

HABERFIELD MAIN STREET STUDY 1993
INVENTORY

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Name of Building: Westpac Bank			
Former Name:			
Owner:			
Lessee/s:		Current Use/s:	
Date of Construction:	Architect:	Builder:	
History: The Westpac Bank is built on part of the site of one of Haberfield's first commercial buildings. Eliza Hall had the block of shops and dwellings erected in about 1905. Only one bay of Eliza Hall's building remains, i.e. the present-day No. 141.			
References: <i>Sands Directories.</i> Land Titles Office Records.			
Description: The building is two storeys high and in this respect alone the design respects its neighbours. Its lines are considerably lower than those of adjacent buildings and its ribbed metal roof facing the street is visible with an overhanging eaves, rather than concealed behind a parapet. The facade is slightly set back from the building line, between canted flanking walls of white brick, and is horizontally divided by a cantilevered awning having a troughed metal fascia. Above and below the awning the facade is articulated by narrow, closely-spaced vertical fins of white brickwork, east side and above it is window. A bank sign is suspended outside the entrance and another is mounted above the awning roof.			
Modifications: There are no evident modifications.			

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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>
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<i>1= Excellent 2= Good 3= Fair 4= Poor 5= Disruptive</i>						
Heritage Listings	LEP	NT	AHC	Heritage Study	Other	
Statement of Significance: <p>A facade which contributes negatively to the streetscape in terms of its proportions, angularity, materials, colours and details.</p>						
Recommendations For Conservation Action: <p>(a) <i>Immediate:</i></p> <p>(b) <i>Medium Term:</i></p> <p>(c) <i>Long Term:</i> Replace with a facade or a building more harmonious and appropriate to the streetscape setting.</p>						
Desirable Planning Objectives: Introduce planning legislation preventing such intrusion and uncouth work ever again. If such controls can be implemented this Municipality will be the envy of all the world.						
Additional Comments:						

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1993 PHOTOGRAPH

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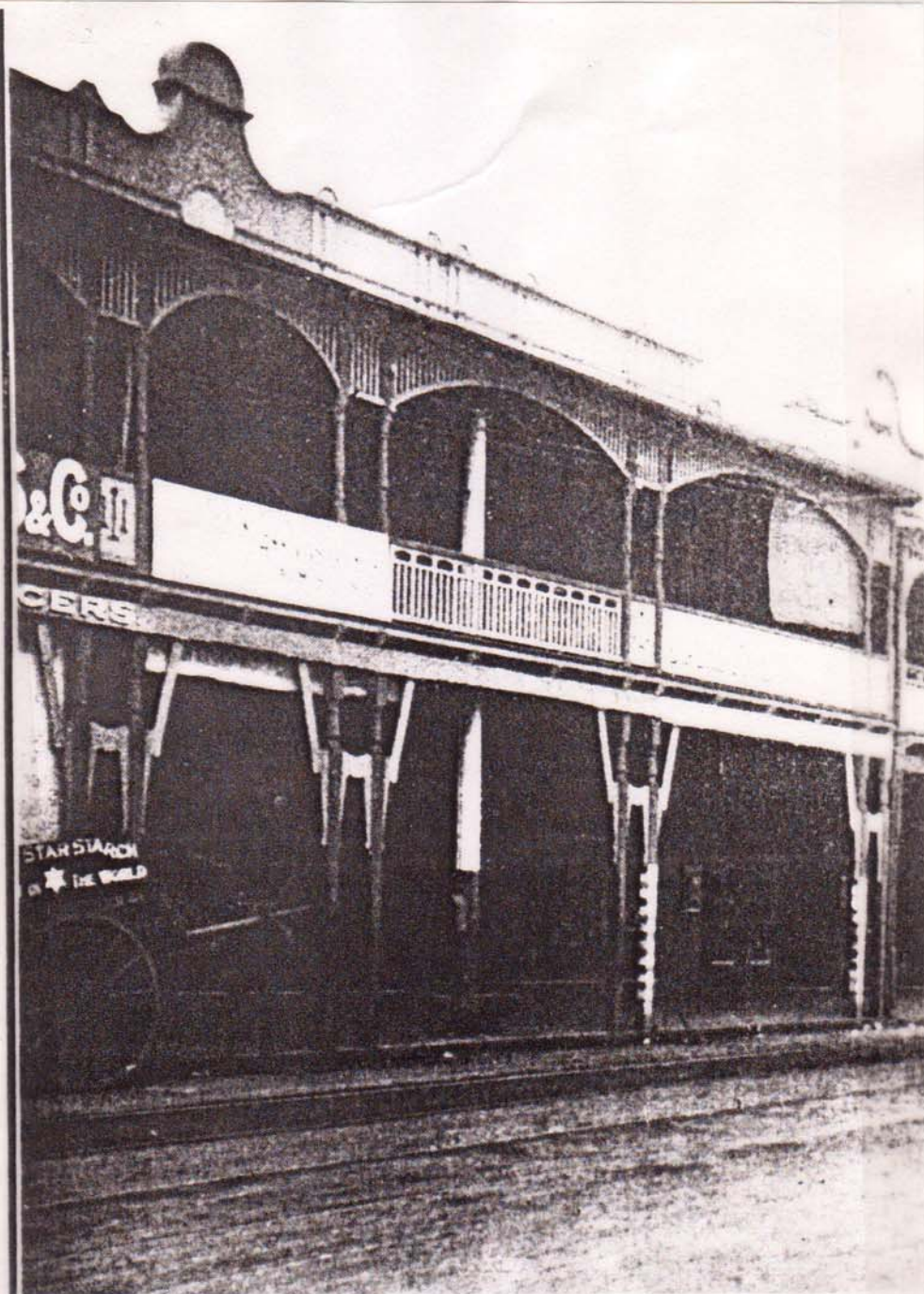
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Robert Irving

