

STREET NAMES OF COOPERS PLAINS

Research into the origins of the street names of Coopers Plains is a fascinating but somewhat frustrating activity. Before Coopers Plains became part of Greater Brisbane in 1925, the allocation of street names was the responsibility of the Yeerongpilly Shire Council. No records remain from that Council to verify or disprove any street namings in Coopers Plains. The Brisbane City Council did not keep information on street names from early times.

The members of the Coopers Plains Local History Group are keen to find out why streets were given the names they now have or have had in the past. This street name information comes from research undertaken by Mary Bishop and Allan Waller.

- Ada Street** Shown and named as the eastern boundary of the 'Homebush Estate' plan, 17 April 1886.²⁰⁰ Named in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s.
- Allarton Street** Part of 'The Village Coopers Plains' on the site of Damour Barracks. Shown in the 1996 UBD *Street Directory*. Named after the Tait family's home, 'Allarton'.²⁰¹
- Alton Street** Shown on an advertisement for 'Salisbury Court Estate', October 1890, running from the rail line to Musgrave Road. Named in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s. Named on a Department of Mapping orthophoto map, 1981.
- Annie Street** Shown on the 'Homebush Estate' plan, 17 April 1886.²⁰² Subdivided in the 1880s for residential use but today the land is mainly used for factories and warehouses. This street does not link to Boundary Road in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s or in the Department of Mapping orthophoto map, 1981.
- Appleyard Crescent** Part of 'The Village Coopers Plains' on the site of Damour Barracks. Shown in the 1996 UBD *Street Directory*. The Appleyard family is well known in this locality.
- Arrunga Street** Part of an estate developed along Barham Street in 1960.
- Atkinson Close** Part of 'The Village Coopers Plains' on the site of Damour Barracks. Shown in the 1996 UBD *Street Directory*. Les Atkinson was a very well known person in the Sunnybank area. He was often referred to as the unofficial 'Mayor of Sunnybank'. Les Atkinson Park on Beenleigh Road also bears his name.
- Augustein Street** Located in the 'Dutch houses' development of the early 1950s.²⁰³ Johann Augustyn resided in Evenwood Street in 1954 and 1958. This street is shown in the 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory*.
- Aylton Street** Part of an estate developed around 1964.
- Babbidge Street** Located in the 'Dutch houses' development of the early 1950s.²⁰⁴ Possibly named after Benjamin Babbidge.²⁰⁵
- Barham Street** Part of an estate developed along Barham Street in 1960. The main entry road to Beryl Roberts Park.
- Baroda Street** Part of an estate developed along Barham Street in 1960.
- Beaton Street** Named Bon Accord Avenue in the early 1920s after a house of that name.²⁰⁶ Named Auburn Street in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s. Shown as Beaton Street in the 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory*.
- Beaudesert Road** Beaudesert Road was probably the first road in Coopers Plains. This road joined Brisbane to Beaudesert in the 1850s and later linked to Casino in northern New South Wales. This name is a directional one indicating the road was heading to Beaudesert. 'The Orange Grove Estate' plan of 1885²⁰⁷ names this road Logan Road as it linked the Logan River area.
- Beechcroft Street** In an estate developed about 1957.

²⁰⁰ See pp. 50, and 51.

²⁰¹ See pp. 65, 66 and 67.

²⁰² See pp. 50 and 51.

²⁰³ See pp. 130 to 135.

²⁰⁴ See pp. 130 to 135.

²⁰⁵ See pp. 40 and 41.

²⁰⁶ See p. 68.

²⁰⁷ See p. 30.

