# Navigating Complex Boundaries: Delimitation and Adverse Possession in Urban Land Titling

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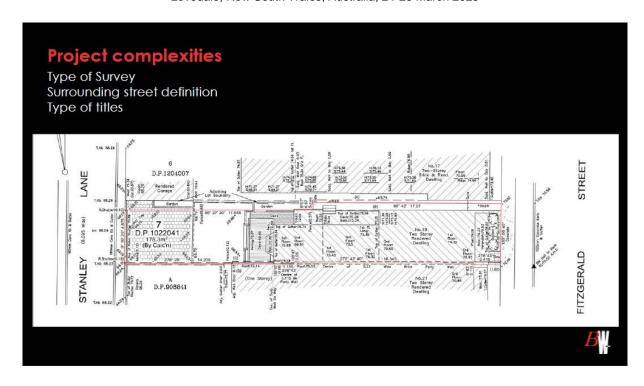
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#### **ABSTRACT**

Beveridge Williams was engaged by the landowners of 19 Fitzgerald St, Queens Park, in Sydney, to perform a delimitation survey as part of Council's consent condition for the construction of a new garage. What initially appeared to be a routine task soon evolved into a complex adverse possession claim, involving two reasonable survey plans for adjoining sites. The challenge arose from the assumption that both sites were Torrens title, making the project particularly intriguing. The project scope expanded to include a consolidation plan, addressing a limited title lot defined by metes and bounds, along with a residue in the adjoining title and a small hiatus between deeds, which became part of the adverse possession claim. This complexity and attention to detail earned the project the 2024 NSW Excellence in Surveying and Spatial Information (EISSI) Award for Urban Cadastral and Land Titling Excellence. Notably, Beveridge Williams was also awarded in the same year for Rural Cadastral and Land Titling Excellence, marking the first time a single company has won in both the urban and rural cadastral categories. This presentation outlines this award-winning project, highlighting the challenges and innovative solutions employed in a particularly complex urban land titling endeavour.

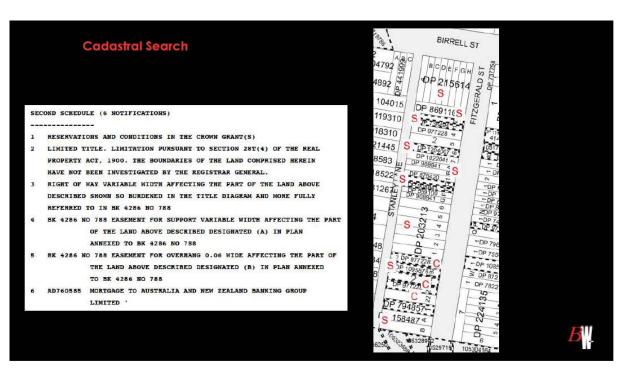
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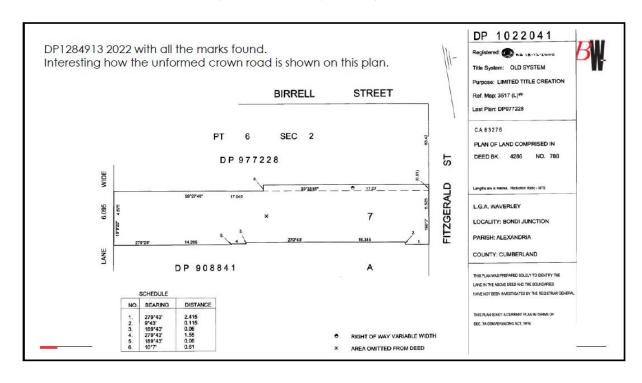


