

SUMMER HILL MAIN STREET STUDY 1993

INVENTORY

Address: 15-23 Lackey Street.		Item No. 23	Page No. 1/6
Name of Building: Pedestrian Plaza			
Former Name: Site of former Store (Woodhill and Murray's)			
Owner:			
Lessee/s:		Current Use/s: Pedestrian plaza	
Date of Construction:	Architect:	Builder:	
<p>History: The Ashfield Municipal Council Rate Book shows that by 1883 George Hodgson Junior was occupying Woodhill & Murray's store, built during 1883 on the western side of Lackey Street. Hodgson's 1895 invoice (see page 4) shows that the store was by then a substantial two-storeyed Free Classical structure, which Broadhurst's c. 1910 photograph of Lackey Street suggests had been extended by an additional bay to the south. A photograph of Lackey Street taken in about 1920 shows that the building had been partially or completely demolished and/or rebuilt with a plainer facade on two levels to accommodate the slope of the street. This facade appears to have been remodelled again, with somewhat Art Deco styling, prior to the building being demolished in the 1970s as part of the supermarket and car park development.</p>			
<p>References: Documents and photographs cited.</p>			
<p>Description: The 'plaza' now separates the car park from Lackey Street. The other two boundaries are Hardie Avenue on the north and the blank walling of 25 Lackey Street on the south. The plaza, which extends across a widened footpath, is paved with brick. The street furniture includes a low circular fountain, two cylindrical brick enclosures which surround two trees and are themselves encircled with plastic seating units, a concrete plant tub, several light standards and two flagstaffs. The spatial and visual qualities of the plaza are, to say the least, mediocre at present.</p>			
Modifications:			

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Contribution To Streetscape:	<i>Appropriate</i> <i>Scale/mass</i>	<i>Compatible</i> <i>Form/shape</i>	<i>Harmonious</i> <i>Style</i>	<i>Compatible</i> <i>Materials</i>	<i>Existing</i> <i>Colour</i> <i>Scheme</i>	<i>Existing</i> <i>Shop</i> <i>Fronts</i>
<p style="text-align: center;">1= Excellent 2= Good 3= Fair 4= Poor 5= Disruptive</p>						
Heritage Listings	LEP	NT	AHC	Heritage Study	Other	
Statement of Significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The site of one of Summer Hill's most substantial early stores. * A place which, though now little more than a bleak open space in an otherwise pleasant streetscape, has great potential as a social centre and visual focus. 						
Recommendations For Conservation Action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) <i>Immediate:</i> (b) <i>Medium Term:</i> (c) <i>Long Term:</i> 						
Desirable Planning Objectives: Institute a planned long-term scheme for improving the area including the plaza, the surrounding surfaces and streets, the carpark itself and the adjacent buildings, some of which present only back yards and service areas to the public space. Effective improvements to the plaza such as landscaping and street furniture are possible only within the context of such a big term scheme.						
Additional Comments: It would be desirable, when work is carried out on the plaza area, to re-instate the adjacent kerblin in its original alignment matching the rest of the western kerb of Lackey Street.						

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Robert Irving**Roll No.** 92-065-4**Neg No.****Frame No.** 16

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Source John Ward Collection	Photographer	Date 1895
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