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- Beenleigh Road** A very early road in Coopers Plains that linked to Eight Mile Plains, the Logan Reserve and Beenleigh. This was a directional name because it was heading to Beenleigh. It was called 'Main Logan Bridge Road' on the Honeyman's Farm plan of circa 1885.
- Bishop Place** Part of 'The Village Coopers Plains' on the site of Damour Barracks. Shown in the 1996 UBD *Street Directory*. Bishop family members were involved with Coopers Plains State School for many years.
- Bland Street** Part of a small 1940s subdivision that, early in the 1950s, became part of the 'Dutch houses' development.²⁰⁸
- Bosworth Street** Named after the developer and builder, Donald Bosworth. Part of the estate developed around 1967.
- Boundary Road** Originally a part of the early track used by the bullock wagons from the Darling Downs heading to the port of Cleveland in the 1850s. An 1874 map shows Boundary Road linking to Ipswich Road through what is now Archerfield Airport. In early times this road was often known as the Rochedale-Coopers Plains Road.
- Boundary Street** As this road was the eastern boundary of the 'Orange Grove Estate'²⁰⁹ of 1885, this is the likely origin of the name. An August 1964 aerial photo shows no homes on the eastern side of Boundary Street between Middle and Nyleta Streets.
- Bovey Street** Named in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s.
- Boylard Avenue** Named after Thomas Boyland who was the first landholder in Coopers Plains.²¹⁰ G. Boyland was the Chairman of the Yeerongpilly Shire Council in 1890, 1894 and 1896. Shown in an RAAF aerial photograph 1944.
- Breton Street** Around 1919-20 Mrs Breton had a private school in what is now Breton Street. This was shown but not named in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s. It is named in the 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory*. Breton Street is the southern boundary of the 'Dutch houses'.
- Celtic Street** Shown but not named in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s. It was named in the 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory*. The 1980 Department of Mapping orthophoto map showed Celtic Street to be accessible to Boundary Road. This changed when the railway level crossing was replaced by the overhead bridge sometime after 1980.
- Chotai Place** Pike, Mirils and McKnolty were the developers who submitted this street name on behalf of the subdeveloper. Gazetted in 1988.
- Clinton Street** Prior to the railway line construction, Lily Street of the 1886 'Homebush Estate', linked Musgrave Road to Ada Street. The winding street from Musgrave Road, along the railway line to Rookwood Avenue, around 1932, was named Railway Terrace. The 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory* has this street as Clinton Street.
- Comer Street** Horace Comer, a poultry farmer, owned land between Breton Street and Boundary Road.²¹¹
- Cottonvale Street** Housing estate surveyed by Ray Lamot and developed by Wyman in 1972. Cottonvale is a granite belt township near Stanthorpe.
- Cowper Place** Part of 'The Village Coopers Plains' on the site of Damour Barracks. Shown in the 1996 UBD *Street Directory*. This street was named after Dr Henry Cowper.²¹²
- Cricket Street** Named in the 'Orange Grove Estate' plan of 1885.
- Daisy Street** Named after Daisy Atkins whose parents had a farm in this street. Might have been known as Days Road at one time. Named Daisy Street in the Homebush Estate plan of 1886.²¹³
- Dalveen Street** Housing estate surveyed by Ray Lamot and developed by Wyman in 1972. Dalveen is a granite belt township near Stanthorpe.
- Damour Place** Part of 'The Village Coopers Plains' on the site of Damour Barracks. Shown in the 1996 UBD *Street Directory*.²¹⁴

²⁰⁸ See pp. 130 and 132.

²⁰⁹ See p. 30.

²¹⁰ See pp. 13 and 14.

²¹¹ See pp. 130 and 132.

²¹² See pp. 4 to 8.

²¹³ See pp. 63 and 67.

²¹⁴ See pp. 126 to 131.

- Dartmouth Street** Previously known as Third Avenue on a 1929 map but in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s it was named Dartmouth Street. Up until 1939, Orange Grove State School registers recorded Third Avenue is the name for Dartmouth Street. Dartmouth is a port in Devon, UK.
- Deacon Street** Located in the 'Dutch houses' development of the early 1950s.²¹⁵ This street is shown in the 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory*.
- Deal Street** Named on the 'Salisbury Court Estate' plan of 1890, the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s, the 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory* and a Department of Mapping survey map of 1971. However shown as an unmade road in the UBD *Street Directories* of 1980, 1992 and 1998.
- Delph Street** Named in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s. The 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory* shows the section from the railway line to Rosedale Street as an extension of Rookwood Avenue.
- Dickenson Close** Part of 'The Village Coopers Plains' on the site of Damour Barracks. Shown in the 1996 UBD *Street Directory*. J. Dickinson was the first selector of Portion 183, west of Orange Grove Road.²¹⁶
- Edith Street** Western boundary of the 'Homebush Estate' of 1886.²¹⁷
- Eveline Street** Named in the 'Homebush Estate' of 1886.²¹⁸
- Evenwood Street** Named in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s, but not linking to Dyson Avenue.
- Ferguson Street** Part of 'The Village Coopers Plains' on the site of Damour Barracks. Shown in the 1996 UBD *Street Directory*. First land selector, W. Ferguson, had Portion 181 which took in the Damour Barracks land.²¹⁹
- Gay Street** Shown, but not named, in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s. Shown in the 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory* going west to the interstate rail line and joining Binney Street which was shown running parallel to Celtic Street on the eastern side of the rail line.
- Halt Street** Shown, but not named, in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s. Up to 2000, Halt Street linked Boundary Road to Selhurst Street. With the street re-alignment around the rail crossing, Halt Street was extended to Lensworth Street to take the Beenleigh Road traffic away from the rail intersection.
- Hammersmith Street** Named in the 'Orange Grove Estate' plan of 1885. John Soden, the first selector of Portion 378,²²⁰ moved to Moorooka in 1879 and began what would become the largest omnibus business on the southside of Brisbane from the early 1880s to 1900.²²¹ Hammersmith and Highgate were large omnibus centres in London at that time.
- Harford Street** Estate developed about 1964.
- Henley Street** Shown but not named in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s. Named in the 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory*. Salisbury State School registers list Henley as a shopkeeper. Henley Street shops are an important community facility.²²²
- Highgate Street** Named in the Orange Grove Estate plan of 1885. John Soden, the first selector of Portion 318,²²³ moved to Moorooka in 1879 and began what would become the largest omnibus business on the southside of Brisbane from the early 1880s to 1900.²²⁴ Highgate and Hammersmith were large omnibus centres in London at that time.
- Joyce Street** Named Gray's Avenue in a 1929 map. Robert and Hannah Jane Gray were listed on the 1932 Electoral Roll at Cranbrook Street, Coopers Plains.²²⁵ Named as Cranbrook Street in the

