

## 1. Clarence Corner and Hotel

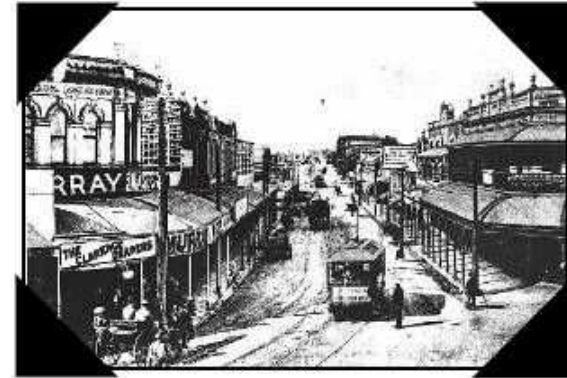


*Coming from the Mater Hill busway, turn left down Stanley Street and walk 200 metres to the traffic lights facing the Clarence Hotel.*

You are now standing in one of the best-preserved 19<sup>th</sup> century streetscapes in Brisbane. The rows of shops down both sides of the road are heritage-listed, with some dating from the 1860s, when this area was first developed.

Directly across the street is the Clarence Corner Hotel. The first hotel on this site was a small timber building constructed in 1863 on land sold as the 'Clarence Town Estate'. It provided a rest stop for travellers along the roads to Ipswich, Logan and Cleveland. The first Clarence hotel was replaced with the present brick building in 1889, as indicated by the sign over the attractive upstairs balcony. At one time there were as 17 different hotels along Stanley Street, as the booming local railway and maritime industries produced a lot of thirsty workers. One of these hotels was the 'Stanley' (later 'Yorke'), directly across Annerley Road from the Clarence.

The Clarence has gone through a couple of name changes. In the 1930-40s the locality was briefly known as 'Newtown', which also became the name of the hotel. During Expo '88 the building was refurbished and renamed the 'Colonial', another nondescript title that disappeared when the hotel regained its original name.



Clarence Corner, 1890s



The grand frontage of the Yorke Hotel, seen from outside the Clarence Hotel, 1900s (JOL #49352). The Yorke was originally known as the Stanley, and closed after WWII.

*Cross the road at the lights, and either head down Annerley Road or take in some refreshment at the hotel. The other side of the street is dominated by the former Mater Children's Hospital.*

