

BELLBIRD PARK CITATIONS
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Langley

83 Johnstone Street

EXPANDED IPSWICH HERITAGE STUDY

Name:	“Langley”	[JO-11-0083]
Category:	Farmhouse	
Location:	83 Johnstone Street, Bellbird Park	
RPD:	RP102544/122	
Listing boundary:	Whole allotment	
Other listings:	-	
Significance level:	Local	

History: “Langley” was built for Alfred and Edith Josey. Alfred’s father James Josey had arrived in Australia in 1840 as a convict at the age of 19 and was sent to Redbank Plains where he was supervisor of the small number of convicts kept behind to care for the government flocks (most convicts had been returned to Sydney in 1839). After serving his time, he worked as a sawyer then obtained land and built a sawmill in the area and later one at Pine Mountain. In partnership with William Vowle, he built the first timber house in central Ipswich; this was shifted to Bell Street in 1843 and used as a hotel. In 1886, he married Harriet Harris and the couple built “Eden Station” in the Opossum Creek area of Redbank Plains, now demolished.

Their third son Alfred married Edith Austin in 1886 and James built this house for them. Alfred operated a sawmill and brought timber down from the Bunya Mountains.

In 1975, the house was partly rebuilt and the interior was renovated. It is no longer owned by the Josey family.

Description: Lowset timber house now on a brick base. It has a pyramid roof and separate skillion verandah roof. The verandah balustrading does not appear to be original.

A huge fig tree is a major feature beside the house.

Significance:

This property is a place of cultural heritage significance and satisfies one or more of the criteria in Division 13.6 of Local Law 30 of the Ipswich Town Planning Scheme as evidenced by, but not exclusive to, the following statement of significance, based on **Criteria a, e, h**.

The house is closely associated with one of the earliest families of the Redbank Plains area who carried on some of the earliest building and sawmilling operations in the area. Although not completely original, the 1886 house with its huge fig tree is important in exhibiting a range of aesthetic characteristics valued by the community, in particular the building’s traditional form, scale and materials. With its dominant fig tree, it makes an important contribution to the townscape.

Associated items:

References: Information from Marianne Parry at Josey family reunion, 1986
G. Harrison *Jubilee History of Ipswich* 1910

Comments: Contemporary steel sheds not included in listing.
Tree specifically included in listing.

Note: This report has been prepared on the basis of evidence examined by the study team and seeks to identify the most important heritage values of the item. The purpose of this report is to provide an initial evaluation. If any action is planned which might affect the cultural heritage significance of this place, advice should be sought through the Ipswich City Council Heritage Advisory Service.

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