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Terrace of six shops with dwellings above 'Kerrigan's Buildings'			Reference N° 10/40	
167-177 Ramsay Street, corner of Rawson Street Haberfield Postcode 2045			Land Title	
Building				Owner/s
Statement of Significance A large and very attractive terrace of shops which have historical interest and considerable aesthetic value and also make a positive contribution to the streetscape of this commercial precinct.				Condition as observed from street — Intact Minor alteration — Sympathetic Unsympathetic Major alteration — Sympathetic
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Current Use	Reference N°
Shops with dwellings above	10/40

Heritage Listing Ashfield Local Environmental Plan 1985, Schedule 7

Themes: Local Themes: State

Industry, commerce and retail trade

Cultural and social life. A place to live

Historical Notes

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. The allotment 55 feet (16.76 m) wide at the corner of Rawson Street and the adjoining lot were purchased in 1915 from J Schmidt by Kate Kerrigan, of the Clarence Hotel, Parramatta Road, Leichhardt. Building Applications Nos 2462-67 were lodged on 29 September that year. They were for the erection of five brick shop-and-dwelling units of 17-foot 6-inch (5.33 m) frontage and one of 20 feet 3 inches (6.17 m). The establishment date, 1915, is shown in some of the parapets on the facade of this group.

The first occupants, as listed in *Sands Directory* for 1917, were Leslie Ritchie, confectioner; Mrs L A McElroy, milliner; Miss F Hinton, ladies' outfitter; J and M Darragh, fishmongers; James Skinner, fruiterer; and Frank H Davis (at the corner), boot shop.

In 1943 the group was owned by John Joseph Kerrigan, who sold the property to Mrs Eva Sender for £7,350. In 1958, still owned by Mrs Sender, the improved valuations were £4,000 each (167, 169), \$3,900 each (171, 173), £4,100 each (175) and £4,500 each (177).(1)

Physical Description

A fine terrace of six shops, No 177 at the corner of Rawson Street and No 167 at the corner of a lane. It is a two-storeyed brick structure with brick and painted roughcast render detailing. There are three levels which echo the slope of Ramsay Street. Brick piers with vertical strips and embellished caps separate the facades of the different occupancies. Wide arches at first floor level were recessed balconies but are now filled in. Parapet details include circular and rectangular panels, the one at the splayed corner bearing the name of the building and, in a surmounting segmental pediment, the date 1915. Around the obtuse corner in Rawson Street the facade is simply painted brickwork. Below the suspended awnings, couple of the shopfronts have some original tiling, one with Art nouveau motifs. Some entrances survive between shopfronts, leading to the upper storey accommodation.

Information Sources

(1) Information about owners, occupiers and valuations are found in Ashfield Archives BA records and rate books, in the Valuer-General's records and in *Sands Directories*.