

SUMMER HILL MAIN STREET STUDY 1993

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Name of Building:			
Former Name: Site of Former Summer Hill Theatre			
Owner:			
Lessee/s:		Current Use/s:	
Date of Construction:	Architect:	Builder:	
<p>History: This site was once occupied by one of the most distinctive buildings in the Municipality of Ashfield - one of the finest cinemas in Sydney. The 1890 Water Board Plan shows that four houses occupied the land, all facing Sloane Street. These were demolished in the late 1920s to facilitate the erection of "one of the most beautiful picture palaces constructed in Sydney's suburb." The building was designed by the eminent architect Emil Sodersten. The theatre screened for the last time in 1969 and the building was sold the following year. It was demolished in 1971, the site remaining vacant until the present building was erected in 1986.</p>			
<p>References: Kevin J. Cork, <i>A History of the Cinemas of Ashfield Municipality</i></p>			
<p>Description: A two-storeyed office building, trapezoidal in plan and built to the building lines of the two streets forming this intersection except for its splayed corner. There is a wide driveway on the north side. The building, which reads as a simple cubiform shape, is completely clad in reflective glass set in black metal framing. It is parapeted on the Sloane Street and Grosvenor Street frontages and its low-pitched roof slopes to an eaves gutter above the north front, which is also fully glazed. The structural frame is emphasised by black vertical members on the north side and the recessed entrance on the Sloane Street front is marked by white column motifs.</p>			
<p>Modifications: There are no evident modifications.</p>			

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Contribution To Streetscape:	<i>Appropriate Scale/mass</i>	<i>Compatible Form/shape</i>	<i>Harmonious Style</i>	<i>Compatible Materials</i>	<i>Existing Colour Scheme</i>	<i>Existing Shop Fronts</i>
	5	5	5	5	5	n/a
<i>1= Excellent 2= Good 3= Fair 4= Poor 5= Disruptive</i>						
Heritage Listings	LEP	NT	AHC	Heritage Study	Other	
Statement of Significance: <p>* Located on the site of the distinctive Summer hill Theatre, this building, though an interesting design, is an unfortunately disruptive element in this enclave of traditional load bearing modelled and detailed facades..</p>						
Recommendations For Conservation Action: <p>(a) <i>Immediate:</i></p> <p>(b) <i>Medium Term:</i></p> <p>(c) <i>Long Term:</i></p>						
Desirable Planning Objectives: Replace with a structure designed in sympathy and style with the surrounding residential and commercial precinct.						
Additional Comments: This building stands as a testament to a lack of proper consideration by a consent authority of the impact which a new building will have on the character and amenity of an existing environment						

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1993 PHOTOGRAPH

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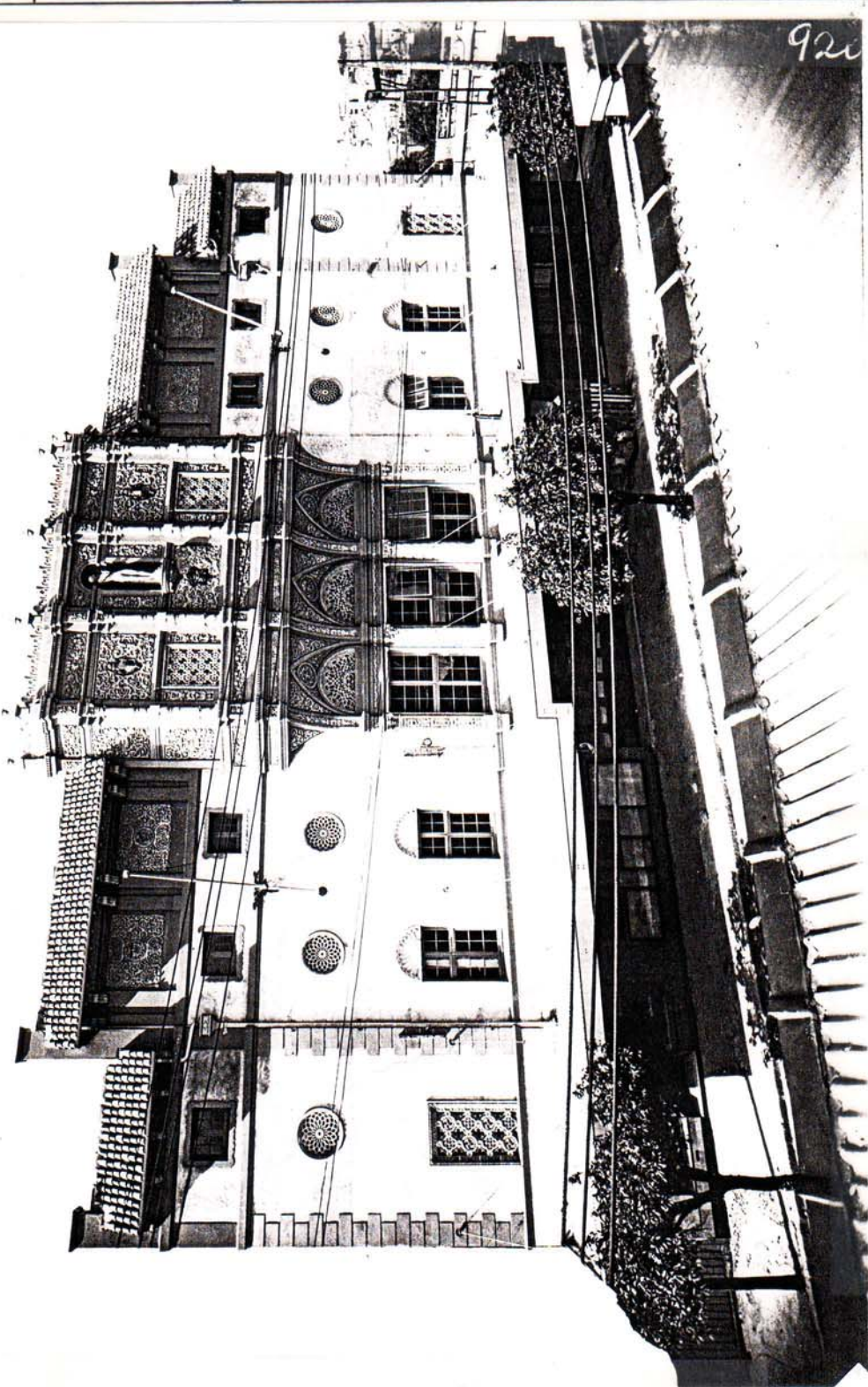
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