

## **198-198A LIVERPOOL ROAD: Shops and dwellings**

### **Brief description**

This pair of shops, occupied by 'Newaz' and a dental surgery, has a central entry for access to the upstairs occupancies. It is a two-storeyed building of mottled face brick, of simple design with Arts-and-Crafts overtones, marked by a parapet with four capped piers. There is a suspended awning and the shopfronts have retained their original form. It is a most interesting pair: No 198 was designed with the dwelling attached at the rear of the shop, while No 198A was designed as a lock-up shop with a separate attached residence behind; two separate dwellings, accessed by a rear stair, were designed above the shops.

### **Outline history**

This site, originally containing stables and a store, was owned by Sybal and Rose Mawter. In 1938 Sybal Mawter lodged a Building Application for brick shops, dwellings and a printery, estimated to cost £6,000. The architect for the work was H V Wollaston, ARAIA, of Pymble, and the builder W Kenneth of Leichhardt. The printery and a fifth flat, and possibly the stables also, were at the rear of the site. The Mawters sold the property in 1946 to Spiros Psaltis, cafe proprietor, of Wagga. In a 1954 reference the flats were named 'Sybal Court', while one shop was a frock shop and the other a cake shop.

### **Reason for listing**

A modestly-scaled building which, with its neighbours, makes a good visual contribution to the streetscape. Its history is also interesting. *Criteria (a), (c).*

### **Other relevant documentation**

(1) Valuer-General's records, 1937-55; BA No 8364 for 1938; and other documents in Ashfield Council Archives. *Sands Directories.*



*In the above photograph, 198-198A is the red face-brick building on the left*

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