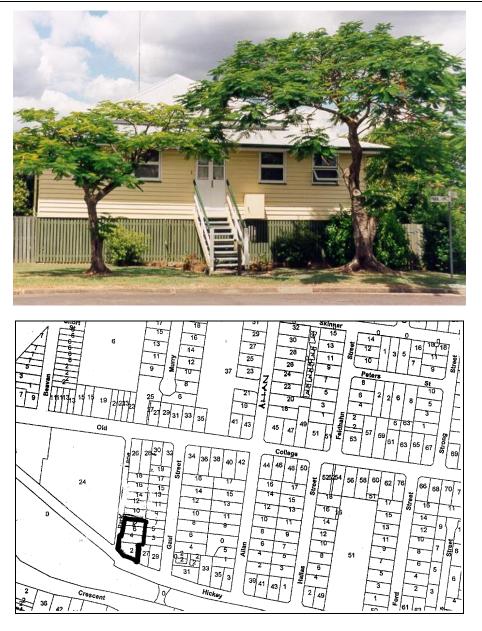
The house contributes aesthetically to the streetscape.

### Associated Items:

There are several houses in Park Lane of similar age and style.

All look out over a park in which is the Weeping Mothers' Memorial **References:** 

#### Comments:



NAME	
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	4 Park Lane
RPD	1RP90860
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Recorded

### **Description:**

- 1880s pyramid roof and stepped verandahs to front and rear.
- Original doors and windows
- Verandahs enclosed c1930s with casement windows.
- Weatherboard clad, high set with timber stumps and ant caps.
- Timber batten valance to undercroft.

### Significance:

Recorded for its demonstration of early form and materials and for its demonstration of early building techniques.

The house, with its surrounding garden, contributes aesthetically to the streetscape.

### Associated Items:

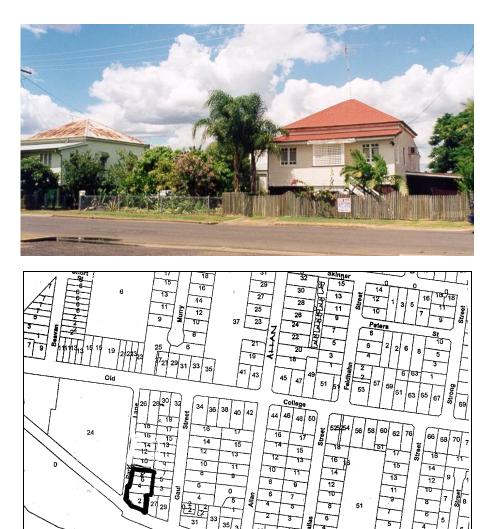
There are several houses in Park Lane of similar age and style. All look out over a park in which is the Weeping Mothers' Memorial

#### **References:**

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NAME	
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	6 Park Lane
RPD	1RP112229
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	recorded

# **Description:**

- Core thought to be C1880.
- Pitched roof with gable ends.
- Incorporated front and rear verandahs, enclosed with fibro and timber cladding
- Front yard vegetable patch

## Significance:

Recorded for its demonstration of early form and materials and for its demonstration of early building techniques.

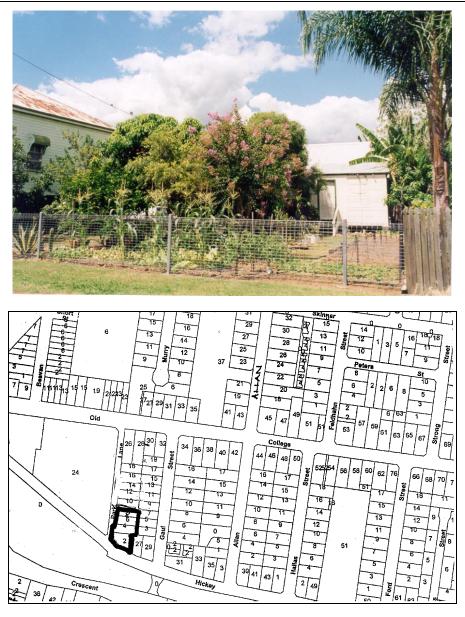
## Associated Items:

There are several houses of similar age and style in Park Lane. All look out over a park in which is the Weeping Mothers' Memorial

## **References:**

Comments:

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NAME	
CATEGORY	house
LOCATION	8 Park Lane
RPD	3RP95609
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Recorded

## **Description:**

- 1880s pyramid roof and stepped verandahs to front and rear.
- Original doors and windows
- Verandahs enclosed c1950s with plain casement windows.
- Weatherboard clad, high set with timber stumps and ant caps.
- Iron window hoods to both sides.

