

Part 3: A brief history of the house and occupants at 59 Dudley St, Annerley by John Horder.



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The house was moved in 2004 to Fernvale and the site is now part of the extended Annerley Energex substation. Four families have enjoyed its history to Sep 2024 but its house history will continue.



59 Dudley Street West in August 2024



Looking towards Ipswich Road, August 2024, photos Denis Peel

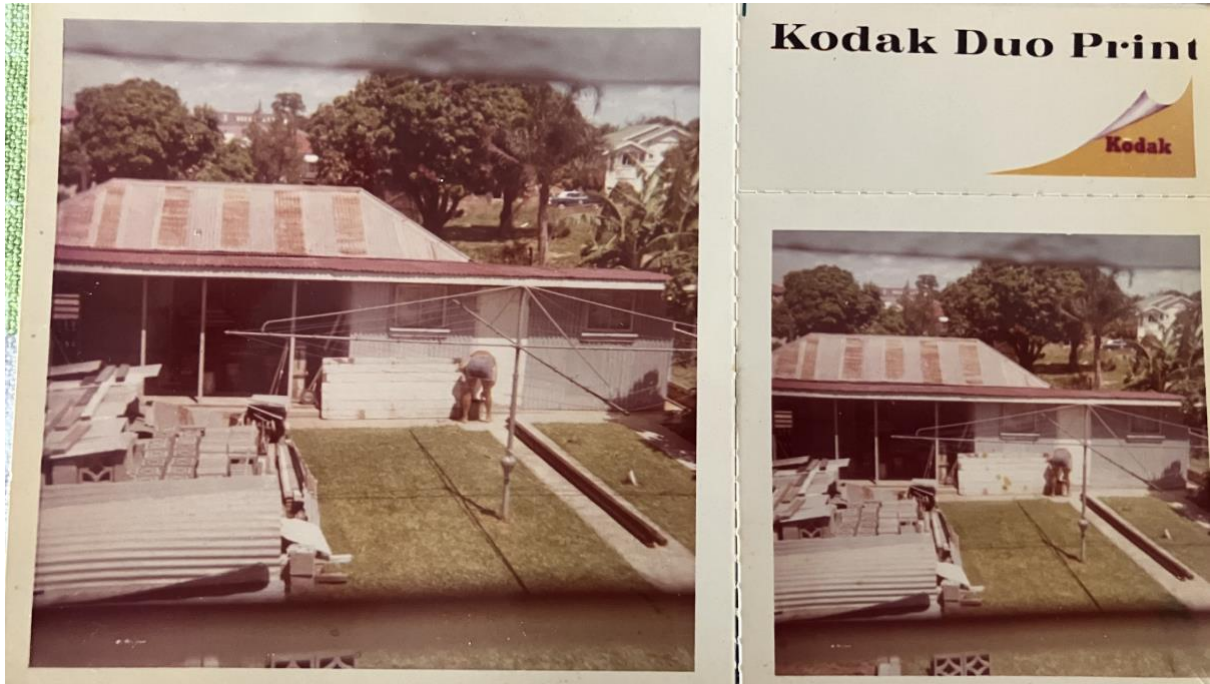
The original owners were Charles and Ivy Caroline Boettcher (nee Hall). They married on 22 May 1909 and lived in various places in South East Queensland until they lived at the house from 1926, per the electoral roll. Charles was a Master Builder and likely built the house.

30 November 1942 The couple had children but divorced with Mrs Ivy Boettcher living on at the house.

On 27 September 1949 there was an application for a Hobby Art Studio and on 16 March 1951 part of the house underneath was enclosed. The house had been named *Kuranda* and was sewered before 1960.

In 1960, our parents Eric and Queenie Horder (nee Harris) purchased the house.

We had lived in a smaller fibro house at 80 Laura Street, Ekibin. It was second from the corner, and over the road from the Cracknell Rd shops and backed on to the creek and bush. We moved to 59 Dudley St Annerley as children aged 12, 10 & 8. We were now living in the first house from the corner of Ipswich Rd, with shops on both sides of the road. We had more buses, a tram service, and trains at Fairfield Station at the bottom of Dudley St. It was a good move for the children's education as Yeronga High had just opened in 1960 and Junction Park Primary School was closer. Our father was a motorman for BCC at Ipswich Rd Depot and our mother made overalls at home for Halco Overalls in her big sewing room, previously the art studio. Additionally, we were a partially dysfunctional family with our father, on reflection, likely having untreated PTSD from WW2. In his spare time, our father restumped the house with concrete stumps and cemented under the whole house before enclosing it with Besser blocks. He also kept fit in the informal gym and workshop he created under the house. He made toys, some for sale in Dickie and Jones Newsagency. To keep greater harmony, Mum insisted we have three boarders. This was wonderful as at least 7 of the 8 residents benefited from good conversation at tea-time at the octagonal dinner table in the dining room. We still had space even after the verandah was made into two bedrooms; so, we had six bedrooms. The internal staircase was unforgiving to the head if we ever rushed down but it kept us dry in stormy weather. The shed in the back yard was made in the 1960s as a lot of wood always came home when our father took rubbish to the dump. When we had moved in, our parents had permalum cladding put on the house to protect it. Over time, unfortunately, our parents still had a necessary, but acceptable divorce in 1975. Though I lived with Mum after this, we visited our father at Dudley St until he died in 1994.



59 Dudley Street backyard and shed, Horder family collection

The house was sold to Energex in 1995, as they had already approached our father to sell it to them. It seemed to have a tenant for a short time then, sadly, it just seemed to be neglected until Energex sent us a courtesy note on 26 July 2004 to say the house had been sold and moved to 511 Wivenhoe Pocket Road, Fernvale.



511 Wivenhoe Pocket Road, Fernvale 2024.

We visited the house at its new house block on 16 March 2024. We heard the family who bought it in 2004 had lived there until about 2014 then had to return to Brisbane for work. We now know it was Elice and Dan Garcia who will give us more detail about moving the house to Fernvale in 2004

and its necessary repairs. We were told it could not be moved from Fernvale physically in 2014 as it was too big and awkward to be moved successfully.



The family who lives there now were very helpful and allowed us inside when we called by in March 2024. We were thrilled with seeing the house again in such good condition. Our former family house is now built into a hill so its internal staircase had to go and there are now several back steps. It has been modernized with sliding windows and is not gloomy inside as our father kept it. Bedroom doors are open and it seems so much lighter. Essentially, the house is still very recognizable and has adapted well as a “forever home.”



Photos from John Horder visit 2024