

Blue Mountains Heritage Register Review

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G053

Item Name: **Timber shop building**

Location: **23-29 Park Street, Glenbrook [Blue Mountains]**

Address: 23-29 Park Street

DUAP Region: Sydney West

Suburb / Nearest Town: Glenbrook 2773

Historic region: Sydney

Local Govt Area: Blue Mountains

Parish:

State: NSW

County:

Address: Ross Street; Raymond Street

DUAP Region: Sydney West

Suburb / Nearest Town: Glenbrook 2773

Historic region: Sydney

Local Govt Area: Blue Mountains

Parish:

State: NSW

County:

Other/Former Names: Brownlow's Store, Green Real Estate

Area/Group/Complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal Area:

Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type:

Group:

Category:

Owner: Private - Corporate

Admin Codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current Use: Real estate agent

Former Uses: Retail store; joiner's shop; newsagency; medical surgery; dental surgery

Assessed Significance: **Local**

Endorsed Significance:

Statement of Significance: The premises on a prominent corner site have historical significance because a variety of commercial enterprises important to the community have operated there throughout the twentieth century. It is also significant as one of only two commercial premises in the village which have retained their characteristic external aspect.

Historical Notes or Provenance: The store on the corner of Park and Ross Streets, previously Green Real Estate, was originally developed before 1910 by John Howlett, who had the store at 6 Wascoe Street (G 046). The store on Park Street was run initially by Ted and Bill Brownlow and then by Mrs Evans, but the shopkeepers were always lessees, first to Howlett, then from 1914 onwards to Donald Skarratt of Mountside. The Skarratt family continued to own the land until after World War II. The store became a joiner's shop, then a newsagency in the 1950s, a haberdashery and medical and dental surgery in the 1960s and then Green Real Estate.

Although the interior of the store has been much altered, the outside integrity is high: the front verandah is a particularly significant element in the streetscape and plans to extend the verandah on the Ross Street side (which never had a verandah) should be discouraged.

Themes: National Theme

State Theme

Local Theme

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3. Economy

Commerce

(none)

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started:

1900

Year Completed:

1910

Circa: Yes

Physical Description: A single storey gabled shop facing north to Park Street with a hipped roof wing on the west side. The shop is built on the east and north property boundaries and has a skillion verandah on timber posts to the north of the main gabled section. The hipped wing has a skillion awning. The other parts of the property are now occupied by no. 23 Syd's Caffé, 25, Nifty Finger, 27, Country Blue. The Real Estate is itself no. 29, but it is an integral site.

The skillion verandah has a timber valance at the west end.

The roof is of corrugated steel and the cladding is of rusticated weatherboards.

The main gabled section was extended to the south at an early date.

Most openings on the east side, facing Ross Street, have been altered and the shopfronts have been replaced. However, the character of the original shop remains.

The interiors were inspected for the Heritage Review 2016-2017. The inspection was visual only, there was no opening up.

The interiors have been altered and no original internal fabric is visible. The interiors were recently refurbished with a complete contemporary shop fit-out in c.2016. There may be original fabric concealed beneath more recent layers, such as original ceilings, floorboards and walls but these were not visible during the 2017 inspection.

Physical Condition: Good

Modification Dates: The interiors have been upgraded in 1998 and again c.2016

Recommended Management:

Conserve external form of building including verandah on north side.

Conserve weatherboard cladding.

Plans to extend the verandah on the Ross Street side (which never had a verandah) should be discouraged.

Original internal fabric may be concealed beneath more recent layers. At the time of any new work or refurbishment, care should be taken during any demolition to ensure possible original or early layers or evidence that is currently concealed is not damaged or removed. If original material is uncovered it may be worthy of investigation, retention, protection and/or conservation. This is dependent upon the significance and condition of the fabric. An

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opportunity should be taken to record any early evidence and/or provide interpretation if retention is not possible, with records such as photos/notes (hard copy or digital) informally submitted to Council to the attention of Council's heritage advisor.

Management:

Further Comments:

Criteria a) The premises on a prominent corner site have historical significance because a variety of commercial enterprises important to the community have operated there throughout the twentieth century. It is also significant as one of only two commercial premises in the village which have retained their characteristic external aspect.

Criteria b)

Criteria c) The shop at 23-39 Park Street, Glenbrook is a representative example of a c.1900 shop which has retained its original form and character.

Criteria d)

Criteria e)

Criteria f) Rare in preserving the external aspect of an early store

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness: Reasonable

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Peard, Bill	100 years of retailing in Glenbrook, Glenbrook Village Centenary Spring Festival, November 9-10	1985

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Blue Mountains City Council	Technical Audit BM Heritage Register	G053	2008
	Jack, R. I., for University of Sydney	Heritage Assessment, Glenbrook	G053	2000
	Blue Mountains City Council	Heritage Review 2016-2017		2017

Parcels:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Location validity:

Spatial Accuracy:

Map Name:

Map Scale:

AMG Zone:

Easting:

Northing:

Listings:	Name:	Title:	Number:	Date:
	Local Environmental Plan	LEP 2015		21/12/2015
	Local Environmental Plan	LEP2005	G053	7/10/2005
	Heritage study		G053	

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Local Identifier: G053

Draft Instrument:

Technical Comment:

Update Notes: (i) Heritage Review 2016-2017 - name changed from Green Real Estate to timber shop building, interiors added, Aboriginal statement added (SR/Oct2016)
(ii) Heritage Review 2016-2017 post-Stage 1 community consultation - interiors removed, description and recommended management updated (SR/Aug2017)

Aboriginal Heritage: The Blue Mountains Local Government Area is within the Country of the Darug and Gundungurra peoples and Blue Mountains City Council respects their cultural heritage and deep ongoing connection to this Country.
This inventory sheet documents the European occupation of the site only, and the heritage significance of the place in this context (assessed against the heritage criteria set by the NSW Heritage Council).
This does not therefore, represent a complete history of the place, or represent the perspectives of Darug and Gundungurra Traditional Owners in relation to the colonial impacts on this site. Consultation with Traditional Owners and other Aboriginal stakeholders is required, before Aboriginal Cultural Heritage that may be associated with this place, can be recorded.

Data Entry: Date First Entered: 31/03/2000

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Caption: Timber shop building

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