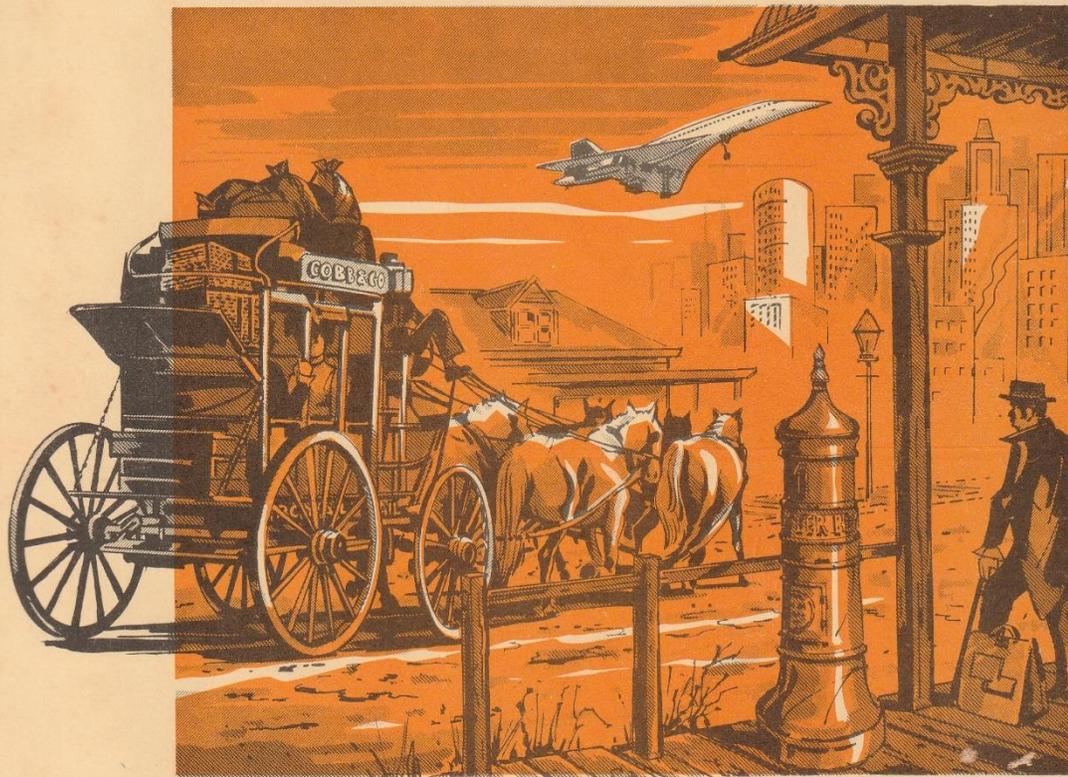


Post Office History

Annerley



Australia Post

Origin of Name.

The name Annerley, originated from the township of Annerley, in the English county of Surrey.

Annerley Road was originally called Boggo Road because of the boggy condition of the road. Most of the road from the corner of Stanley Street to the foot of "gaol hill" was boggy and swampy as the name implied. The change to Annerley Road was made at the suggestion of the Hon. Frank Digby Denham, Premier for Queensland, 1911-15.

Ekibin a suburb nearby, was originally called "Ekibbon". It was the name given to the Burnett Swamp area on Logan Road by the Hon. Thomas Blacket Stephens, who had established a fellmongery business there in 1862. Later, he added a tannery works to the business located on the banks of the Ekibin Creek.

Captain Sexton, one of the earliest orchardists in Brisbane, successfully grew fruit on the land behind Ekibin.

Thompson Estate was called after a Scottish gentleman, James Thompson, who took up residence on a 200-acre property he had purchased. From the scrub around Fairfield known as Boggo, Thompson and a partner cut and shipped 40,000 pine shingles to Melbourne.

Early Settlement - 1860's

Much of the early development of the area was centered around Ipswich Road as it was the main arterial road used by the Cobb & Company coaches travelling firstly to Ipswich, and later to Toowoomba.

From the early 1860's Boggo was a rich farming area of approximately 700 acres divided into twenty farming blocks.

A survey was carried out by H. C. Rawsley, on June 18, 1863 and an area of 24 acres was set aside for the Boggo Road Gaol.

The contract was let to Robert porter for the completion of the gaol in eighteen months at a cost of £16,859. The bricks for the building and walls, 20 feet high, surrounding the enclosure, 270 feet by 225 feet, were made of clay dug from the paddock facing Ipswich Road. The original two storey building contained 57 cells.

The suburb of Annerley was situated in the Shire of Stephens which was proclaimed as such, on October 16, 1886, as a Divisional Board having been separated from the Yeerongpilly Divisional Board.

The first election was held in November 1886 and resulted in the return of Charles Hardie Buzacott, George Grimes, Andrew Anderson MacDiarmid, William Stephens, William Fraser and John Neil as the first members of the council.

At the inaugural meeting held on December 8, 1886, Mr William Stephens was elected as its Chairman. He retired in 1919, after being on the council for 33 years, seven of these as Chairman. The Shire had been named after his father, the Hon. T.B. Stephens.

Mr John Neil was the owner-licensee of the Junction Hotel built in 1875.

In the 1880's Mr George Grimes was the joint owner with S. Grimes of an area of land between Ipswich Road and the Brisbane River. On the property they grew maize, potatoes and other small crops.

The Hon. Charles Hardie Buzacott had come from Devonshire to Sydney in 1852. He was later to play a very important part in the printing industry in Queensland, especially in journalism. For thirteen and a half years he was Managing Director of the Brisbane Newspaper company, proprietors of the Courier, Evening Observer and Queenslander.

In 1873, he entered parliament as Member for Rockhampton and in 1879 was appointed Postmaster-General under the McIlwraith Government. During his term as Postmaster General, telephones were connected in Queensland for the first time. He was also responsible for the bill being passed on the introduction of the sale of postal notes and post cards. Queensland became the first in the British Dominions to introduce the service.

