# AD 2001 Ashfield Heritage Study Review of Areas Zoned 2(a)

Name of Item Other Names	Part of a group of fo	our shops with dwellings above	Reference N° 4 05 01
Address	111 Edwin Street North, corner of Elizabeth Street		Land Title
Locality	Croydon	Postcode	
Item Type	Building		Owner/s
Group Name			
This is an integral part of a dignified traditional suite of shops with dwellings above. It forms an effective streetscape component which incorporates a prominent and visually interesting corner that acts as a visual 'portal' to this densely-built end of Edwin Street North.  Evidence indicates that the corner shop had a long history as a pharmacy.  The place has associations with an early Ashfield alderman as well as with the building boom of the 1880s.  Note: This Inventory item corrects a mistake in which the corner occupancy of the group was omitted from the LEP Schedule, only 3 of the 4 premises being listed.			Condition as observed from street —  Intact  Minor alteration —  Sympathetic  Major alteration —  Sympathetic  Major alteration —  Unsympathetic  Unsympathetic
Summary of S Ra	•	ive Representative	Modifications —
Historic [		⊠	Shopfronts altered.
Aesthetic [		×	Footpath awning now a metal suspended
Social [		⊠	structure. Some
Scientific [			alterations to upper facade including two
Other [			windows



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**Current Use** 

Reference N°

Shop with dwelling above, 111 Edwin Street North, Croydon. Part of an existing group, 105-111 Edwin Street North. Nos 105-109 are already listed as an item

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Heritage Listing

Recommended

Themes: Local

**Themes: State** 

Industry, commerce and retail trade.

Booms and busts

Subdivision and consolidation

#### **Historical Notes**

At first part of a grant made to Augustus Alt in 1794, this area was by about 1820 subsumed by Joseph Underwood's Ashfield Park Estate.(1) By 1880 this site was part of a subdivision of Anthony Hordern's Estate. It was purchased in 1886 by James Mackay, a carcass butcher and Ashfield alderman. The shops and dwellings were built for him in 1888 (the date on the parapet). Upon Mackay's death the property passed to his widow, Patience B Mackay, who sold it to Norbert McClutchie in 1925. The site was subdivided into individual holdings in 1947. Early editions of *Sands Directory* show the corner shop as a pharmacy.(2)

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### **Physical Description**

This is a most pleasing composition of four occupancies, one of them at the Elizabeth Street corner. It is a brick and stucco structure with shops below a metal awning over the footpath, and a Free Classical facade above. The facade, which is mostly original, is divided into four bays by boldly rusticated pilasters having capitals which support a moulded entablature. Above this there is a panelled parapet, and atop the piers are pedestals which originally supported precast urns (only one of these remains). There are two semicircular-headed windows in each bay (two of them now altered) and another, treated as a blind arch recess, in the splayed corner, above which the parapet extends upwards as a pediment bearing the date of the building, the centennial year of 1888. The windows are linked by a string course and have moulded archivolts and keystone motifs. Around the Elizabeth Street corner the pilastrated mode is applied at ground-floor level and beyond that is a service wing. The slope of the site downwards from Edwin Street permits garages and yards facing the rear unnamed lane.

#### **Information Sources**

- (1) Ashfield Heritage Study 1993, vol 1, pp 32, 36.
- (2) Rate Books, Title searches, Sands Directory volumes. Research by Nora Peek.