

Local Heritage Register: Andrews Treasure Store



Andrews Treasure Store , no date, ca 1980

Building Name :	Andrews Building
Street Address:	11 Wood Street
Property Description :	Lot 1 on RP718052
Land Area:	537m ²

Description

This two-storey building complements a row of Art Deco buildings on the eastern side of Wood Street and is part of a group of shops and the McGuires Hotel complex built in the same style.

The McGuires and Andrew's buildings were constructed by local builder, William Guthrie as an extension to the Belmore Arms Hotel in 1930. This building was constructed first, with the adjacent shops and the new McGuires hotel in 1938.

The McGuire estate included the hotel and the group of four shops to the north. Originally, the four shops were the residential component of the hotel, finely

furnished as reported upon opening by the Daily Mercury on 23 June 1930.

Later, two shops are identified on the parapet as "Andrews Buildings". The buildings were not separated from McGuires until 1961 after the death of Barney McGuire Junior. It was purchased by Roy A & Joan NL Andrew in January 1966, two months after the retirement of Winifred McGuire.

The remaining two shops still contain functions relating to the hotel.

The Shop Group

The four shops were likely identical originally, differences currently are at the ground floor

shopfronts. None of the original shopfronts remain, which were timber framed in silky oak with glazed timber doors at the rear of a tapered recessed entry.

The windows in the above picture are above a false floor for display, common at the time. Above the windows is a strip of glazing containing vertical louvres which probably replace some earlier treatment.

The awning with a flat sheeted soffit, extends over the footpath. It is suspended from the facade on seven round bars, in which there is a turn buckle. In earlier days the northern half of the awning had roll up canvas awnings and metal stirrups hung from the facade, once a common shade device.

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Pilasters which separate the shops rise to the parapet. The top line is castellated with a false front central over each shop, with pilasters and a coping. Between these is run balustrading with urn shaped masonry balusters. The upper facade is plainer stucco, but each shop has a Juliet balcony on cantilever brackets, with L shaped walls at the outer corners reading from the street as sturdy piers.

Masonry balustrading matches the parapet. The roofs are hipped:

a modern alteration. Originally, the shops had open rear porches with double hung windows. Later additions have extended rearwards. The northern shop has a party wall supporting the top floor and roof of the Comino's building and tunnel.

The place is important for its association with the development of the region and the building is important in demonstrating building boom of the interwar period.



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Note that the upper-level 'Andrews' signage has been removed

Statement of Historical Significance

Criteria	Significance
A: Historical significance	The place is important for its association with the development of the region and the building is important in demonstrating building boom of the interwar period in Mackay.
B: All aspects of heritage significance	Does not meet this criterion.
C: Scientific significance	Does not meet this criterion.
D: Architectural significance	Does not meet this criterion.
E: Aesthetic / architectural significance	Andrews and McGuires buildings have aesthetic value, and demonstrate an eclectic mix of Classical, Mediterranean and Spanish Mission architectural characteristics which make a valuable contribution to the Wood Street streetscape.
F: Aesthetic or other significance	Does not meet this criterion.
G: Social significance	Does not meet this criterion.
H: Historical significance	Does not meet this criterion.

References:

- Woods, R., 1995, 'Heritage Places Criteria', ID 25, Mackay City Council
- Mackay Regional Council Records
- Daily Mercury, 23 June 1930
- Land transfer and survey plan data

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