## Significance:

**Recorded** for its demonstration of early form and materials and for its demonstration of early building techniques.

The house, with its surrounding garden, contributes aesthetically to the streetscape.

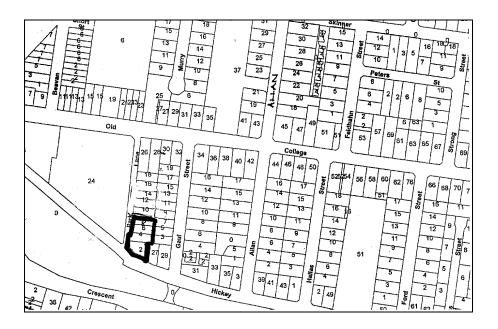
## Associated Items:

There are several houses of this style and age in Park Lane All look out over a park in which is the Weeping Mothers' Memorial

## **References:**

Comments:





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NAME	
CATEGORY	Farm House
LOCATION	Cnr Raymont Rd and Smithfield Rd
RPD	30CA314
LISTING BOUNDARY	House site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	House - local; farm buildings - recorded

## **Description:**

- C1920s short ridge hipped bungalow with integrated verandah front and side.
- Side verandah enclosed and weatherboard clad.
- Single skin internal construction with belted VJs .
- Central entry stair to front verandah with a two-rail slatted balustrade and plain posts as well as latticed French doors.
- Curved tin window hoods on left side over exposed windows.
- Low set on timber stumps and ant caps, with a post and rail fence.
- Large farm shed to rear of property constructed with a gable ended pitched roof with vertical board gable infill. Two sides remain open exposing the log posts supporting the roof. Other sides enclosed with corrugated galvanised iron. Small skillion verandah to the rear.

## Significance:

Important for its demonstration of early form and materials and for its demonstration of early building techniques.

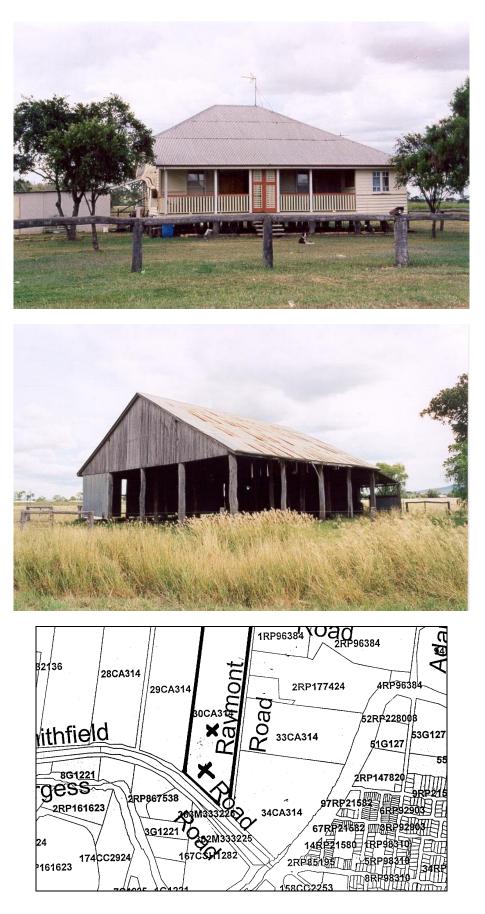
The house, with its surrounding garden and farm buildings, contributes aesthetically to the rural landscape.

## Associated Items:

Smithfield road contains several crop farming properties and lies in close proximity to the Gatton township.

## **References:**

## **Comments:**



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NAME	Rosemount
CATEGORY	Farmhouse
LOCATION	261 Smithfield Rd
RPD	25CA314
LISTING BOUNDARY	House site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

Originally a dairy farm and cropping farm. When the family sold, they subdivided and the house is now on approximately 45 acres, originally around 900 acres.