A fitting tribute was paid to C. H. Buzacott by the Deputy Postmaster General, John McConachie in 1925, when he referred to him in the following terms. "It was Charles Hardie Buzacott's clear-sighted policy for the Union of the Post and Telegraph Departments, with the view to securing increased efficiency and economy, which had such an important bearing on the future administration. In fact, it may be safely conceded that Mr Buzacott's perspicacity laid the solid foundation of a great business-like structure, upon the lines of which conduct of the Department's activities have rested ever since."

Prior to 1879, the Postal and Telegraph Departments were separate organisations and their amalgamation brought them under one roof at the General Post Office.

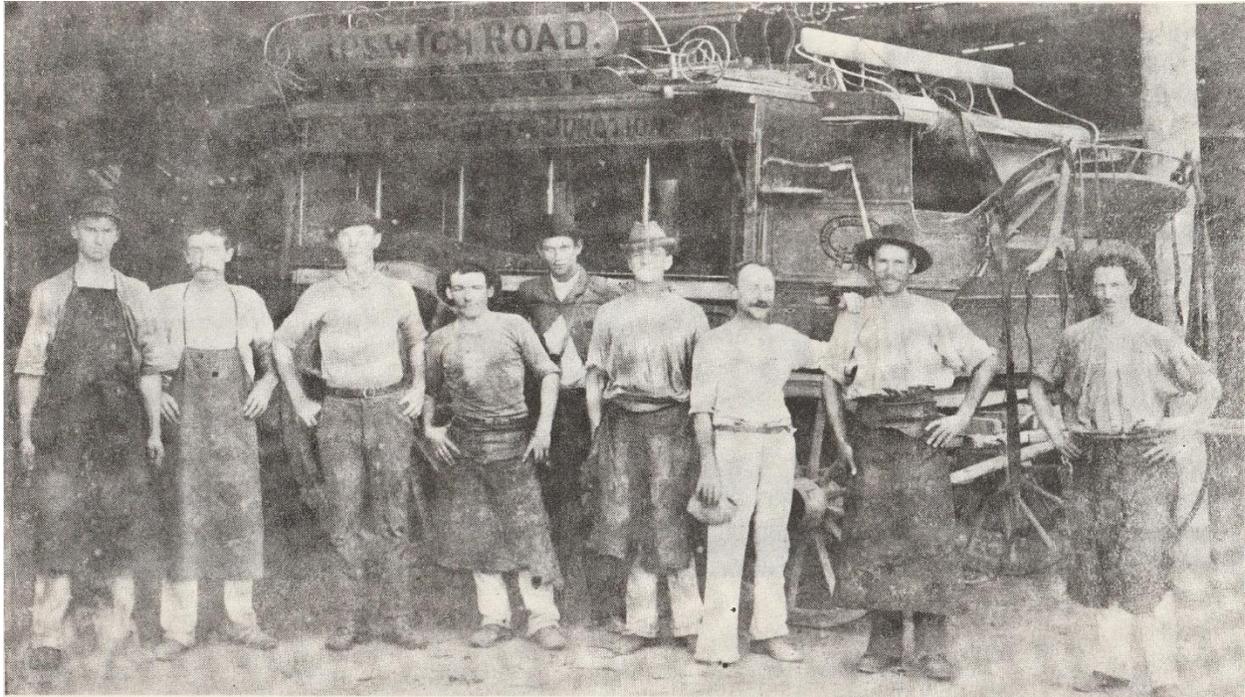
In the year 1879, John Soden bought a property known as Hardcastles Hotel. It was situated on top of the hill in Ipswich Road before the Four-Mile Swamp. The hill referred to, is on the city side of Moorooka. In the early days, the hotel became a regular stopping place for Cobb & Co. coaches, teamsters and carriers on their way to Brisbane Town with their passengers, wool, timber and other produce from the Logan, Beaudesert and Ipswich districts. Soden opened a small mixed business and became the Mail Contractor

for the carriage of mails to Rocklea. (Mail Service number 138). His waggonette was also used to transport passengers to and from the city. By the 1880's his business had increased to such an extent that he purchased an omnibus. The omnibus was drawn by two horses. Seating accommodation was provided under shelter inside, and on the upper deck, for about 23 passengers. This was the beginning of John Soden's Coach Works.

In a relatively short space of time, Soden, with the assistance of his four sons, became a very successful business man. Apart from building coaches for clients, regular repairs were necessary on the twenty-five omnibuses used to carry passengers. More than 300 horses were needed daily to haul the buses. This led to the employment of drivers, blacksmiths, coach builders and stable hands.

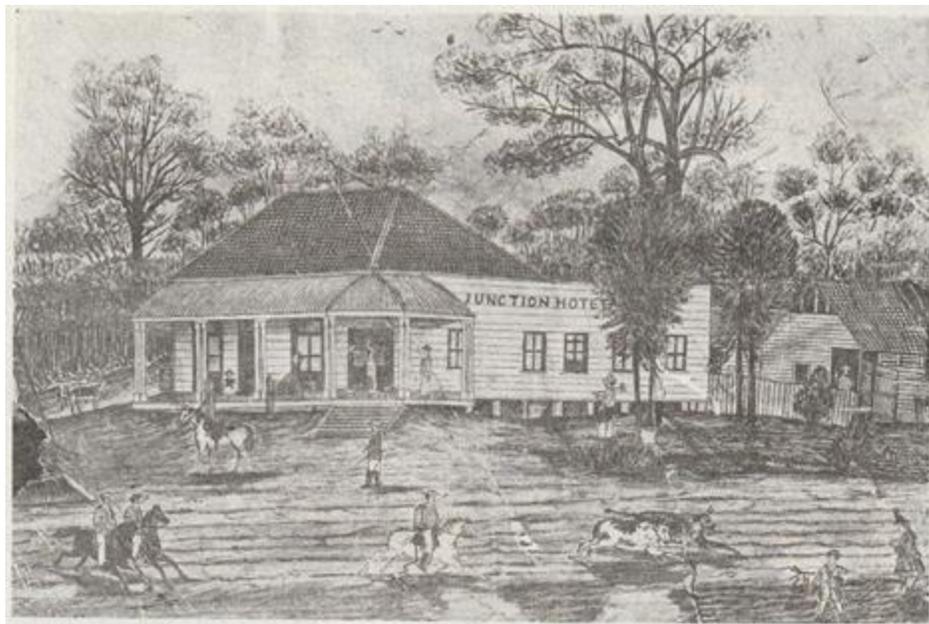
With the advent of the electric tram, the horse-drawn buses were gradually phased out and Mr Soden established a general carrying business.

