ABORIGINAL CAMPSITES OF GREATER BRISBANE
An Historical Guide
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This is the first book of its kind in Australia: a history of Aboriginal campsites. This is also the first guidebook to the location and features of the numerous Aboriginal camps that flourished in and around Brisbane from convict times to – in some cases – as late as the 1950s. Many of Brisbane’s suburbs trace their names, parks and key events to these former campsites. This book focuses on 15 key areas, and includes a full suburban listing at the back. The 15 key areas are:

- Redcliffe
- Petrie
- Sandgate
- Nundah
- Enoggera
- Breakfast Creek
- City
- South Brisbane
- Toowong
- Rocklea
- Bulimba
- Mt Gravatt
- Wynnum
- Eight Mile Plains
- Capalaba

About the Author
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