

Heritage Inventory

SHI Number

1910443

Study Number

MS-04

Item Name: **MS-04 Mullard Chambers (Shops & Offices)**

Location: **71 Dora Street, Corner Short Street, Morisset**

Address: 71 Dora Street, Corner Short Street **DUAP Region:** Hunter & Central Coast
Suburb / Nearest Town: Morisset **Historic region:** Lower Hunter
Local Govt Area: Lake Macquarie **Parish:** Morisset
State: NSW **County:** Northumberland

Other/Formal Names: Karratha Real Estate & other businesses

Area/Group/Complex: **Group ID:**

Aboriginal Area: Awabakal

Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: Built **Group:** Commercial **Category:** Commercial Office/Bui
Owner: Private - Individual

Admin Codes: MS-04 **Code 2:** **Code 3:**

Current Use: Shops and offices

Former Uses:

Assessed Significance: **Local** **Endorsed Significance:**

Statement of Significance: SIGNIFICANCE - 1993: This is the only large commercial building in the main street of Morisset.
The downstairs shops have been unsympathetically altered, but the upper floor is substantially intact, and the paint could be removed.
The building could have much local historical significance.

LEVEL of SIGNIFICANCE - 1993: Local Significance - moderate (possibly high)

Historical Notes or Provenance: HISTORICAL NOTES - 1993: Information needed.
Historical Notes 2010: The Mullard Chambers was built in 1922 by sawmiller H. B. Mullard. Being made of brick it was unusual for the time, as all other buildings in town were built of timber, which was mostly supplied by 'H.B.'. The only other two story building in 1922 was the Railway Hotel, so this new building created some interest. Silent movies were held at the back of the Mullard Chambers in the 1920s. A local girl and Clara Hutchinson, the Post Mistress, played the piano to accompany the films.

Themes: **National Theme** **State Theme** **Local Theme**
4. Settlement Towns, suburbs and village (none)

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Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started:

Year Completed: 1922

Circa: No

Physical Description: PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS - 1993:

Architectural Style: Builders'/vernacular version of Federation Free-Style

Materials: Frame - brick

Roof - presumed a CGI clad skillion behind the parapet.

Walls/Cladding - brick, painted.

Windows - DH, 2-pane/sash top floor; plate glass shop fronts.

Floors - ?

Interior - ?

A two-storey building with 5 shops downstairs & offices upstairs.

The name and date appear in raised letters on the parapet above the street corner.

The upstairs walls & windows appear substantially intact.

Downstairs the shop fronts and side wall have been re-built.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates: Painted brickwork, side walls and shopfronts altered

Recommended Management: RECOMMENDATION - 1993: Information needed

Management: Recommended Management Document and prepare an archival record

Further Comments:

Criteria a)

Criteria b) The Mullard Chamber building has a long association with the Mullard family, most especially the sawmiller H. B. Mullard, who supplied the timber for nearly all the other buildings in Morisset. Members of the Mullard family still live in Morisset.

Criteria c) The Mullard Chambers building is a landmark building in the Morisset town centre. Apart from the Railway Hotel, it is the only other brick two storey building. It is important to the community's sense of place.

Criteria d) The Mullard Building has had a long association with the social and cultural life of Morisset, having been the venue for silent films. The Building is also important to the community's sense of place.

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness:

References: Author Title Year

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References:	Author	Title	Year
	Beryl Mullard	Iron Horse and Iron Bark A History of Morisset and District	2002

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Suters Architects Snell, Dr J. Turner, C & MJ Doring Pty Ltd	City of Lake Macquarie Heritage Study	MS-04	1993

Parcels:	Parcel Code	LotNumber	Section	Plan Code	Plan Number
	LOT	1		DP	215590

Latitude:

Longitude:

Location validity:

Spatial Accuracy: 100 metres

Map Name: 9131-1-N MORISSE

Map Scale: 1:25,000

AMG Zone: Zone 56

Easting: 358900 Northing: 6335500

Listings:

Custom Field One:

Custom Field Two:

Custom Field Three:

Custom Field Four:

Custom Field Five:

Custom Field Six:

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Caption: Mullard's Chambers, corner of Dora and Short Streets, Morisset, viewed from the south. (Doring Neg.403.26a)

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