Brisbane's first electric tram ran from Logan Road to the southern end of Victoria Bridge on June 21, 1897.



John Soden and Staff at his coach building works "Hardcastle's Hotel" Ipswich Road, Moorooka.

The Ipswich Road, Thompson Estate Junction, horse drawn wagonette carried 23 passengers and the mail between Brisbane and Rocklea in the 1880's.



Sketch of the Junction Hotel, by itinerant artist G. S. Hirst, in 1875. Owner John Neil.



View from Annerley Road. Originally called Boggo Road.



View from outside hotel Ipswich Road. The tram line along Ipswich Road, was built in 1899 and was extended to Yeronga Park in 1915. Photos 1920's.

Early Schools in District - 1880.

The early beginning of the Junction Park State School is described in a booklet by J. J. Dempsey, an early headmaster of the school.

"When the first section of Thompson 200 acre paddock was sold a number of thrifty workers bought allotments and set out to establish homes. The need of a school was soon felt-so in April 1888, a "Provisional" school for very young pupils was set up in a rented four-roomed cottage in Oxford Street. Mrs K. Barry opened the school on Monday 30th April, 1888, with a registration of 52 pupils. By June 19th the number of pupils had grown to 122, and an assistant teacher, Miss S.J. Minnis, was appointed. Mrs Barry and her assistant carried on till 14th December, 1888, when the registration had reached 173. The Committee soon found themselves unable to pay the 10/- a week rent, and the Department took over the tenancy. After a year of office the Building Committee had failed to secure a site for a permanent school... In January 1889 the Department decided that a change was imperative.

I was offered the appointment, and was placed in charge, with Miss Jessie Brown as a young assistant. When the walls were bulging out to hold 200 a move was made to the Regent Street Hall in August 1889. Here the school remained till March 1891.

The school later moved to a site opposite Junction Hotel and in 1893 was named "Junction Park".

Today, the Junction Park State School is still located on the same allotment. Mr C F Sinclair is the Principal, controlling a staff of 30 teachers and 650 students are enrolled to Grade 7 level.

Post Office History Annerley (Boggo)

Mr O.L. Liddiard was appointed Postmaster of the new office opened at Boggo, on May 1, 1882. He remained in the position until December 14, 1882, on a salary of £12 per annum. Although considerable research has been undertaken, it has not been possible to establish where the office was situated.

Prior to the opening of the new office a Mail Service commenced on March 2, 1881 between Brisbane and the Rocky Waterholes (Rocklea). The contractor of mail service 138 was John Soden. The mail was carried on the omnibus which ran past the General Post Office, six times a week. The contractor was paid £20 per annum for the service. Passengers were charged 6d for travel on the bus to the terminus at the Ipswich Road Junction.

The contractor continued to deliver the mail up until April 9, 1885, when it was taken over by the Railways Department. The mail was carried by train to Rocklea. A new mail agreement (number 357) was drawn up for the carriage of mails by omnibus as far as the Post Office at Boggo. The two mile trip, carrying passengers as well, was made six days a week.

Following the resignation of Mr Liddiard, the office was taken over by Mr E. Round. He continued in the position until Mrs M. Reille took charge on February 1, 1884. She received the same salary of £12 a year. Quite contrary to modern day belief, it was not uncommon in those early days for females to hold these important posts. Queensland's first official Postmistress was Mrs Barney, wife of Captain J. E. Barney. He was the first full-time Postmaster of Brisbane Town. Upon his death on November 25, 1855, she was appointed to the position the following day. Mrs Barney retired with a gratuity of £2,000 in 1863.

After eighteen months controlling the office at Boggo, Mrs Reille was relieved by Mr George John Darby, on August 22, 1885. He was given an increase of 1E3 per annum in controlling the office. Mr Darby ran the Post Office in conjunction with his store, which was located at the corner of Annie Street (later changed to Clive Street) and Ipswich Road. The Post Office was on the site of the present-day Barry and Roberts Supermarket and customer car park.

Mr Darby was still in charge when the name of the office was changed from Boggo to Annerley in 1893. On November 11, 1893, Mr A. J. Bing assumed the responsibility for the position. The records do not specify where the office was located during his term of office and that of his successor Mr T B Jones. Perhaps both Messrs Bing and Jones (he was appointed November 20, 1894) followed as store-keeper in the Darby grocery store.

Unofficial Post Office - 1896

John Stewart followed Mr Jones as Postmaster and the Post Office was located on the same allotment as that of the early Postmaster and storekeeper Darby. The building was a substantial one, two storeys in fact, and is illustrated in this history. Apparently, John Stewart had a very lucrative business. Apart from being the Postmaster, he sold groceries, crockery, patent medicines and produce. His central location at the Ipswich Road Junction tram terminus would have no doubt assisted his business.

Queensland Post Office Directory 1897-99

Business and Private Residences.

Boggo Road (later changed to Annerley Road) on right side travelling from the city.

Whitehead, John, Storekeeper

Round, Chas Wesley, Accountant

Dougan, John & Wm. Butchers

Mary Street (later changed to Dudley Street)

Brennan, Henry George, Fireman

Steward, John M, Auctioneer

Edminston) William, Upholster

Harrop, Mrs Mary Stewart, John, Storekeeper and Postmaster

Annie Street (later changed to Clive Street)

Bryans, John Snr.

