

## Ashfield Heritage Study Inventory Sheets 2010

<b>Name of Item</b>	Pair of shops with dwellings above	<b>Reference N°</b>	10/34																								
<b>Other Names</b>	‘Cashman’s Building’																										
<b>Address</b>	129-131 Ramsay Street	<b>Land Title</b>																									
<b>Locality</b>	Haberfield	<b>Postcode</b>	2045																								
<b>Item Type</b>	Building	<b>Owner/s</b>																									
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<b>Statement of Significance</b>	<p>A pleasing pair of shop-and-dwelling occupancies which, despite having been altered, makes a positive streetscape contribution. The pair also exhibits some of the character of the Haberfield architect John Spencer-Stansfield’s work.</p>		<p><b>Condition as observed from street —</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Intact</p> <p><b>Minor alteration —</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic</p> <p><b>Major alteration —</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic</p> <p><b>Modifications —</b></p> <p>Original awning has been removed and replaced. Recessed balconies have been filled in. Shopfronts also altered.</p>																								
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**Surveyed by**                      RI                      **Survey Date**                      6/4/2010

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<p><b>Current Use</b> Shops with dwellings above</p>	<p><b>Reference N°</b> 10/34</p>
<p><b>Heritage Listing</b>    Ashfield Local Environmental Plan 1985, Schedule 7</p>	
<p><b>Themes : Local</b> Industry, commerce and retail trade</p>	<p><b>Themes : State</b> Cultural and social life. A place to live</p>
<p><b>Historical Notes</b></p> <p>On the H E C Robinson Map of the North-East Ward of Ashfield (undated but from c 1910) the sites along Ramsay Street are shown as not being part of the 'Residential District', they having been deemed appropriate for commercial-retail development. It appears that H May owned this particular site.(1) He sold it to James Loudon, who then sold the site to James Cashman of 5 Rawson Street, It was Cashman who erected this pair, which first appears in the Ashfield rate book in 1911.(2) The earliest tenants were James H Lovell, draper, in No 129 and Lincoln Kerr, fruiterer in 131. The fruiterery business continued for some time but the drapery changed to a stationer's shop in 1916.</p> <p>In 1922 Mrs Ada E Cashman, of Ocean Street Woollahra, acquired the property from James Cashman. At that time the stationery business still occupied No 129 and the fruiterer was still in No 131. In 1958, when Mrs Cashman still owned the property, the improved valuation for each occupancy was £5,250.(3)</p>	
<p><b>Physical Description</b></p> <p>A pleasing pair of shop-and-dwelling occupancies which, despite having been altered, exhibits some of the character of John Spencer-Stansfield's work, and so he was the probable architect. The upper part of the facade is a brick and stucco composition, divided by distinctive piers with green tiled inserts and, above the parapet line, moulded stucco caps. It is marked by semi-circular arches which originally framed recessed balconies with timber balustrades. The three-ring arches have stucco label moulds and brick abutments. Above them the walling is stuccoed, a moulded string course forming the architrave of a broad entablature motif whose frieze has a trio of brick ribs in each bay and whose moulded, dentillated cornice forms the base of the parapet. Paired brackets on the piers also support the cornice. The stucco parapet is curvilinear at the skyline.</p> <p>The shopfronts are altered but still have glass top hampers.</p>	
<p><b>Information Sources</b></p> <p>(1) One record declares that the land was bought from Haberfield Pty Ltd.  (2) No building application has been found. The Council BA register from April 1910 to August 1911 is missing.  (3) Information about owners, occupiers and valuations are found in Ashfield Archives BA records and rate books, in the Valuer-General's records and in <i>Sands Directories</i>.</p>	