



*The refurbished second engineer's cottage*

## East Bank Flood Resilience Program

*Protecting and preserving local history*

Seqwater has completed restoration works at the historic Works Hill residential precinct. This work is part of the East Bank Flood Resilience Program (EBFRP), which aims to reduce flood risk to critical bulk water infrastructure, while also celebrating the area's rich cultural heritage. Constructed in the late 19th century, the Works Hills residential precinct comprises two detached houses, four duplexes and one cottage, and is one of the few examples of this type of worker housing remaining in Queensland.

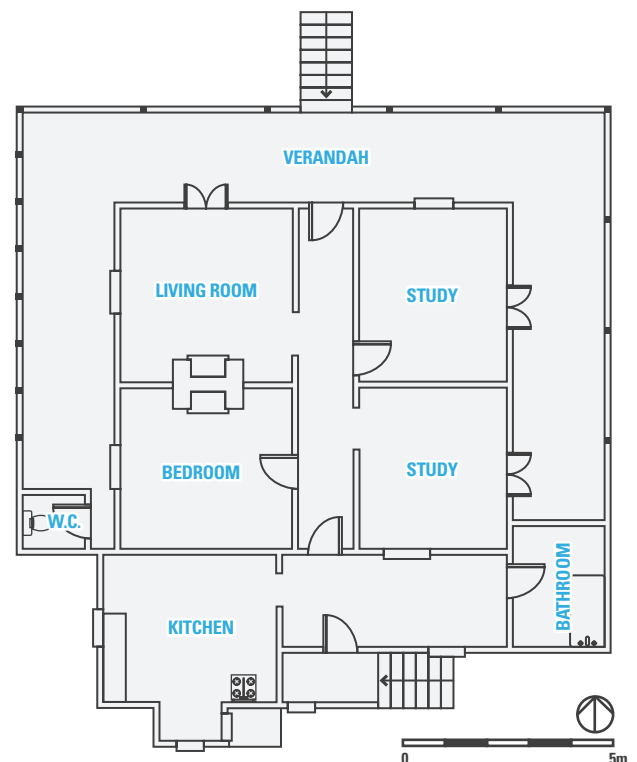
### House 111

House 111 was built to accommodate the second engineer. Set high on the hill with sweeping views of Mt Crosby, this house is larger than the duplexes. It has more ornate finishes, including fireplaces in the living room and bedroom, and a number of sets of French doors leading onto a wraparound veranda.

Much of the original building remains, including windows, French doors and fanlights. All the interior doors have the original moulded panels with finger plates.

Alterations to the original building include the addition of louvres to the western veranda, enclosing the southern portion of the western veranda to create a toilet cubicle, and a bathroom has been added to the south east corner.

The property slopes towards the rear, and the house is single storey at the front and two storey at the back, where it has been built-in underneath, providing laundry and storage facilities.



The elevation provides space to walk around under the house and inspect for termites. These small insects caused a huge amount of damage to the original wooden structures built in Queensland. By the 1890s builders had developed a number of strategies to prevent termite damage, including placing wooden houses on stumps capped by steel plates.

## House 110

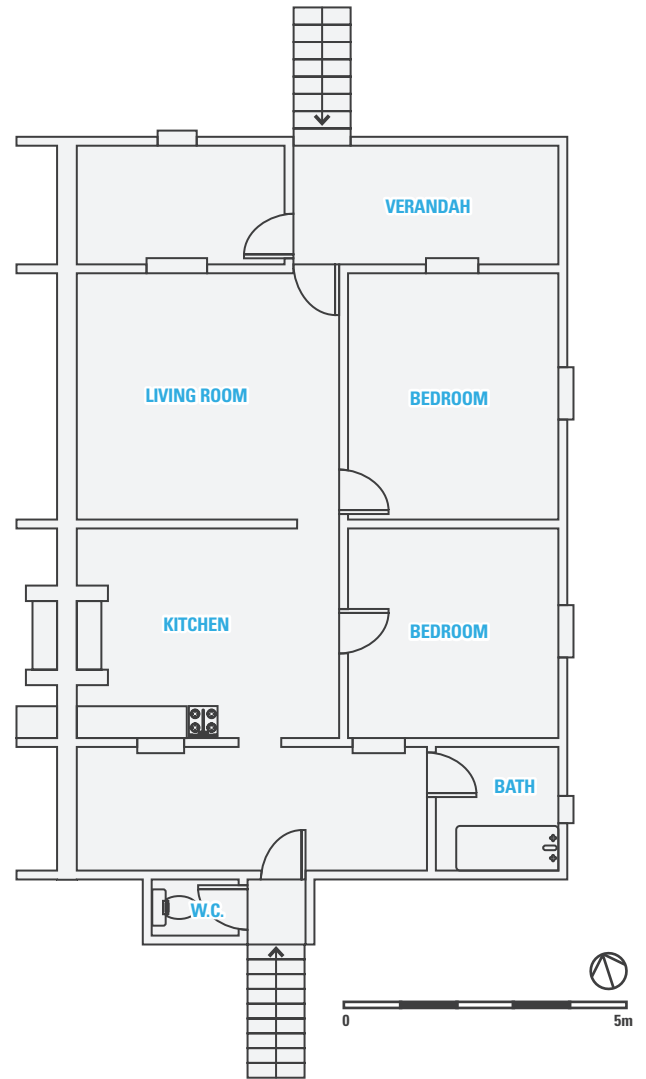
House 110 is one part of a duplex constructed to house the pumping station firemen. The rooms of this house are modest in comparison to house 111, but still contain some decorative details such as ceiling roses and a spacious veranda.

The double hung sash window at the front of the duplex is made of 8 small panes of glass. Contrast this with the 4 pane sash window at the front of the house 110. In the 1890s glass was difficult to make, and very expensive. The smaller panes used here give the house a modest face.

The front veranda has exposed bracing and has been partially enclosed, while the rear veranda has been completely enclosed and extended to form toilet, bathroom and laundry facilities. The backyard contains two iconic items that were once common across Queensland; an outhouse and a hills hoist style clothesline.

### Contact us

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*A refurbished fireman's duplex*