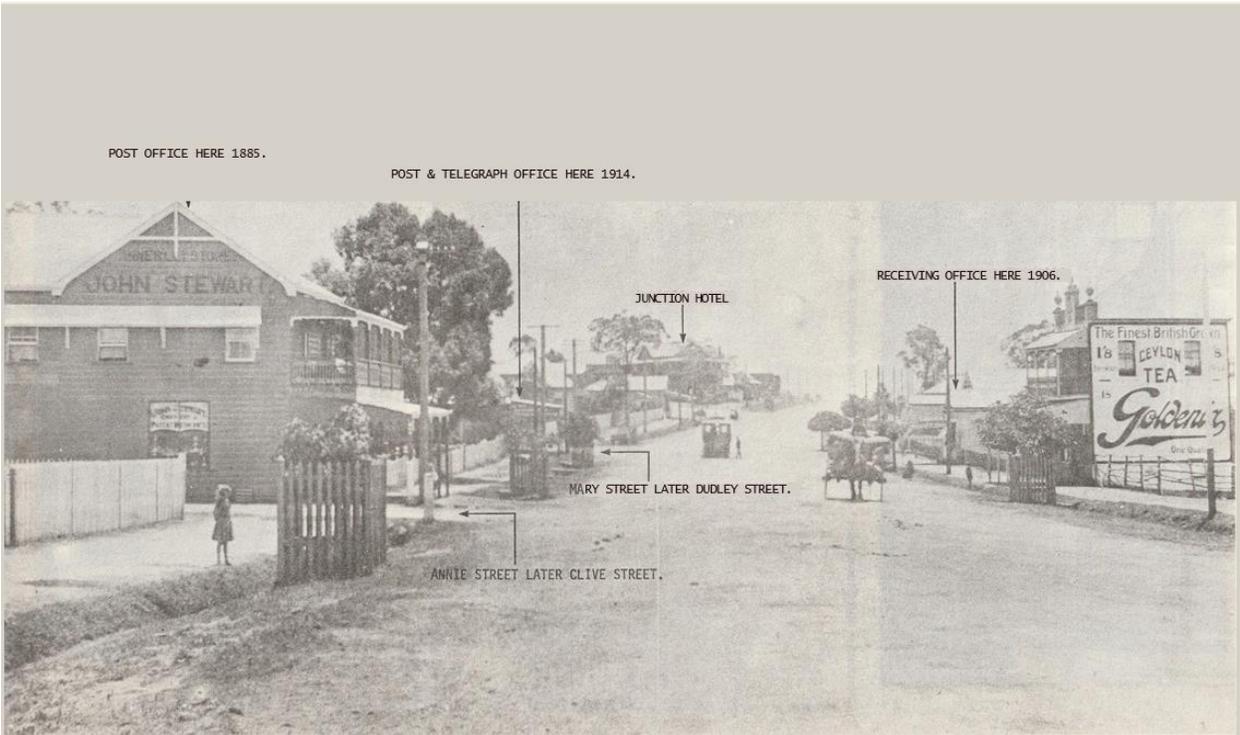
Shipp, John, Labourer

Stephens, Police Station

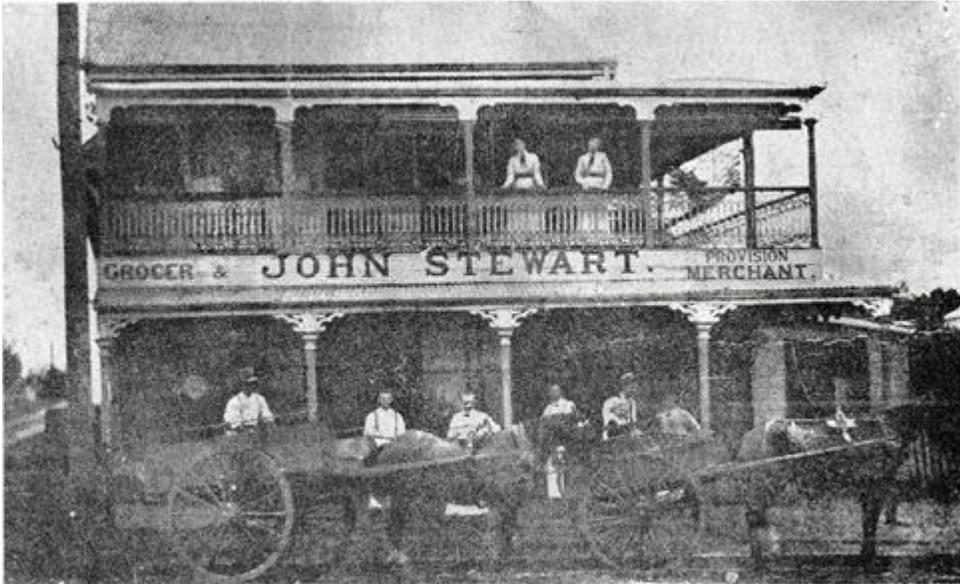
Mackereth, First-Class Constable in charge

Registry Office

Norman Street



Ipswich Road - 1915



Postmaster and Storekeeper, John Stewart, his two daughters and staff. Photo early 1900's.



When William Mitchell was Postmaster in the 1910's the Receiving Office was located in these premises.



The Post Office was in these premises, corner Ipswich Road and Dudley Street East, when it was owned by W. Mitchell, N. Brake and Brady Bros. (1922).

Ekibin Street (on right side travelling to the city.)

Marsden, Mrs Susannah

Lerchgesner, Wm. Shoemaker

Clark, Wm. Fruiterer

Recreation Reserve

Shepherd, Thomas Maycot

Miller, Miss, Dressmaker

Miller, Henry, Labourer, Jersey Cottage

Taylor, David, Compositor, 'Auckalee' Two allotments vacant

McLeod, James, Carrier, Parkhead Cottage Stephens, Divisional Board Office

Hill, John, Secretary & Engineer.

Victoria Terrace

Mr John Stewart was still in charge of the Unofficial Post Office in 1905, but in the following year it had been reduced to a Receiving Office. As such, the office handled only the receipt and despatch of mails. A stamp advance was given to the Postmaster.

Mr William Mitchell took control of the Receiving Office and for a short time it was in the premises of John Stewart. Later, the office was moved to his own premises on the corner of Ipswich Road and Dudley Street (East side) and remained there until 1914.

