

## Heritage Citation



### Boorman's Shop

#### Key details

Also known as	Potten's Corner
Addresses	At 35 Dixon Street, Sunnybank, Queensland 4109
Type of place	Shop/s, Shophouse
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L1_SP128218; L3_SP128218; L4_SP128218; L5_SP128218; L6_SP128218; L7_SP128218; L2_SP128218
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2005 Date of Citation — March 2011

**Construction**

Roof: Corrugated iron;  
Walls: Timber

**Criterion for listing**

(A) Historical; (C) Scientific; (H) Historical association

This pair of shops with the separate residence at the back was built in 1919 for Richard Boorman. Apart from operating as Sunnybank's General Store, the shop was also the area's first post office. In 1925, it obtained the district's first public telephone. In 1936, Arthur and Hilda Potten purchased the shops and residence. It subsequently became known as Potten's Corner. With its prime location across from Sunnybank Station, the shops were Sunnybank's first retail precinct and retained this community importance until replaced by the new suburban shopping centres in the 1970s.

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## History

The site of these shops was originally part of a large block of Sunnybank land.

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## Statement of significance

### Relevant assessment criteria

This is a place of local heritage significance and meets one or more of the local heritage criteria under the Heritage planning scheme policy of the *Brisbane City Plan 2014*. It is significant because:

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### Historical

#### CRITERION A

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the city's or local area's history

as one shop was Sunnybank's first post office (1919) with the first public telephone (1925), while the other shop was Sunnybank's first butcher's shop.

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### Scientific

#### CRITERION C

The place has the potential to yield information that will contribute to the knowledge and understanding of the city's or local area's history

as, having housed a variety of business so that it became Sunnybank's earliest shopping precinct.

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## Historical association

### CRITERION H

The place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organization of importance in the city's or local area's history

as, from 1919, it was Sunnybank's first retail precinct, only having its local importance diminished by the growth of suburban shopping centers in the 1970s.

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