

298-312 LIVERPOOL ROAD: Shops with other occupancies above

Brief description

A group of eight occupancies with shops and offices at street level, the eastern end of the building being at the corner of Miller Avenue. Designed in the Arts-&-Crafts idiom, with a visible pitched roof and front eaves overhangs, it was subtly contrived to suit its slightly angled and gently sloping site. The facade is divided by small parapetted pediment motifs into three segments facing Liverpool Road. One of these emphasises the curve of the street. The one at the chamfered corner also terminates the segment that addresses Miller Street. The upper storey now has a treatment of blind panels which presumably replaced fenestration.

Outline history

This building was erected in 1928 or 1929 by William Angus as owner-builder. It replaced a house owned by Henrietta Abrams. In 1929 it was sold on to Dr S Abramovich of Bankstown. In 1932 the occupants were a butcher, a fish shop, a printery, a cycle shop, a pram shop, a decorator, a boot repairer and a fruiterer. The building was subdivided in 1952, most of the purchasers being the respective occupants.

Reason for listing

A group of eight streetfront occupancies in the one building is unusual. This one is pleasingly simple and stylish, despite alterations and blatant signage. The building effectively addresses the Miller Street corner and has considerable potential as a townscape element. *Criteria (c), (e).*

Other relevant documentation

Building Application Nos 5783-5790 of 1929; Valuer-General's records, 1928-55; in Ashfield Council Archives. *Sands Directories*; *The Ashfield Heritage Study 1992*.