The Receiving Officer, Mr Mitchell sold postage stamps with sales amounting to £233/14/- in 1913.

Mr John Stewart had a licence to sell stamps and his contribution was £43/-/- for the year.

Receiving Office Elevated to Post and Telegraph Office, 1914.

On March 25, 1914, approval was given by the Deputy Postmaster General, Mr H.B. Templeton for the establishment of a Post and Telegraph Office in the premises of Mrs Katherine Round. She had opened a small drapery and fancy goods shop at the corner of Ipswich Road and Mary Street. The street was later changed to Dudley Street. The office was on the site of the present-day National Bank of Australia.

The elevation was due to a number of factors.

The residential development had resulted in a number of fairly large businesses being constructed.

In 1915, the tram terminus was extended to Yeronga Park because of the increased population towards the Moorooka - Yeerong-pilly areas.

The Defence Department was planning the erection of a large drill hall, costing between £2,000 and £3,000, on an area of ground near the State School. The building was to be used as the Headquarters of the 3rd Military District which embraced the area as far west as Roma, south-west to Stanthorpe and extending to the Northern Rivers District of New South Wales. With several thousand troops stationed at Annerley, the postal officials saw the need to up-grade the office and improve the facilities.

As Postmistress of the new office, Mrs Round was paid E26 a year. She was assisted by her daughter.

A telephone was provided in the office for the despatch of telegrams, and after office hours the line was switched to an outside cabinet for the public use. Telegrams were delivered by horse from the Woolloongabba Post Office.

On May 12, 1915, Mr John Richardson was appointed Postmaster and carried out the duties in association with his pharmacy. He became an agent for the Government Savings Bank and the office remained in the same premises.

With the decline in the number of armed service personnel in the area, the Annerley Post and Telegraph Office closed as a trunk line office on January 31, 1917. Before the closure, trunk line calls could be made from the office, Monday to Friday 8.30am - 8pm, and up to 1pm on Saturday. As a result of the office being reduced to a Receiving Office, Mr Richardson relinquished the position to Mr N. Brake sometime in the early 1920's. The office was then moved to his premises at the corner of Ipswich Road and Dudley Street East.

Mr Brake, on March 1, 1922 sold his business to Brady Bros. (Stationers and mixed business). Approval was given for the transfer, only as a temporary measure, because the accommodation was considered unsuitable.

Deputation to Deputy Postmaster General - 1922.

On February 17, 1922, a deputation consisting of Mr J G. Bayley, Member of Parliament, Mr F.A. Stimpson, Chairman Stephens Shire Council and Councillor H.A. Manahan, met the Deputy

Postmaster General, Mr H.B. Templeton concerning reduction in the postal facilities in the Annerley district. The discussion which took place is as follows:

Mr Bayley: You may have seen in the paper the other day, Mr Templeton where I was in the Stephens shire. At that time it was the general opinion that the facilities at Annerley were not what they should be and I suggested they should place their case before you.

Mr Stimpson: A few years ago, Mr Templeton, we had better facilities than we have now.

Mr Templeton: In what way?

Mr Stimpson: In regard to postal matters, telegrams and post office orders. We had that a few years ago.

Mr Templeton: They don't make use of them when they have them. In 1917/18 we had postal notes there, 109 were issued and 7 paid. Telegrams - 369 were despatched, about 1 a day.

Mr Manahan: The accommodation which you provided was not sufficient to draw the public's attention to the office.

Mr Templeton: Accommodation does not count. If the people have the business they will do it. I quite realise the position and I am surprised that the business done has not justified an official office. I know the district. We have given you an extension of the postman's delivery.

Mr Manahan: I am in business there. Now take ordinary letters, the people are afraid to post their letters in the box for fear they will be stolen.

Mr Templeton: That is ridiculous. I saw that statement made in the Press. Yours was not the only case. We had a criminal here who was looting the boxes. We got him, under lock and key.

Mr Manahan: If I have a batch of letters to post and I want 10/- or 12/- worth of stamps, I can't get the stamps there. It is not once in 20 times you can get 10/- worth of stamps.

Mr Stimpson: These people limit you to .4 2.

Mr Templeton: There is no limit at all.

Mr Stimpson: That is the statement that was made, that they are only allowed to purchase E 2 worth, that is the most they are allowed.

Mr Templeton:

Mr Stimpson: There is no limit. There is a limit to the amount of commission we pay them in the year. I can show you people here who buy thousands of pounds worth of stamps, the tobacconist opposite for instance, but we limit the amount of commission we pay them.

What I want to impress on you (I think we saw

Mr McConachie last time we were here) is that the whole thing was removed before we had any idea it was likely to be removed. Mr McConachie said of course it was hard to go back, and that the matter would be reviewed in 6 months.

Mr Templeton: Yes, I told them the matter would be reviewed.

Mr Stimpson: There are 11,600 people in the district.

Mr Templeton: I know what the reason is.

Mr Manahan: Well, the Chemist's shop has part of the facilities then there is the Bank, then between the two we have the Pillar Box. I suggest you get some business man to erect premises and have the whole thing in one place.

Mr Templeton: We don't control the Bank.

Mr Stimpson: Of course when the Chemist was new to the business it was alright, but now he won't worry about the stamps.

Mr Templeton: That is always the way.

Where do you do your business yourselves?

Mr Stimpson: We have to do it here, because you can't get stamps out there.

Mr Templeton: The Inspector said when it was pointed out that practically no use was made of the facility, "residents preferring to transact their business at Woolloongabba"...

I have studied this thing. It applies everywhere.

The local people do not make use of the local office. It is due I think to circumstances. If you go to

Victoria where the climate is cooler, the women go out to warm themselves up, they take their business to the local post office, but all-round Brisbane everywhere the husband goes into town, the wife spends most of her time indoors, and she asks her husband to do her business in town.

Mr Manahan: The facilities are not conducive to doing business. There is no special part of the shop set apart for the business. In order to encourage Post Office business I suggest that you get a shop with a part specially for the postal business.

