

## Heritage



### Cooksley House

#### Key details

Also known as	Cairnsville
Addresses	At 18 Queens Road, Hamilton, Queensland 4007
Type of place	Flat building, House
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Style	Filigree
Lot plan	L41_RP33558; L1_RP33560; L43_RP33558; L42_RP33558; L4_RP47387
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Information — June 2011
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Brick - Painted
People/associations	William Cooksley (Builder)

This grand home, first called 'Cairnsville', was built by owner William Cooksley in 1887-8. Cooksley, a skilled carpenter, had arrived in the Moreton Bay district in 1858. Although almost penniless, he went on to become one of Queensland's most successful pioneers. He built some of Sandgate's earliest buildings and was its second mayor. Cooksley had also represented the Toombul division and 'Cairnsville', named after Cooksley's wife Catherine, was the second home he built in the Hamilton area. It was the Cooksley family residence until 1910, though Cooksley himself had died in 1892. Like many other large residences, 'Cairnsville' was converted into flats in the 1940s to cater for the growing demand for accommodation. 'Cairnsville', an unusual brick and sandstone residence featuring cast zinc verandah columns and iron lace railings in old Vienna pattern, also demonstrates the development of Hamilton, particularly its appeal for wealthy residents in the late nineteenth century.

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