

**HABERFIELD MAIN STREET STUDY 1993**
**INVENTORY**

<b>Address:</b> 141 Ramsay Street		<b>Item No.</b> 12	<b>Page No.</b> 1/6
<b>Name of Building:</b> O'Shea's Pharmacy			
<b>Former Name:</b> Hill's Building			
<b>Owner:</b>			
<b>Lessee/s:</b>		<b>Current Use/s:</b>	
<b>Date of Construction:</b> c.1905	<b>Architect:</b>	<b>Builder:</b>	
<p><b>History:</b> O'Shea's Pharmacy is the last surviving part of one of Haberfield's first commercial buildings, comprising shops with dwellings above, which was erected in about 1905 on three blocks of land at the north-east corner of Dalhousie and Ramsay Streets. The first owner was Eliza Hill, wife of James Hill, and early tenants in the shop that still survives were hairdressers - William Hopkins (c.1909), Norman Hill (c.1910) and John Magill (c.1911 - ?).</p>			
<p><b>References:</b> Land Titles Office records.  <i>Sands Directories.</i>  Ashfield Municipal Council Building Applications Registers.</p>			
<p><b>Description:</b> A two-storey building of brick and painted stucco. The ground floor shopfront, though altered, probably had a similar arrangement of central ingo, splayed windows, stallboards and top hampers. The upper storey has a three-light window with a segmentally arched head and the parapet above is marked by moulded string courses and thin vertical ribs capped above the coping line, between which are roughcast panels.</p>			
<p><b>Modifications:</b> The present facade is less than one third of its original length, the frontage having originally extended much further westwards towards Dalhousie Street. It also had a substantial double-storeyed verandah with paired turned timber posts, exposed upper floor beams, elaborate brackets to the lower storey posts and, at the upper level, a delicate frieze screen of turned and square timber members. The present footpath awning is a suspended steel structure. Details of the original shopfront are not known.</p>			

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<b>Contribution To Streetscape:</b>	<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>
	2	2	2	2	4	3
1= Excellent    2= Good    3= Fair    4= Poor    5= Disruptive						
<b>Heritage Listings</b>	LEP	NT	AHC	Heritage Study	Other	
<b>Statement of Significance:</b>  <p>This is an interesting remnant of an early and quite impressive suite of shops and dwellings.</p>						
<b>Recommendations For Conservation Action:</b>  <p>(a) <i>Immediate:</i> Adopt a more appropriate facade colour scheme above the awning.</p> <p>(b) <i>Medium Term:</i></p> <p>(c) <i>Long Term:</i></p>						
<b>Desirable Planning Objectives:</b>						
<b>Additional Comments:</b>						

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1993 PHOTOGRAPH

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Photograph taken by  
Robert Irving

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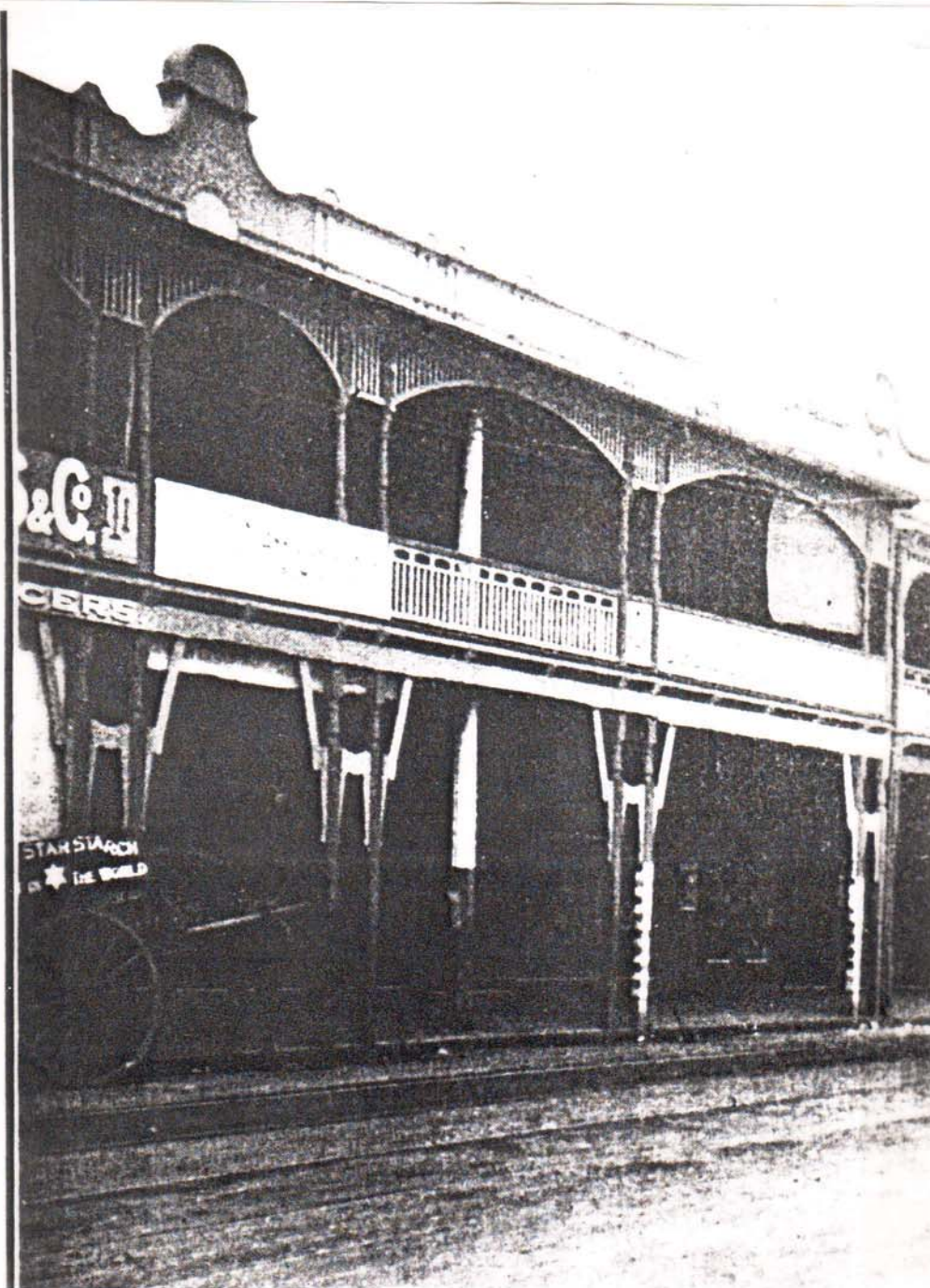
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<b>Source</b> Haberfield Pty Ltd Brochure	<b>Photographer</b>	<b>Date</b> c. 1910
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*Adopt appropriate colour  
& signage schemes*

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1. LIGHT STONE  
parapet capping, string cornice, vertical ribs
2. BUTTERSCOTCH  
roughcast panels.
3. AUTUMN  
cornice
- 4 Strip paint from originally exposed brick elements  
or paint to match unpainted brickwork.
- 5 LIGHT STONE  
window frames.
6. EGGSHELL  
window sashes.
- 7 VENETIAN RED  
awning front.