HABERFIELD MAIN STREET STUDY 1993 INVENTORY Address: 179, 181, 183 Ramsay Street Item No. Page No. 20 1/6 Name of Building: Ron Wilson Discounts Former Name: Smith's Building Owner: Lessee/s: Current Use/s: **Date of Construction: 1915** Architect: Builder: C. A. Smith

History: On 12 July, 1915 C. A. Smith of Haberfield submitted an application to Ashfield Council for the erection of three shops and attached three roomed dwelling in Ramsay Road, two of them estimated to cost £600 each and the third £650. Ashfield Council's Building Applications Register indicates that Smith was the builder as well as the owner.

The first occupiers of the shops were:

179 - Arthur Rawlings, grocer

181 - Robert Stevenson, refreshment room

183 - Whittaker Bros, electricians

References: Sands Directories.

Ashfield Municipal Council Building Application Register

Description: A suite of three shops with residential accommodation above. The corner unit is narrower than the other two, extends along Rawson Street and has a side residential entrance in that street. The facade is marked by semi-circular openings of brickwork below as well as above the footpath awning, which it is assumed was originally a posted structure returning around the acute corner. The corner is marked by a splay which has an entrance, above which is a rendered panel bearing a monogram with the initials CAS, while above that rises a simple segmental pediment in which is the date 1915. Above the awning the rendered Ramsay Street front is divided into bays by piers which rise above the parapet and into panels by strips and bands. The Rawson Street elevation is of plain brickwork, now painted, having a stepped parapet following the line of the skillion roof. The original domestic window openings in this elevation are segmentally arched.

Modifications: The Ramsay Street upper arched openings, which are presumed to have been balconies, have been filled in with windows. Face brickwork, including detailing, has been painted. The shopfront windows, which also have semi-circular arches, have modified joinery and glazing no longer incorporating shop entrances. It is not known whether the three matching wide arched display windows along Rawson Street are original.

The footpath awning is now a suspended structure with a wide fascia and ineffective verge guttering.

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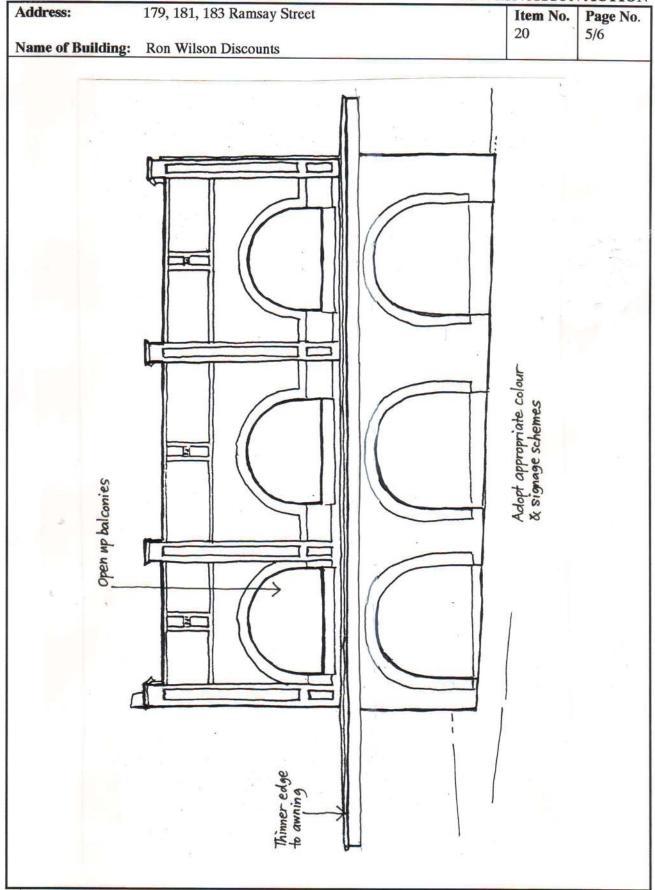
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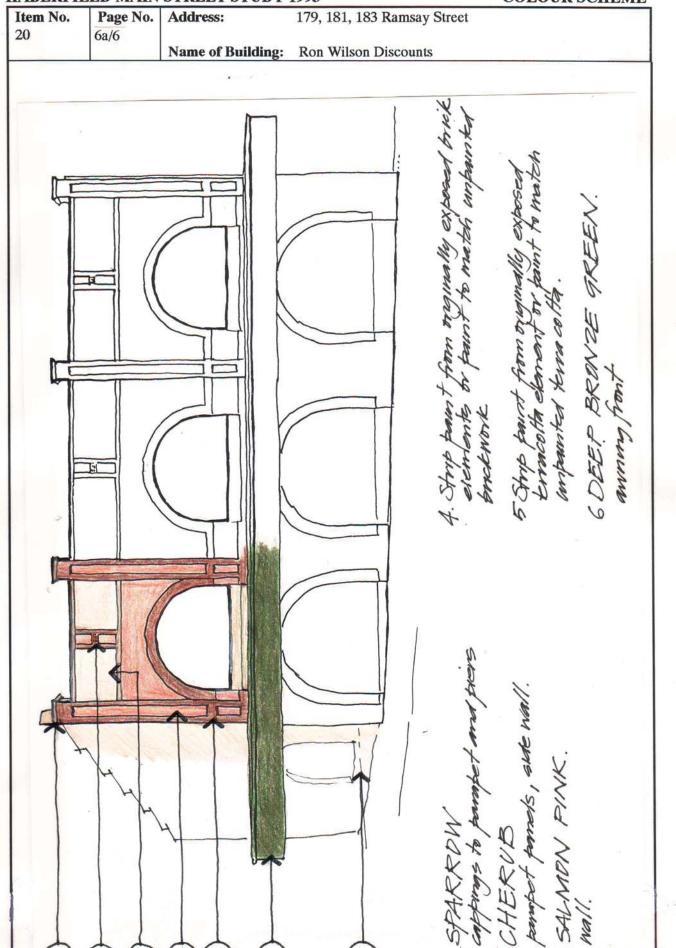
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