

Local Heritage Register: Pair of Shops

Building Name:	Dupuys Chemist
Street Address:	29-31 Sydney Street
Property Description:	Lots 4 on RP706762 and Lot 3 on RP746404
Land Area:	381m ² and 224m ²



Sydney Street, ca. 1945, Queensland State Library image 23885

Description

This pair of shops completes the historic group of buildings in this part of Sydney Street.

These two shops have had numerous tenants in recent times however the location was the original offices of well-known family business James How Croker and Sons. Crokers later built a larger premises which still stands on the corner of Victoria and Brisbane Streets.

The longest standing tenant is Mr. Kenneth M. Dupuy who advertised the opening of his pharmacy in 1934 and the advertising continues into the 50's. In recent years the buildings have been occupied by the Central Land

Council, Angelos Trattoria and currently a beauty salon and homewares store.

The Building

31 and 29 Sydney Street appear to be attached. The building is believed to date from approximately 1891. The builder and designer are uncertain, but possibly a Mr. Shepherd.

The upper front lines up with the neighbour and contains similar ledges and pilasters. The triangular pediment is the width of the building. The street shop front appears to be early joinery. The door is on the left and shop windows form the remainder of the front. The hung awning is lined below in pressed metal. The fascia is also pressed metal,

common at the period, evidenced in a number of Mackay shops, but few are as intact as is this one.

Walk down the adjacent laneway to see the chimney at the rear of the building and the interesting roof line which appears to delineate the building into two sections. This may point to dual usage of business and residence in early years. This type of roofline is indicative of a late 19th century construction.



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Above Left: Pair of shops from Sydney Street, Above Right: From the adjacent lane, chimney intact and interesting roof line; and Below Right, close-up of building features, 2016, Mackay Regional Council

Statement of Historical Significance

Criteria	Significance
A: Historical significance	Does not meet this criterion.
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	The building possesses Classical architectural attributes including triangular pediments, pilasters and decorative accents on the skyline, and makes an important contribution to the Sydney 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., 1996, 'Heritage Places Criteria,' Mackay City Council
- Daily Mercury, 24 September 1934, 26 August 1939

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