## **Description:**

- 1890s style triple hipped roof house with stepped skillion verandahs to three sides. Right side enclosed. Later addition at rear dates from circa 1930s.
- Overlooks the rail way line towards the township of Gatton.
- Currently under renovation and has recently been restumped.
- Very original interior.

## Significance:

Important for its demonstration of aesthetic characteristics and building techniques typical of the late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The house, with its surrounding trees, contributes aesthetically to the rural landscape.

## Associated Items:

Adjoining property owned by Smiths also listed. Smithfield road contains several crop farming properties and lies in close proximity to the Gatton township.

## **References:**

Historical information by current owner.

## **Comments:**



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NAME	
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	1002 Gatton-Helidon Rd
RPD	2RP802762
LISTING BOUNDARY	House
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

This property was originally part of a much larger parcel of land comprising of most of the Placid Hills area. It was operated as a potato farm for many years. About 1992, the owner subdivided and relocated a house here from Clayfield, Brisbane. This property was then sold to the current owners, who, after architectural advice, have restored and renovated the house.

# **Description:**

- C1900 short ridge pyramid roofed bungalow and asymmetrical gable with L-shaped verandahs to two sides and a rear skillion extension.
- Decorative barge board and gable infill detail.
- The side verandah and rear are enclosed.
- Three-rail slatted balustrade and stop chamfered posts feature on the front verandah.
- Tripartite sash window and a skillion, slatted timber and tin window-hood to the front room.
- Original doors and windows throughout.
- Ornate metal bullnose window hoods to the remainder of the exposed windows.
- Low set with batten infill.

## Significance:

Important for its demonstration of early form and materials and for its demonstration of early building techniques.

The house, with its surrounding garden, contributes aesthetically to the rural landscape.

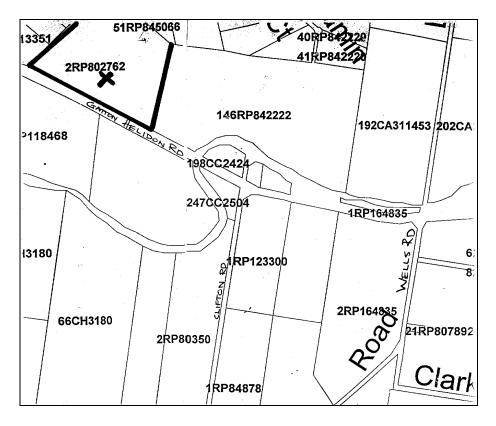
As a removal house, it demonstrates the pattern of history of Gatton Shire and its development.

## Associated Items:

**References:** 

Comments:





# GATTON SHIRE CULTURAL HERITAGE STUDY

NAME	"Petite Chateau"
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	Gatton-Helidon Rd (Opposite Gatton-Clifton turnoff)
RPD	1RP807366 and 2RP807366
LISTING BOUNDARY	House site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

# History:

# **Description:**

- Victorian c1890s style short ridge pyramid roofed house with stepped curved verandahs to three sides.
- Iron lace ridge detail and gutter acroteria.
- Iron lace panel balustrade with timber handrail, stop chamfered posts and iron lace corner brackets.
- Double flight entry stair to mid-landing with single flight to central entry.
- High set on timber stumps with ant caps and arched batten infill.
- Original doors and windows behind insect screening.
- Log post and two-rail fence and an old cart in the garden.
- Single skin internal construction with exposed studs and cross bracing, horizontal lapped boards.
- Prominent position on main road between Gatton and Grantham.

# Significance:

Important for its demonstration of aesthetic characteristics and building techniques typical of the late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The house has a prominent position and, with its surrounding trees and garden, it contributes aesthetically to the rural landscape.