²¹⁵ See pp. 130 to 135.

²¹⁶ See p. 12.

²¹⁷ See p. 50.

²¹⁸ See p. 50.

²¹⁹ See p. 12.

²²⁰ See p. 12.

²²¹ See pp. 26 to 31.

²²² See pp. 118 to 122.

²²³ See p. 12.

²²⁴ See pp. 26 to 31.

²²⁵ See p. 64.

- Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s but as Joyce Street in the 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory*. Joyce Street was named after Joyce Drayton.²²⁶
- Kain Street** Shown but not named in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s. Named in the 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory*.
- Keeling Street** Named as First Avenue on a 1929 map and as Keeling Street in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s.
- Kessels Road** Anna Maria Kessels was the first selector of land at the north-eastern corner of Mains and Kessels Roads. Her husband, Nicholaus Joseph Kessels JP, was a Councillor on the Yeerongpilly Shire Council.
- Lensworth Street** Gazetted on 3 March 1987. Developed by Elders-Lensworth Finance Ltd. The 1992 UBD *Street Directory* showed an unnamed road joining Halt Street. This road was constructed in 2000.
- Leven Street** Housing estate surveyed by Ray Lamot and developed by Wyman in 1972.
- Lewis Street** Part of 'The Village Coopers Plains' on the site of Damour Barracks. Shown in the 1996 UBD *Street Directory*. Named for the early settling Lewis families.²²⁷
- Linneman Close** Part of 'The Village Coopers Plains' on the site of Damour Barracks. Shown in the 1996 UBD *Street Directory*. Named after Mr Linneman, a greatly admired Head Teacher of Orange Grove State School.
- Longden Street** Named as Second Avenue on a 1929 map and the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s. The 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory* has Longden Street.
- Low Street** This street appeared with the development of the 'Dutch houses' in the early 1950s. It is named in the 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory*. Queensland Housing Commission advised that this street was named after a previous Co-ordinator General.
- MacDevitt Street** This street appeared with the development of the 'Dutch houses' in the early 1950s. It is named in the 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory*.
- MacGroarty Street** This street appeared with the development of the 'Dutch houses' in the early 1950s. It is named in the 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory*. Queensland Housing Commission advised that this street was named after an officer in the Titles Office. Noah and Eileen MacGroarty were enrolled in Salisbury State School in 1920 and 1921 respectively.
- Macknish Street** Part of 'The Village Coopers Plains' on the site of Damour Barracks. Shown in the 1996 UBD *Street Directory*. Named after the greatly respected Orange Grove Road shopkeeper of the 1940s and 1950s.²²⁸
- McKoy Street** This street appeared with the development of the 'Dutch houses' in the early 1950s. It is named in the 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory*. The Queensland Housing Commission advises that this street was named after an officer in the Licensing Branch.
- Mandarin Street** Named in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s. This street did not show up on an aerial photograph of the area taken in April 1936.
- Mandell Close** Part of 'The Village Coopers Plains' on the site of Damour Barracks. Shown in the 1996 UBD *Street Directory*. Named after Hope Mandell, the well respected men's hairdresser, who worked in the Henley Street shops for very many years.²²⁹
- Meadow Avenue** 'Meadowlands' was the name of the Boyland family's farm.²³⁰ Named in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s.
- Middle Street** The northern boundary of the Orange Grove Estate of 1885. It might have been the 'middle' of Portion 378.²³¹
- Mossop Street** Developed in 1979. Paice, the developers, suggested the name. A Mossop family lived in that area.
- Mullins Street** This street was established in 1987 with housing for married soldiers prior to 'The Village Coopers Plains' development of the early 1990s.
- Musgrave Road** Named in the 'Homebush Estate' of 1886, the year that the Queensland Governor, Sir Anthony Musgrave returned to England.

²²⁶ See pp. 58 and 59.

²²⁷ See pp. 54 and 56.

²²⁸ See pp. 121 and 123.

²²⁹ See p. 120.

²³⁰ See pp. 13 and 14.

²³¹ See p. 30.

- Norbury Street** Shown on an 1890 advertisement for 'Salisbury Court Estate', in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s and on a 1955 aerial photograph as running from the rail line to Musgrave Road. It was later diverted from fording Stable Swamp Creek.
- Nyleta Street** The 1885 'Orange Grove Estate' plan shows Hill Street as does the 1947-48 *Refidex Street Directory* and the 1955-56 *UBD Street Directory*. The Coopers Plains State School's registers from 1943 to 1950 show that this street was known as Erskine Street and from 1952 to 1955 it was Longman Street. The 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory* shows this street as Longman Street. Apparently Longman Street was changed to Nyleta Street to avoid confusion with Longden Street, Coopers Plains. The 1957 *UBD Street Directory* has this street as Nyleta Street. It ran east from Orange Grove Road and ended at Cricket Street as seen on the June 1946 aerial photographs.
- Oban Street** Shown in the 1890 'Salisbury Court Estate' linking Musgrave Road to the South Coast rail line. Named in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s.
- Orange Grove Road** Probably named from the 1885 'Orange Grove Estate'. John and Mary Soden had a grove of oranges and lemons on their property where they lived from 1869 to 1879.²³²
- Peringa Street** Estate developed by Donald Bosworth in 1967.
- Postle Street** Named after the world record holding runner Arthur Postle who lived for many years on the corner of Kerry Road and Postle Street.
- Riawena Road** Gazetted in 1982, this road was constructed for the 1982 Commonwealth Games held at the QE II Stadium in Kessels Road. 'Riawena' is an Aboriginal word meaning 'games'.
- Richland Avenue** Named in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s.
- Rockvale Street** Estate developed by Donald Bosworth in 1967.
- Rookwood Avenue** Named after the Rookwood family.²³³ Appeared as Rookwood Street on a 1929 map and in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s. According to Coopers Plains State School registers from 1943 to 1948 this street was known as Main Avenue. The 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory* named it Rookwood Avenue.
- Rosedale Street** Shown but not named in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s. Originally named Rosedale Avenue after the home 'Rosedale' owned by Adolf Christison. Around 1946 this street was known as Alcock Street and the 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory* still used this name. The local residents had it changed to Rosedale Street.
- Selhurst Street** Named in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s.
- Sway Street** Shown in the 1890 'Salisbury Court Estate' and the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s.
- Swift Place** Part of 'The Village Coopers Plains' on the site of Damour Barracks. Shown in the 1996 *UBD Street Directory*.
- The Village Avenue** Part of 'The Village Coopers Plains' on the site of Damour Barracks. Shown in the 1996 *UBD Street Directory*.
- Thulimba Street** Housing estate surveyed by Ray Lamot and developed by Wyman in 1972. Thulimba is a granite belt township near Stanthorpe.
- Troughton Road** Named after Edward Troughton the first selector who took up land along Kessels Road and Troughton Road in Robertson in 1868.
- Turton Street** Shown and named in the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s.
- Upwood Street** Estate developed in about 1957. Shown but not named in the 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory*.
- Vereker Street** Estate developed in about 1957. Shown but not named in the 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory*.
- Weaver Street** Shown but not named in the 'Notting Hill Estate' 1885 plan and the *Brisbane Atlas and Street Directory*, circa 1930s. It is named in the 1954-55 *Refidex Street Directory* where it was shown joined to Beaudesert Road.

²³² See pp. 26 to 31.

²³³ See p. 67.