

211-217A LIVERPOOL ROAD: Shops and dwellings

Brief description

An Inter-War building comprising five shops with residential quarters above. The facade above the awning is a satisfyingly simple Arts-&-Crafts design with capped pilasters and a pediment motif above one bay which formerly bore the legend 'AD 1924'. There was probably a posted awning above the footpath; this has been replaced with diverse suspended awnings.

Outline history

Erection of this group started in 1923, built for Alfred Dance by H Parkes, an Ashfield builder. It replaced earlier buildings. The first occupants included a tobacconist and hairdresser; a furniture manufacturer, an estate agent, a pastrycook, a fruiterer, a butcher and, for a while, the Ashfield branch of the Government Savings Bank. The Dance family owned the property until the 1950s, when the titles began to be separated. It is of interest that the creation of Brown Street made No 217A a corner building, which it was never intended to be. The west wall facing Brown Street now has a landscape mural

Reason for listing

The value of this building lies in its appropriate streetscape scale, its simple form and pleasing detail. Criteria (a), (c).

Other relevant documentation

Valuer-General's records, 1922-1955; BA No 1853 for 1923; *Sands Directories*.