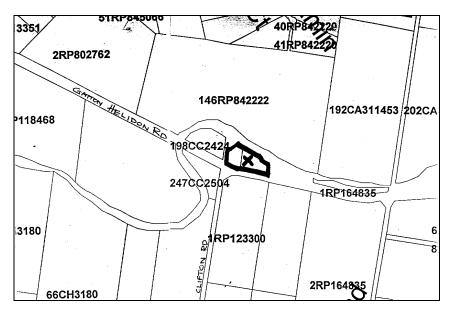
# Associated Items:

**References:** 

Comments:







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NAME	
CATEGORY	Farmhouse
LOCATION	369 Smithfield Rd
RPD	24RP836048
LISTING BOUNDARY	House site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

- Smith family home
- Original three room cottage on the property has been relocated to William Street Gatton in 1946/47
- The grandfather of the current owners emigrated from London to establish the property. The Grandfather was the longest serving Shire Councillor of the Tarampa Shire Council and died in 1920 still carrying out his duties as a Councillor.
- Due to the proximity to the train line, (the residence over looks the line towards Gatton) during the depression, swagmen would jump the train and come asking for work and a meal. After a period with a continuous stream of men coming to the property the current owner's grandfather secretly followed one of them off the property. He saw the men place a small boulder on top of the fence post and concluded that this must have been a code to tell others that one could gain a meal at this place. He promptly removed the stone and the family was no longer bothered with the regular occurrence of the swagmen.

# **Description:**

- C1880s Pyramid roof with stepped skillion verandahs on all four sides.
- The extra wide verandahs were enclosed during the 1970s, otherwise the interior is in very original condition.
- Single skin construction with exposed studs and cross bracing. Horizontal lapped board linings.
- Chimney is centrally located and a wood burning stove in the kitchen that is located on the rear right hand corner verandah enclosure.
- Several mature fig trees and others surround the house and a border of silky oak trees was planted by the owners mother. Only a few silky oak trees survive today.
- High set on new steel stumps with batten infill. The house was raised when it was restumped.

# Significance:

Important for its demonstration of aesthetic characteristics and building techniques typical of the late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century, now becoming rare.

The house, with its surrounding trees and garden, contributes aesthetically to the rural landscape.

The house is associated with an early Gatton family.

## **Associated Items:**

Adjoining property, Rosemont. Smithfield road contains several crop farming properties and lies in close proximity to the Gatton township.

## **References:**

Historical information supplied by the current owners.

## Comments:



The front approach with the large fig trees.

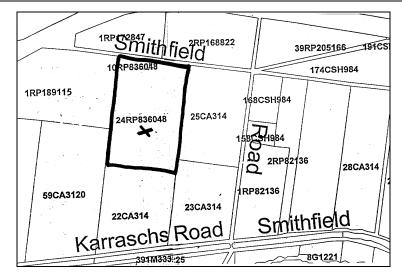


View from house across the property to the train line located just past the fields. Gatton township is to the right of the photograph.



## Photo circa 1920

# GATTON SHIRE CULTURAL HERITAGE STUDY



NAME	Gatton & District Historical Society
CATEGORY	Museum
LOCATION	Freemans Road, Gatton
RPD	2RP802604
LISTING BOUNDARY	Whole of site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

Established and managed by the Gatton & District Historical Society.

## **Description:**

The museum houses a collection of buildings that date from early settlement of the area through to circa 1930. They have been located in the museum area, in most cases, as a last resort for saving and conserving the remaining fabric of the buildings.

Buildings in the Museum grounds include:

- The Grantham Railway Station
- Slab construction cottage
- Single cell Police Lock-up
- c1920s residence
- c1930s Hall, (Administration and displays)
- Soldiers' Memorial Hall
- Wheelwright and Blacksmith
- c1930s Fire Station
- General Store with old Fuel Bowser
- Church
- Various equipment and machinery either displayed outside or housed a large new machinery shed.

## Significance:

Important for its demonstration of a variety of aesthetic characteristics and building techniques typical of the Shire.

Through its displays, the place has the potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Gatton's history.

## Associated Items:

The Museum is located adjacent to the Apex Park, a small man-made lake and the Gatton Cemetery.

## **References:**

Gatton & District Historical Society

## Comments:

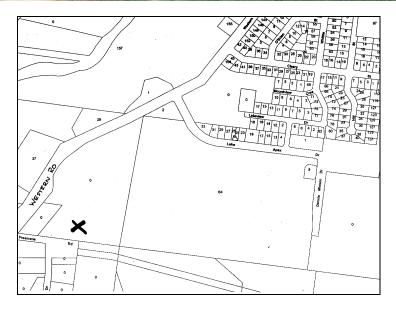


# GATTON SHIRE CULTURAL HERITAGE STUDY

## GATTON ENVIRONS







NAME	-
CATEGORY	House
LOCATION	Ford Road (Just before Ringwood Road)
RPD	2RP196089
LISTING BOUNDARY	House site only
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

## **Description:**

- Relocated House
- C1910 short ridge pyramid roofed bungalow with incorporated U-shaped verandahs.
- Central entry with double flight and landing stair.
- Three-rail slatted balustrade with crossed detail, stop chamfered posts and capitals.
- Single skin with exposed stud and VJ lining.
- Sash windows opening to the verandah.
- High set with arched batten valance.
- Post and rail fence.