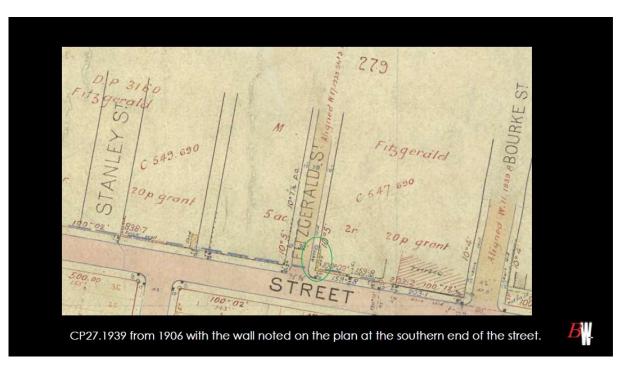


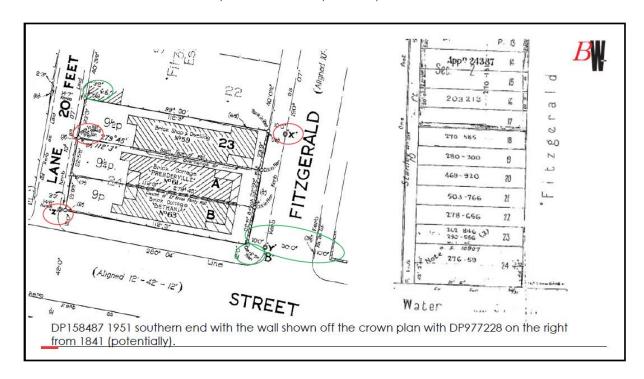


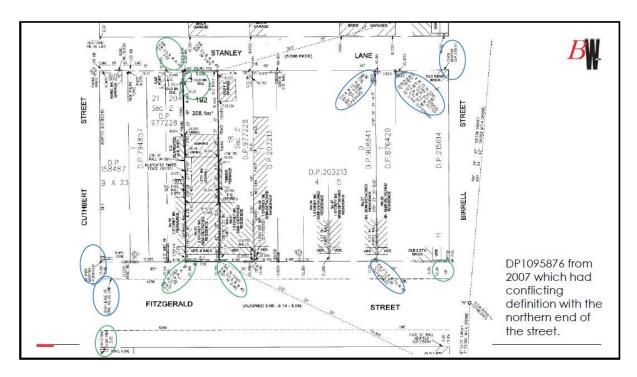




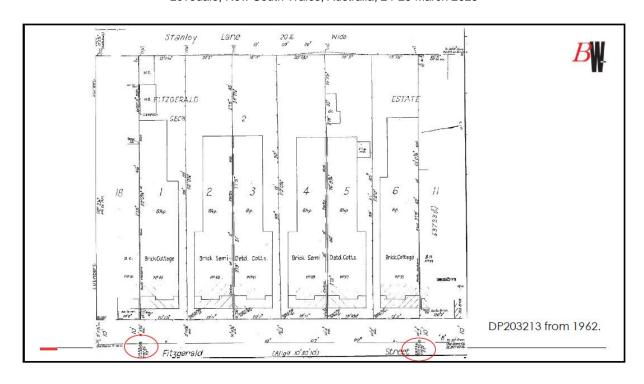


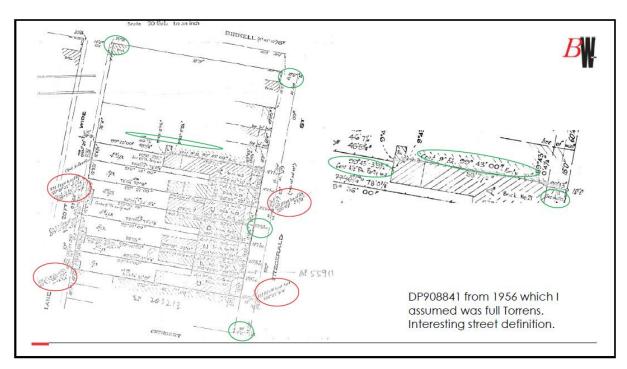