Mr Templeton: Where do you think would be a suitable place? Mr Stimpson: At the Junction, that is the business part.

Mr Manahan: Where my place is was a Post Office when I was a youngster, but there is no facility in the shop for it. you want someone to put you up a place for an office.

Mr Templeton: I told Mr Bayley when I discussed this matter with him. I have given him the figures. Although he was sceptical at first, he had to be convinced. Only this morning I had a case at Virginia. What we do is, until the business develops sufficiently, we make use of a shopkeeper. On the business done here I won't be justified in taking special action, unless I were specially convinced that something should be done. But I will tell you what I will do, I will endeavour to get somebody to run an allowance post office, do money order and postal note business and sale of stamps and all the accessories to a Post Office, and we will run it for 18 months and see the result. it will be the fault of the local people if they don't make use of it.

Mr Stimpson: I am sure they have learnt a lesson, and the people will make use of it far more freely than they did before.

Mr Manahan: What would be the allowance?

Mr Templeton: This allowance is based on results.

Mr Manahan: Would it be sufficient to warrant putting up a special building?

Mr Templeton: I will stipulate that they provide a special part for our business.

Mr Manahan: I was going to suggest that I would put up a place and run it in my own business. I am not looking for it, but if you,are looking for anyone I will do it.

Mr Templeton: We will look at the aspect and consider it.

Mr Manahan: You see, all the new residents in the district don't know where the place is.

Mr Templeton: Well if your people will make proper use of it

Mr Stimpson: I feel certain they will now.

Mr Bayley: You put a notice on the rate slips.

Mr Templeton: I will do the best I can, but if you wont make use of it

Mr Stimpson: We will tell the people the onus is on them.

Mr Manahan: Thirty-five years ago we had a post office out there.

Mr Templeton: Yes, but you did not have the Postman's delivery and the clearances you have now.

Mr Stimpson: We have a good lot of people now who dont get any delivery, the lower part of Tennyson, and Sandy Creek and Ekibin, the nearest point they have been getting their letters in Woollongabba Post Offices.

Mt Templeton: If there is sufficient business, we could establish a local allowance office for these places.

Mr Stimpson: Well, you give us a 12 months'trial and if they don't make use of, it, it will be their own fault, and I for one won't come and speak for them again.

Mr Bayley thanked Mr Templeton and the Deputation withdrew.



John Neil Jnr., Saddler, Wheelwright and Stables. This is the site on which the Post Office now stands.
Photo 1880's



The Post Office was built on this site, 409 Ipswich Road in 1938.

Photo 1977



The Non-official Post Office known as Chardon's Corner opened for business at 665 Ipswich Road, Annerley, on Monday July 20, 1953. The office was established in the premises of Mr. K. R. Stephensen and he was appointed as the centre's Postmaster. The office was opened from 9am - 1pm 2pm - 5pm, Monday to Friday and 9am - 12 Noon on Saturday.

Mr. V. E. Humphreys was appointed Postmaster on April 1, 1974 and his postal assistant, Mrs. Ruby Shorten (photographed serving Mrs. Hopgood) commenced June 1, 1974.

The office was closed permanently following the opening of the new Post Office at Annerley.

Non-Official Post Office Opened - 1922.

Mr Manahan's proposal to erect a building to accommodate the Post Office was agreed upon, and on June 7, 1922 he was appointed as the new Postmaster. The Receiving Office at Brady's Store closed and the furniture and fittings were moved to a new extension built on to Manahan's grocery business on the corner of Fanny Street and Annerley Road.

Mr Manahan was paid £25 per annum which increased on the amount of business conducted at the office.

The services provided were:- stamp sales, postal notes issued and paid, transmission of telegrams, trunk line business, public telephone traffic, payment of old age and war pensions and counter delivery of mail matter for persons residing outside the postman's delivery. The letter receiver located in front of. Mr Richardson's Chemist shop was placed outside the new office with the public telephone. The office was opened from 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday and from 9am to 1pm on Saturday. There were two deliveries of mail by the postman attached to the Woolloongabba Post Office.

The office remained in Mr Manahan's premises in Annerley Road until February 24, 1930, when the office was transferred to Mr John Cutler, confectioner at 472 Ipswich Road Miss Mary C. Henderson was placed in charge of the office on February 24, 1930, until a suitable returned serviceman was appointed. As Postmistress, she received £452/10/- a year. Fortunately for Miss Henderson, this did not eventuate, and she remained there until the office was elevated to official.

Official Post Office - 1938.

As a result of negotiations by the Department, Mr Charles Robinson, Postmaster South Brisbane, agreed to erect a suitable building at 409 Ipswich Road to accommodate the Annerley Post Office.

The new office opened under official conditions on Monday September 5, 1938 with Miss M. C. Henderson ceasing duty on Saturday September 3, 1938. Mr A.G. Sturgess was appointed Postmaster, Grade 2.

Mr George R.E. Nelson, a former Postal Clerk now living in retirement at Annerley, recalled that when he took up duty at the new office on June 15, 1939 there were two telegraph messengers employed. Telegrams were received by him on the morse line from the Chief Telegraph Office, Brisbane and delivered by bicycle to the residents of Annerley, Ekibin, Tarragindi and Wellers Hill suburbs.

Public Telephone receptacles were cleared by a motor driver and delivered to the Annerley office. At the time, the local call fee was 2d and the counting and rolling of pennies took up several hours, Mr Nelson said.

Official Postmasters - 1938 - 1974.

Postmasters	Date Appointed
Sturgess, A.G.	28. 6.1938
McConkey, A.G.	15. 5.1946
Colleton, T.A.	26. 8.1952
Filewood, W.J.	12.11.1954
Peace, S.A.	29. 7.1955
Quinn, J.C.V.	2. 1.1957
O'Brien, A.T.	23.11.1961
Jones, F.G.	27. 5.1964

Building Improvements.

In January 1949, the rear verandah of the Post Office building was enclosed to provide a lunch and locker room for the staff. A shed, 12' X 7', was erected in the back yard to accommodate ten bicycles and one motor cycle.