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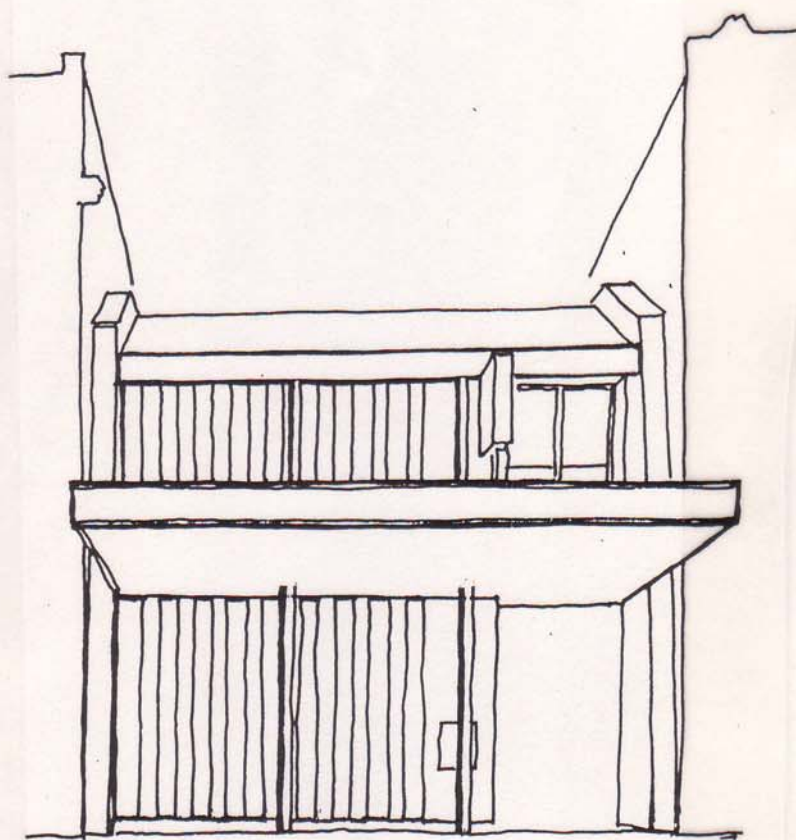


Source Haberfield Pty Ltd Brochure	Photographer	Date c. 1910
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