

# Boots and all for Bees Nees Realty

THE old Boot Factory has been restored to its former glory, and now houses Bees Nees City Realty.

Lord Mayor Campbell Newman reopened the historic building at 17 Cordelia St, South Brisbane on Tuesday.

Bees Nees' managing director Rob Honeycombe and father John bought the Astill and Freeman factory last June. They spent \$800,000 to restore it.

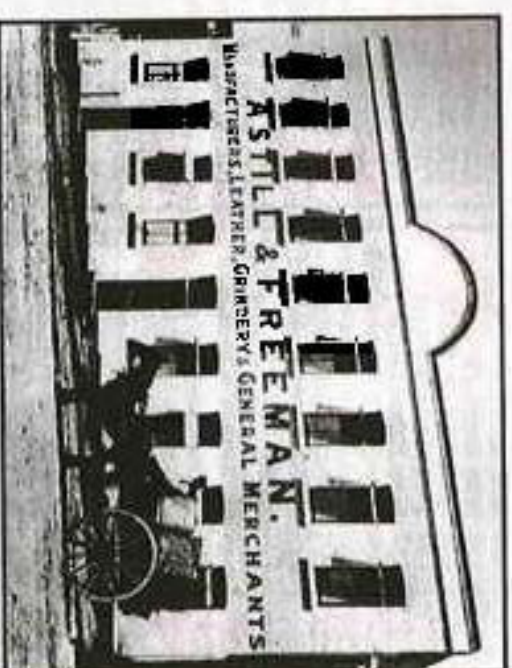
The 1897 factory was built by Joseph Astill and James Henry Freeman. Members of the Astill family ran a boot making and leather business

there until 1964. Joseph Astill's granddaughter Helen Astill attended Tuesday's function.

Mr Honeycombe said the city council's heritage team had been heavily involved in the design process.

"Architecturally the building has an elegant simplicity about it. This was a 19th century industrial factory and it built to a pragmatic design with big windows and high ceilings to cool the interior and allow plenty of natural light"

The 315sqm upper level of the building is available for lease.



**TIME GOES BY:** Bees Nees real estate has spent more than \$800,000 restoring the old boot factory.