After purchasing the building in 1953, for £4,014/17/-,

the Postmaster General's Department in accordance with its new policy, arranged for Postal Depots to be accommodated under the same roof as the official Post Office.



The Post Office opened at Fairfield, on February 23, 1959 and the office was known as Annerley West.

Mr. A. Madden was appointed Postmaster and the office was located at 59 Ashby Street.

The name Fairfield, was not given to the office when it first opened because of a duplication of the name in New South Wales. It was changed to Fairfield in September, 1968.

The present Postmistress, Mrs. Agnes Buckley (photographed serving Mrs. Donna Probyn and son Jason) was appointed on November 18, 1971.



The Post Office moved into a section of this building, on June 7, 1922 (Maymonts Dry Cleaners). The newly appointed Postmaster, Mr. H. A. Manahan had his grocery business in the same building and private residence next door.

Actg. Postmaster, Laurie Madden, centre; Allan Day, Postal Clerk (partly obscured) and Norm Himstedt Senior Postal Clerk attends to a number of customers.

Following the opening of a new Post Office at Bulimba, the postal depot there became obsolete and arrangements were made to have it removed to the rear of the Annerley office.

At the time of its removal in September 1956, the Annerley Postal Depot was situated on some land owned by the Department of the Army. There were twelve postmen stationed at the depot. The staff at the Annerley Post Office was seven, including three Junior Postal Officers.

Tress Centre - 1959

Annerley became a TRESS Centre (Teleprinter Reperforator Switching System) on August 24, 1959. This meant that telegrams lodged at the office could be sent by teleprinter to thousands of similar offices automatically throughout Australia and to many overseas countries.

Similarly, messages could be received from distant places and typed automatically on the teleprinter machine.

Today, telegrams are delivered by motor cycle to Annerley and surrounding suburbs from the Rocklea Post Office.

Deputation for New Post Office - 1963.

A deputation comprising Mr D.J. Killen, M.P.,

Mr Hooper, M.L.A. and Messrs Jones and Richardson representing the Annerley Traders' Association saw the Director, Posts and Telegraphs, Mr B.J. O'Brien, on October 14, 1963, concerning the provision of a new Post Office in a more central location. The erection of a concrete ramp to assist elderly people and mothers with young children visiting the Post Office was also discussed.

The deputation was informed of the pressing need in

other areas for new buildings and that the matter would be

reviewed in twelve months' time. The concrete ramp was provided in March 1964.

In July 1966, an extensive survey was under-taken in the Annerley area by the Planning and Development Section of the Postal Services Branch, with a view to up-grading the postal facilities in leased or new accommodation.

Enquiries were pursued over a number of years to find a suitable site at an acceptable price for the building of a new office. At the same time, the movement of the shopping complex along Ipswich Road continued. This assisted departmental officers in a wider choice of allotments in what was previously residential blocks. On June 24, 1974, a settlement was made on an allotment owned by Mr L.E. Coward, at 487 Ipswich Road.

Divisional Manager - Brisbane South Division 1977.

On April 26, 1977 Australia Post introduced throughout Queensland, new Divisional Management to control postal and associated service in the network. Mr Bob Thomas was appointed Divisional Manager of the Brisbane Southern Division, which includes Annerley. His responsibilities cover a wide range of

activities such as: sales, service and customer relations; commercial and operational performance and personnel and industrial relations.

Mr Dan Collins is the Assistant Divisional Manager and a staff of 14 are employed in the Administrative and Field Operations.

The Divisional Office controlling 34 official and 94 non-official offices, is located at number 18 Mount Gravatt-Capalaba Road, Upper Mount Gravatt.

Contract let for New Post Office - 1977

The State Manager of Australia Post, Mr Ray Brown announced that a contract had been accepted on June 6, 1977, from J.W. Beech Pty Ltd, Stones Corner for the erection of a new Post Office costing \$166,211. The contract completion date was October 24, 1977. However, this date was not met due to a number of building alterations found necessary upon the final inspection of the office.

The new Post Office is at 487 Ipswich Road, between the Pizza Hut and the Caltex Service Station.



Postman-in-Charge, Jim Hobson (rear of photograph) and Garry Truman, Brian Stevenson, Norm Phythian, set-up their delivery rounds.



Parcels Mail Contractor, Bob Large, and Postmen, Neville Purdie and Bob Bingham leave the Post Office to deliver parcels and letters.

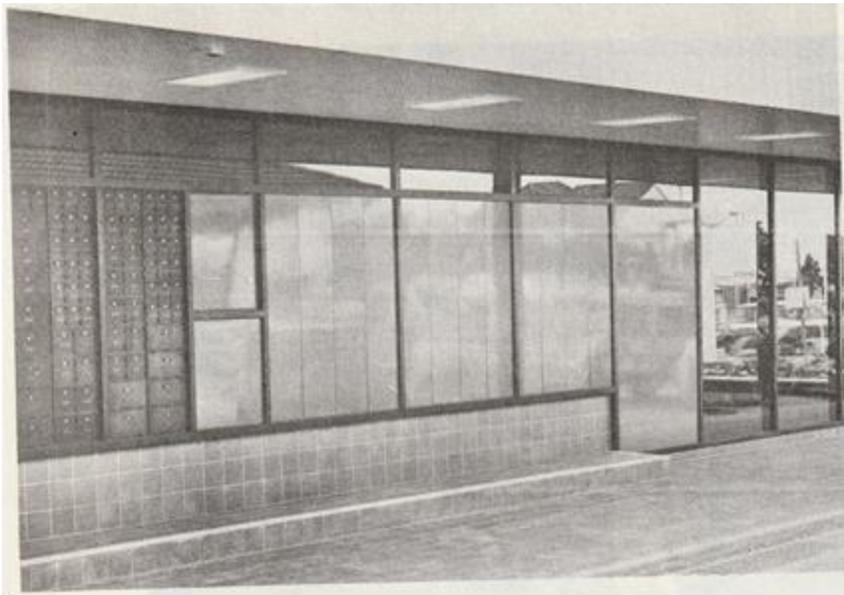


Postmen Doug Love and Hans Brendel organise their mail delivery.