## Significance:

Important for its demonstration of early form and materials and for its demonstration of early building techniques.

The house, with its surrounding garden, contributes aesthetically to the rural landscape.

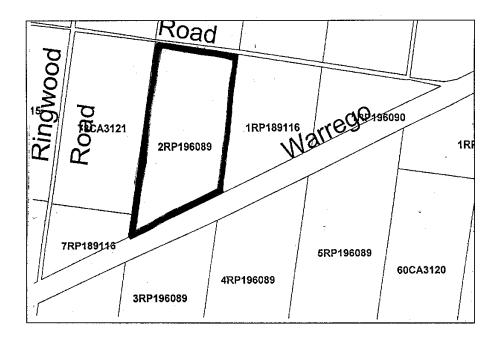
As a removal house, it demonstrates the pattern of history of Gatton Shire and its development.

## **Associated Items:**

**References:** 

**Comments:** 





NAME	Rugby Farm
CATEGORY	Farm House
LOCATION	114 Enarts Road, Gatton
RPD	Lot 158 CSH984
LISTING BOUNDARY	House site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

The year 1902 is shown on the gable tie beam, it is assumed that this is the construction date.

## **Description:**

- C1900 bungalow with short ridge Dutch gable with timber vent infill and finial decoration. Incorporated U-shaped verandahs, both sides enclosed.
- Front entrance features a protruding gabled pediment with slatted infill and paired posts.
- Three-rail dowel balustrade to the front verandah, square posts and simple corner brackets.
- Single skin construction with exposed studs and VJs.
- No balustrade on the entry stairs.
- Casement windows to the enclosed verandahs, otherwise French doors open to the verandah.
- High set on timber stumps

## Significance:

Important for its demonstration of early form and materials and for its demonstration of early building techniques.

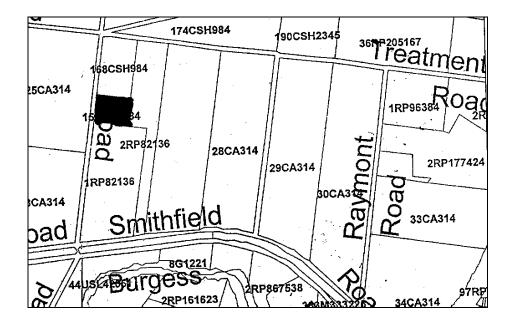
The house, with its surrounding garden, contributes aesthetically to the rural landscape.

## Associated Items:

Smithfield road contains several crop farming properties and lies in close proximity to the Gatton township. **References:** 

## **Comments:**





NAME	
CATEGORY	Farmhouse
LOCATION	374 Gatton Esk Road, Lake Clarendon
RPD	77CA311429
LISTING BOUNDARY	House site only
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	House local; farm buildings recorded

## **Description:**

- Short ridge pyramid roof and stepped front and rear curved verandahs.
- Weatherboard clad
- Original doors and windows
- Curved tin window hoods.
- Low set on timber stumps and ant caps.
- Typical collection of farm buildings including a creamery, dairy shed, equipment sheds.

## Significance:

Important for its demonstration of early form and materials and for its demonstration of early building techniques.

The house, with its surrounding garden and farm buildings, contributes aesthetically to the rural landscape.

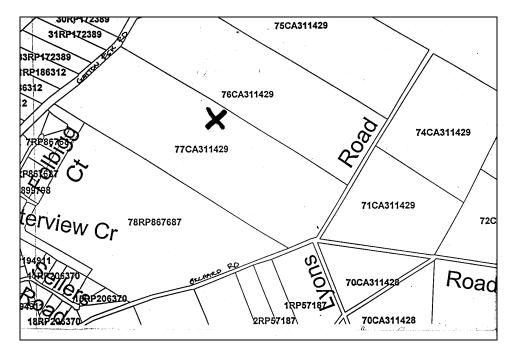
## Associated Items:

Adjacent to Lake Clarendon, and several crop farms.

