

Local Heritage Register: Williams Building



Williams Building, 2004, Mackay Regional Council

Building Name:	Williams Building / Thornings
Street Address:	31 Wood Street
Property Description:	Lot 2 on RP708862
Land Area:	1440m ²

Description

This large group of shops is two distinct buildings.

The buildings were constructed in 1941 by local builder, William Guthrie, to a design by, Harold Vivian Marsh Brown for a local doctor. Dr Williams wife, Effie, was a well known socialite at the time.

Jeremiah Bullfrogs has been a tenant for some decades, while Thornings baby furnishings occupied the bulk of the building for many years. In earlier times it was a car dealership.

The building is significant historically for its association with the interwar redevelopment of

Mackay and in providing evidence of the development and nature of Art Deco buildings in Mackay.

While the building has been subject to alteration, the original façade of the building retains Art Deco detailing contributing to the heritage values of Wood Street.



Art Deco detailing, 2016, Mackay Regional Council

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Statement of Historical Significance

Criteria	Significance
A: Historical significance	The building was constructed in 1941 by W. Guthrie, to a design by prominent Mackay architect, H.V.M. Brown. The building is significant historically for its association with the Interwar redevelopment of Mackay and in providing evidence of the development and nature of Art Deco buildings.
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	While the building has been subject to a degree of alteration, the original façade of the building above the awning retains Art deco detailing and is important in contributing to the streetscape values of Wood Street.
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', Mackay City Council
- Wright, B, 2016 pers comm.

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