



Coorparoo  
& Heritage Group  
Districts

Invites you to hear

**Ron Baker OAM**

Speak about

**Coorparoo Junction  
Then and Now**

The intersection of Old Cleveland Road and Cavendish Road Coorparoo, Coorparoo Junction, has been the commercial centre of the suburb for a considerably long time and has been subject to numerous changes over time. The arrival of the first tram to the junction in 1915 made the junction more accessible and allowed the residents better access to and from the city. In 1960, with the opening of MYER, this heralded a new life for the suburb and, being the first Drive-in Shopping Centre on Brisbane's Southside, attracted customers from many nearby suburbs. Ron, will illustrate with images, how Coorparoo Junction has transformed over the years.

Ron has spent most of his life in Brisbane and has been a resident of Coorparoo for the past 54 years following his return to Brisbane after five years working as an architect in Rockhampton in the late 1960's. Since returning to Brisbane Ron has witnessed numerous changes to Brisbane and especially Coorparoo Junction.

Ron Baker OAM, is a founding member of the group, and has spoken to the group on several previous occasions on various topics relating to the district. At this meeting he will concentrate on how Coorparoo Junction has changed from 'Then to Now'. Ron has a passion for history and historic buildings. He has a deep commitment to the community and was with the Stones Corner Rotary Club for 35 years until it disbanded in 2023. For his commitment to the community, he was awarded an OAM in 2019.

Come along and listen to Ron speak about how Coorparoo Junction has transformed over time.

Where? **Kingsbury Room**  
**Queen Alexandra Home Community Centre**  
**347 Old Cleveland Rd. Coorparoo**

When? Saturday **6 April 2024** at 2.00 pm

Non-members are welcome, but why not join our group? A small donation to offset hiring charges would be appreciated.

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