

Building:

Former Australian Asbestos Co. Building

Address:

Grosvenor Street



Allotment Reference:

61

National Estate Register:

Recommended

Historic Buildings Council
Register:

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National Trust Register:

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Location within Precinct:

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Photo Date

August, 1988

Grantee: W. Lonsdale, 13-2-1839

Original Owner: Australian Asbestos Co.

Present Owner: -

Original Use: Asbestos Factory

Present Use: Phoenix Biscuit Co.

Construction Date: 1888

Architect:

Builder:

Description: Facing the intersection of Southhampton Cr. and Grosvenor St on its east side, a two storeyed red brick gable roofed industrial building with altered former engine room (?) at rear. The front (west facing) elevation has a parapetted gable with stuccoed finish and a central segmental arched vehicle entrance below. At first floor level a bridge connects with the former Victoria Ice. Co. building (q.v.).

Condition: Good

Integrity: Fair. Additions to north (early) and to south and east.

History: In 1887 Michael Dwyer, Hugh Kelly and William Smith owned 200' enclosed land on the east side of Grosvenor Street. On the most northern 50' of this land, the Australian Asbestos Co. erected a brick factory in 1888, managed by B. Schultz, (1887, 1889 RB).

In 1889 the directors of the Australian Asbestos Co. were Isaac Barnett and Henry Walker. Walker also owned the remaining 150' land south of the factory, (1890 RB) and the candle works further east.

The St.James Building Society owned the factory in 1900. At that time the factory may not have been operating as occupants were not listed, nor was the factory name listed, (1901 RB).

Significance: The former Australian Asbestos Co. building is locally important as a late nineteenth century factory in Collingwood recalling the redevelopment of the land within its vicinity at this time formerly in use as "brickfields".

Recommendations:

Recommended for inclusion on the National Estate Register and for Planning Scheme protection.

References:

Rate Books

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