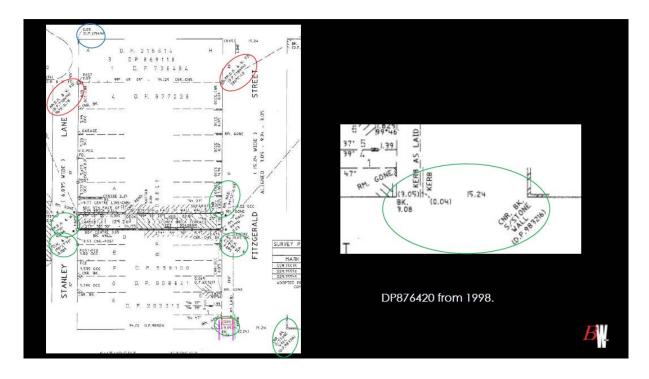


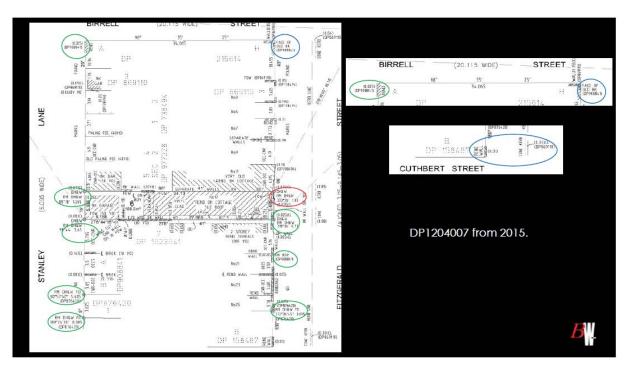


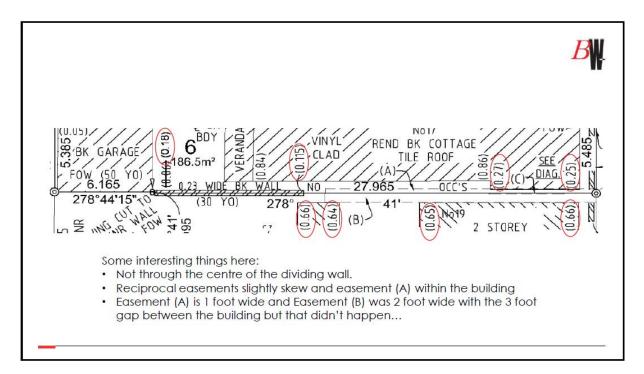
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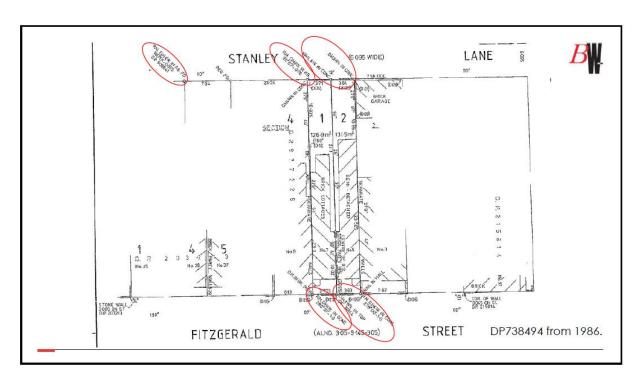


