

SHOP

Address: 97 O'Connell Street
Certificate of Title: 5131/873

Use: Commercial
Mainstreet (O'Connell)
Zone: MS1

Heritage Status: LHP
Other Assessments: Nil
Conservation Reports: Nil



HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:

This is a two storey shop with a simple curved parapet and sash windows to the upper floor. A shop was built on this site shortly after Ainsworth A Huddleston, a grocer, bought the property in 1872. By 1876 the shop on site had an annual rateable value of £40 which had doubled by 1892, suggesting the addition of the second storey.

The Huddleston family owned the property until 1937, in which time the property was tenanted to William Beaney as a draper's shop for almost forty years. Thereafter, when it was bought by Oswald and Ernest Smith it was for a number of years a shop for Ernsmiths Radio. It has also been used as a bookmakers and for Godolphins Decorations. After the Bank of Adelaide bought it in 1956, for some time it was used as a bank premises.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE:

These shops are representative of the development of commercial facilities and services during the Victorian period in North Adelaide. They contribute to the historic streetscape of O'Connell Street and reflect the creation of a local 'High Street' for this section of North Adelaide.

RELEVANT CRITERIA (under Section 23(4) of the *Development Act, 1993*):

- (a) This shop displays historical and social themes that are of importance to North Adelaide as it reflects the development of a local North Adelaide economy.
- (c) This shop has played an important part in the lives of local residents in the provision of goods and services to residents of the immediate area and the wider local community.
- (d) This shop displays aesthetic merit and design characteristics of significance to North Adelaide as it is an example of a two storey commercial building of the Victorian period.

EXTENT OF LISTING:

The external form materials and details of the c1875 and c 1895 two storey shop.

[NOTE: The 'Description of Place and Elements of Heritage Value' listed in the Adelaide \(City\) Development Plan for this property is as follows:](#)

[Shop](#)
[c1875 two storey shop](#)

[This is the legally recognised listing and should be used for the purposes of development application assessment](#)

REFERENCES

- ACC Building Surveyors Plan Books
- ACC Rate Assessments
- Smith Survey 1880
- SA Directories 1873-1970