

160 LIVERPOOL ROAD: Shop and dwelling

Brief description

This is a simple two-storey building located at the corner of Queen Street and containing the Sim Kebab Restaurant. It has brick walls with rendered finish and a splayed corner and the roof is terra cotta tiles. The upper storey has round-arched windows with label moulds. There is a suspended awning extending around the corner to Queen Street (The original balcony was cantilevered and roofed). On the Queen Street wall there is a mural done in 2000, one of several in Ashfield commissioned by Ashfield Community Services and designed and painted in 2000 by Robin Martin and Lyndon Robb of Mural Magic Fine Art Services. The property is affected by proposed street widening.

Outline history

The first occupancy of this site dates from 1880, when James Ireland owned it and operated a butcher's shop here. It was evidently a timber building and was replaced by the present structure in 1882. It seems that Ireland died in about 1889 and the property was then mortgaged to the AMP Society. The butchery was taken over by James Davoran. After a brief spell as a produce store the business was a butchery again until 1928, when Harold Murray opened a pharmacy there, which prospered until at least 1955. In that year the property valuation was £7,400.

Reason for listing

A pleasing, small-scale building befitting its corner location and having an unbroken historical record over a period of a century and a quarter. *Criteria (a), (c).*

Other relevant documentation and citations

Rate books, 1880-1907; Valuer-General's records, 1884-1955; all at Ashfield Council Archives. *Sands Directory.*



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Two contrasting historic views of 160 Liverpool Road and its context. *Above*, a photograph taken in the 1980s, from the Ashfield & District Historical Society's collection. The house on the left, now demolished, is 'Mittagong Villa'. No 160 is on the far corner of Holden Street. *Below*, an engraving from the Town & Country Journal, showing No 160 on the far left, as it was in 1884

