

THE QUEENSLAND HOUSE

RECOMMENDED RENOVATION READING LIST



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INTRODUCTION

Before you get started renovating, it's important to get to know your house a bit better. I have put together this recommended reading list based on my many years of experience as an architectural historian and heritage consultant. By better understanding the age, history, design and construction of your home, you can ensure that your renovation is appropriate and sympathetic. Many of the books also have step-by-step guides showing how to repair elements specific to our Queensland timber and tin houses, for example double-hung sash windows. In addition, they will help make sure you get the details right. For example, if you are re-opening an enclosed verandah, they provide information on the right design of railing for your era and style of house.

Sadly, little work has been published in recent years on these topics, so most of these books date from the 1980s and 1990s. However, the information and advice within them remains relevant and invaluable. Most are available for free from Brisbane City Council Libraries so they are easily accessible. They will provide you with an overall context for your house, which in turn will enable you to ensure that your renovations respect your house's unique history.

There are many benefits of a well-researched and good quality renovation, including:

1. Adding maximum value to your home
2. Keeping the original design intent of the house
3. Identifying important original building materials and character features
4. Getting the details right
5. Avoiding modern shortcuts/materials that won't last and will cost more in the long run
6. Passing on the house in better condition than how you found it
7. Contributing to saving our incredibly important old homes!

Although the information in these books is fantastic, there is nothing like knowing the unique story of your individual home before you start renovations. I offer a range of research services, including searching for the date of construction, old photos, house names and much, much more. You can view my packages and prices on my website at www.housedetective.com.au/hireme, or feel free to contact me with any questions.

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READING LIST

UNDERSTANDING YOUR QUEENSLAND HOUSE:

- The Queensland House: a roof over our heads - Rod Fisher and Brian Crozier (Eds), 1994 (BCC Libraries)
- The Queensland House: history and conservation - Ian Evans, 2000 (BCC Libraries)
- Queenslanders: their historic timbered homes - Rod Fisher (BCC Libraries)
- The Building of the Queensland house : a carpenter's handbook and owner's manual - Andrew Jenner, 2012 (BCC Libraries)
- Timber and Iron: Houses in North Queensland Mining Settlements - Peter Bell, 1984 (BCC Libraries or online at www.textqueensland.com.au/item/book/5e858a9f82c9b5039482b5324889817c)
- The Australian Home - Ian Evans, 1983 (BCC Libraries)
- Australian House Styles - Ian Stapleton and Maisy Stapleton, 1997 (BCC Libraries)
- Australian Houses of the '20s and '30s - Peter Cuffley, 2007 (1989 edition at BCC Libraries)
- The Federation Catalogue: household life in Australia 1890 - 1915 - Peter Cuffley, 1997 (BCC Libraries)

ESTIMATING WHEN YOUR QUEENSLAND HOUSE WAS BUILT:

- The Queensland House: a roof over our heads - Chapters 3 and 4 (see above)
- Brisbane house styles 1880 to 1940 : a guide to the affordable house - Judy Gale Rechner and Brisbane History Group, 1998 (BCC Libraries or available new from Folio Books)

RENOVATING, RESTORING AND MAINTAINING YOUR QUEENSLAND HOUSE:

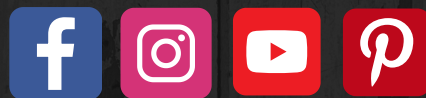
- How to Restore the Old Aussie House - Ian Stapleton, 1991 (BCC Libraries)
- Restoring Old Houses: a guide to authentic restoration - Ian Evans, 1990 (BCC Libraries)
- Caring for Old Houses - Ian Evans, 1998 (BCC Libraries)
- Furnishing Old Houses: a guide to interior restoration - Ian Evans, 1985
- The Complete Australian Old House Catalogue: Where to get absolutely everything to restore an old building - Ian Evans, 2000 (BCC Libraries)
- The Federation House: A Restoration Guide - Ian Evans, 1999 (BCC Libraries)
- Getting the Details Right : restoring Australian houses 1890s-1920s - Ian Evans, 1991 (BCC Libraries)
- Colour Schemes for Old Australian Houses - Ian Evans, Clive Lucas, Ian Stapleton, 1989 (BCC Libraries)
- More Colour Schemes for Old Australian Houses - Ian Evans, Clive Lucas, Ian Stapleton, 1992 (BCC Libraries)

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR
HOUSE'S HISTORY TO GET THE RENO
DETAILS RIGHT?

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