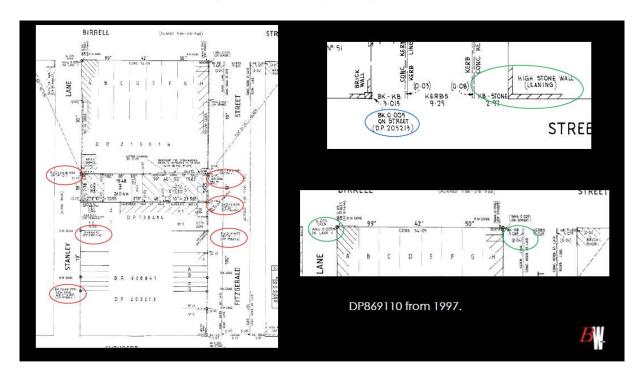


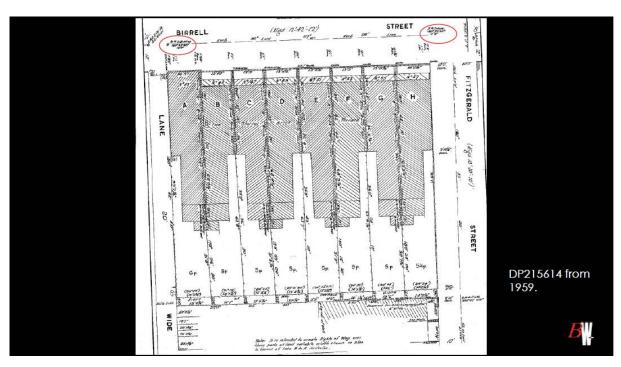


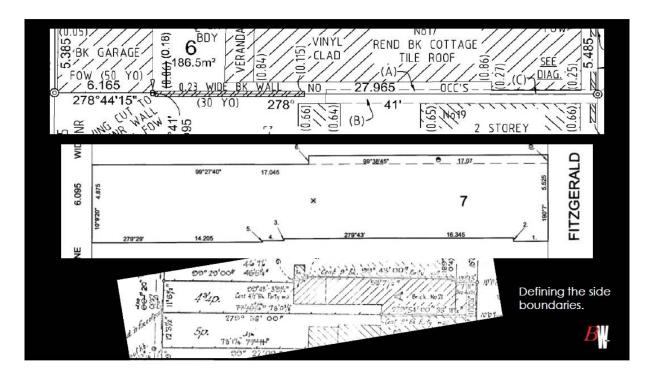


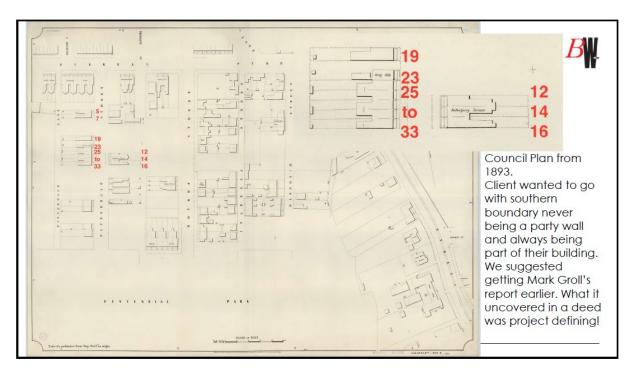




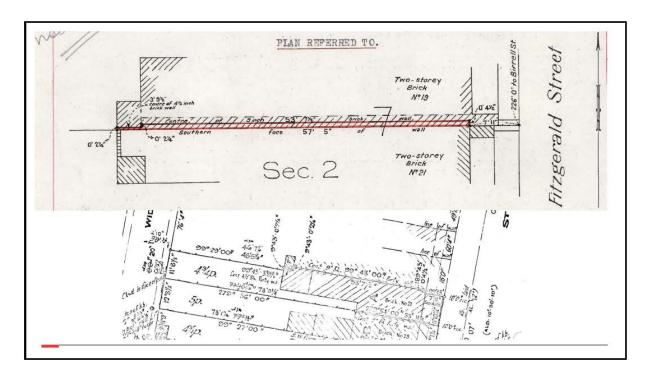




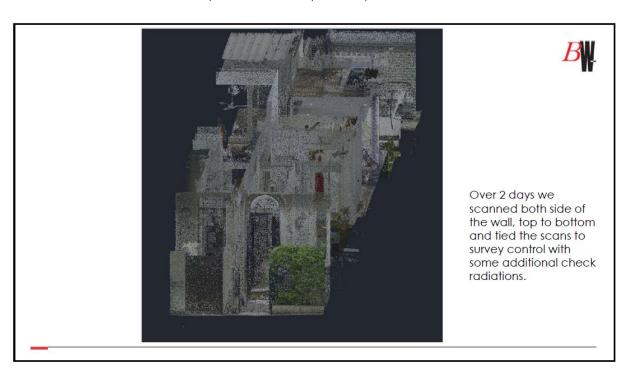


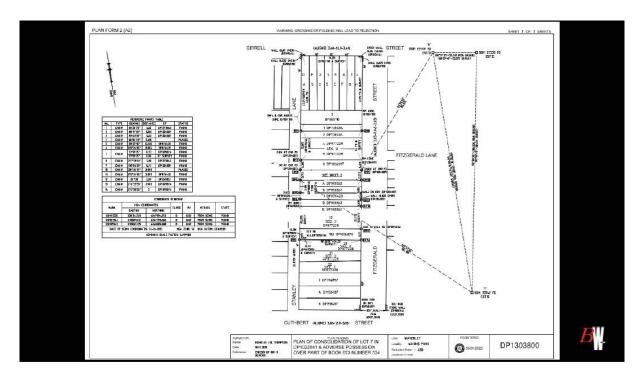


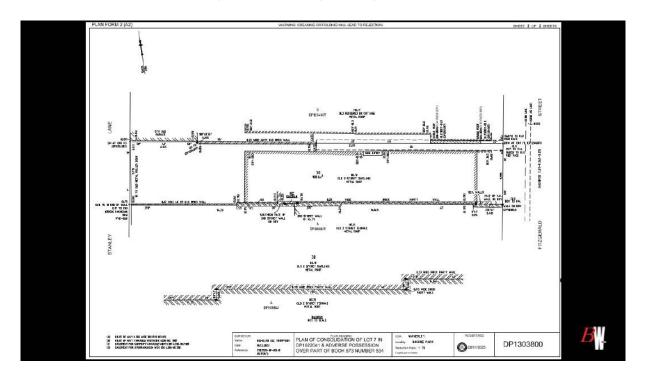
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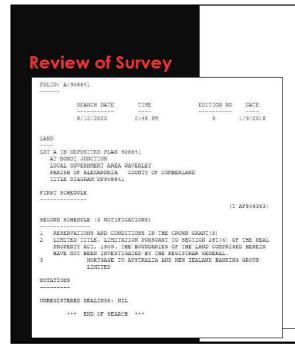














- The street and lane fix was fairly simple with a few decisions needing to be made and a re-reference occurring.
- Ordering the adjoining titles at the start of the survey is a life lesson.
- Mark Groll producing a report at the start of the job not towards the end.
- Trying to use all the tech we have available to complete a project and start discussion internally in BW and with the wider profession.