New Post Office, 487 Ipswich Road under construction.

Photo Sept. 1977



New Post Office showing the private box section. Initially, 238 boxes will be installed with an ultimate capacity for 550.



Customer parking area being graded and rolled.

Photo Nov. 1977

Description and Design of New Building - 1978.

The single-storey glass and brick building is fully air-conditioned with carpeted public space, modular counters of modern design, walk-ways in ceramic tiles and limited off-street parking.

Its attractive design is in keeping with the new commercial image of Australia Post and features a wide glazed "shop window" frontage set back to allow for future widening of Ipswich Road.

Post Office Staff and Facilities - 1978

The Postmaster, Grade 3, is Mr Glen Jordan with Mr Norm Himstedt as Acting Senior Postal Clerk. Mr James Hobson is Postman-in-Charge of eight postmen at the new office.

A full range of postal services are provided, including 141 private boxes and postal delivery to 4820 householders in the Fairfield, Chardons Corner, Annerley and Yeronga suburbs.

The office became a trial philatelic sales office for three months from the opening date. Permanent First-day Cover facilities are proposed from May 15, 1978.

Telegram deliveries continued to operate from Rocklea Post Office. The Non-Official Post Office at Fairfield closed on February 28, 1978 following the resignation of the Postmaster. Chardons Corner Non-Official Post Office will close after completion of business on Wednesday May 17, 1978.

Official Opening.

At a function held on Monday May 15, 1978, the new Post Office was officially opened by Mr George Slater, Commissioner, Australian Postal Commission.

The Chairman of the function was Mr R.M. Brown, State Manager, Australia Post.

Supporting speakers at the official opening were:

The Honourable Jim Killen, Minister for Defence - Federal Member for Moreton,

and

Senator Ron McAuliffe.

More than 100 guests representing business, commercial, service and professional interests in the Annerley district were present at the function.

Unveiling of Metal Plaque.

A bronze plaque to commemorate the occasion was unveiled by Mr G. Slater, Commissioner, Australian Postal Commission after handing the Post Office door key to the Postmaster, Mr Glen Jordan.

Australia Post

This Post Office was opened

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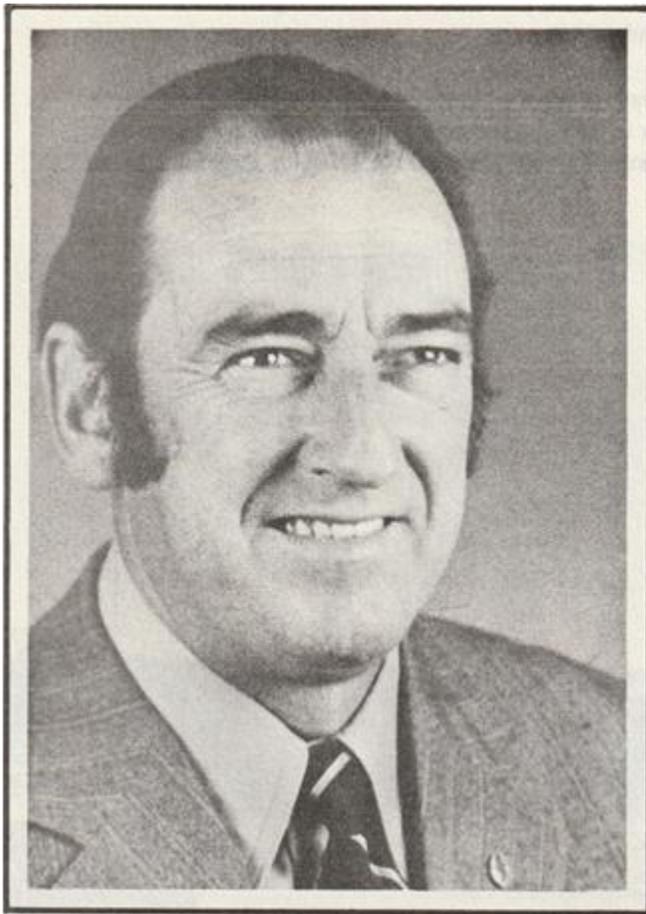
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in the presence of

The Hon. D.J. Killen,

Member for Moreton

and Senator R.E. McAuliffe



Mr. G. Slater

Commissioner

Australian Postal Commission



Mr. R.M. Brown

State Manager

Australia Post



G. F. JORDAN

Mr. Glen Jordan, who was promoted to the position of Postmaster Grade 3 at Annerley in May 1974, took charge of the new Post Office on the day of its opening.

He commenced his postal career as a Junior Postal Officer at Millicent S.A., in July 1939.

After army service in the war zone of New Guinea and Bougainville, Mr. Jordan returned to the Post Office as Postman, Gladstone S.A. In 1948, he was selected to enter the Adelaide Postal Training School and after qualifying as a Postal Clerk, was appointed to Port Adelaide.

Seeking further promotion, he moved to Queensland and occupied a number of positions in the postal area until he was appointed Postmaster Grade 2, Springsure in 1954. Prior to his elevation to the Postmaster's position at Annerley he was in charge of the Bardon, Petrie Terrace, Mary Street, Adelaide Street and Mater Hill Post Offices.



New Post Office almost ready for opening.

Photos April 1978

EPILOGUE.

Annerley's history goes back to more than 100 years of early settlement. The days of the Cobb & Co coaches carrying passengers and Royal Mail on their journey through the district of Annerley to Drayton go back more than 100 years as well. So too, do the beginnings of the Post Office in Queensland and its traditions of service.

Australia Post has made some significant changes since it became a statutory organisation on July 1, 1975.

With the opening of the new Post Office at Annerley-Broadbeach and Palm Beach in the very near future - this will bring the total number opened in Queensland since that date to eight.

In spite of rapid changes in technology and rising inflation, the challenges will be met with the same degree of vigor, determination and dedication by the officers of Australia Post as that of the early Post Office pioneers.

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