

# ASHFIELD HERITAGE STUDY

1991-1992

<b>NAME</b> Factory		<b>REFERENCE NO.</b> 214
<b>OTHER NAMES</b> Vita-Weet Building Formerly PEEK FREAN		<b>REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>LOCALITY / SUBURB</b> Ashfield	<b>POSTCODE</b> 2131	<b>ZONING</b> 4(b)
<b>STREET ADDRESS</b> 476 Parramatta Road, Corner Frederick Street		<b>OWNER</b> Arnotts Biscuits N.S.W. Division
<b>MAP</b>	<b>REFERENCE</b>	<b>BOUNDARY / IDENTIFICATION</b>  The property boundary
<b>PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS/HISTORICAL NOTES - SEE OVER</b>		
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>SUB CATEGORY</b>	
<b>EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE</b>		
Historic: Rare <input type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Representative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Aesthetic: Rare <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input type="checkbox"/>	Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
Social: Rare <input type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
Scientific: Rare <input type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input type="checkbox"/>	Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
Other: Rare <input type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input type="checkbox"/>	Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE</b>		
* A handsome landmark industrial building of a kind rare in the Municipality.		
		<b>SITE CONDITION</b>
		Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Minor Alteration <input type="checkbox"/>
		Major Alteration <input type="checkbox"/>
		- Sympathetic <input type="checkbox"/>
		- Unsympathetic <input type="checkbox"/>
		Removed (site only) <input type="checkbox"/>



<b>PHOTOGRAPHS</b>	<b>DATE OF SURVEY</b>
BandW ROLL 91-052-9	6/4/92
COLOUR SLIDES ROLL	<b>SURVEYOR</b>
NEG NO. 0	RI/CHP
FRAME NO.	
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<b>HERITAGE LISTINGS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Register of the National Estate (AHC) - Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Register of the National Estate (AHC) - Interim <input type="checkbox"/> Register of National Trust (NSW) <input type="checkbox"/> Within National Trust Conservation Area <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Register of Significant Twentieth Century Architecture (RAIA) <input type="checkbox"/> Department of Public Works Heritage and Conservation Register <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Permanent Conservation Order <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Interim Conservation Order <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Section 130 Order <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Nomination <input type="checkbox"/> NSW Government Department Heritage Register (S170 Heritage Act) <input type="checkbox"/> Institution of Engineers (NSW) Heritage Register <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Environmental Plan Heritage Schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Local Environmental Plan Heritage Schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<b>PERIOD</b> Pre - 1800 <input type="checkbox"/> 1800 - 1825 <input type="checkbox"/> 1825 - 1850 <input type="checkbox"/> 1851 - 1875 <input type="checkbox"/> 1876 - 1900 <input type="checkbox"/> 1901 - 1925 <input type="checkbox"/> 1926 - 1950 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1951 - 1975 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post - 1975 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>REFERENCE NO.</b> 214 <b>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:</b> c. 1936 - c. 1970 <b>ARCHITECT / DESIGNER:</b> Ross and Rowe <b>BUILDER:</b> Not known
	<b>HISTORICAL THEMES:</b> State Themes: Industrialisation and de-industrialisation  Local Themes: Industry, commerce and retail trade.	

## HISTORICAL NOTES

The land on which this factory stands was purchased from the Trustees of the Infants Home on 6th October, 1935.  
 The "brick factory and offices" were estimated to cost forty thousand pounds in 1935. The name of the builder was not noted on the building application.

## INFORMATION SOURCES:

Written: Building application, November 1935

Oral: N. Peek, historical searches.

Graphic:

## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Materials: Brick/render walls, factory has steel framed roof, steel windows, some double glazed.

Exterior: Two storey office building with five storey corner tower. Loading dock in Frederick Street.

Interior: Generally plaster finishes. Concrete stairs, some plastered concrete beams.

Styles: Inter-War Functionalist/Art Deco, Post-War International.

## DESCRIPTION:

A large rectangular building built in several stages. The main structure comprises a single storey steel framed and sawtooth roofed factory, with a two storey office building facing Parramatta Road, and extended in recent years. The complex is dominated by a Landmark tower, of circular plan with facets which make it octagonal for its lower four storeys. Corbusian windows of the offices are contrasted with the vertical faceting of the tower. These verticals spring from a curved cantilever awning over the recessed corner entrance where there is a curved stair leading to a patterned terrazzo porch. The front doors are of timber, with chrome push bars.

## MODIFICATION:

The original corner ensemble is substantially intact. There are many extensions beyond the front structure.