## **References:**

Comments:





NAME	
CATEGORY	Farmhouse
LOCATION	Chadwick Rd
RPD	82CH3161
LISTING BOUNDARY	House site
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

## **Description:**

- Short ridge pyramid roof and stepped front bullnose and rear verandahs.
- Weatherboard clad
- Original doors and windows
- Bullnose metal window hoods.
- Low set on timber stumps with batten infill.
- Farm sheds at rear.
- Established Gardens

## Significance:

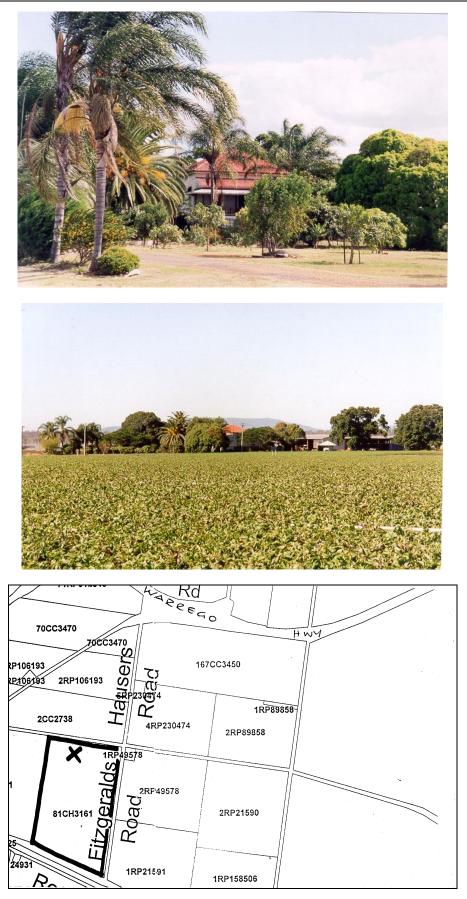
Important for its demonstration of early form and materials and for its demonstration of early building techniques.

The house, with its surrounding garden, contributes aesthetically to the rural landscape. Visible from the Gatton Exit off the Warrego Hwy, it is a local landmark in the rural landscape

## Associated Items:

**References:** 

Comments:



NAME	
CATEGORY	Farmhouse
LOCATION	Chadwick Rd
RPD	5RP230474
LISTING BOUNDARY	RPD
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Local

## **Description:**

- C1880s Gabled roof core with incorporated and enclosed front verandah and rear skillion extension.
- Few remaining original features.
- High set on timber stumps and sheeted between.
- Distinctive arrangement of old Pencil Pines in the garden.

## Significance:

Important for its demonstration of aesthetic characteristics and building techniques typical of the late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century, now becoming rare.

The house, with its surrounding group of distinctive trees, contributes aesthetically to the streetscape/rural landscape.

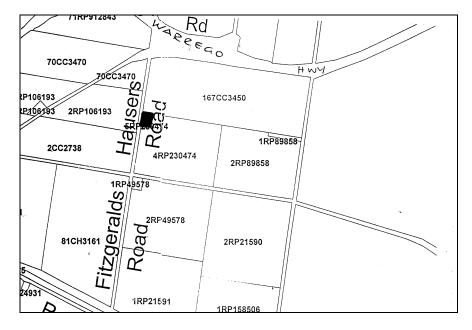
## **Associated Items:**

Visible from the Gatton Exit off the Warrego Hwy.

## **References:**

Comments:





NAME	
CATEGORY	Shed
LOCATION	Chadwick Rd
RPD	1RP153449
LISTING BOUNDARY	Site of building
OTHER LISTINGS	-
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL	Recorded

## **Description:**

- Distinctive Barrel Vaulted core supported on timber posts to spring height then steel ribs and clad with corrugated iron. Wide skillion awnings flanking each side.
- Open front with corrugated iron enclosed walls remainder.
- Few windows evident.

## Significance:

Large sheds are associated with Gatton Shire's farming origins, this is an unusual example.

## **Associated Items:**

#### **References:**

Comments:





