

Heritage



Row of shops

Key details

Addresses	At 197 Boundary Street, West End, Queensland 4101; At 199 Boundary Street, West End, Queensland 4101; At 201 Boundary Street, West End, Queensland 4101
Type of place	Shop/s
Period	Victorian 1860-1890, Interwar 1919-1939
Style	Filigree, Free Classical
Lot plan	L34_SP108857; L2_RP11158; L2_RP45291
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000 Date of Information — May 2011

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History

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