

Top picture: Town Hall... built 1887-1888 in Australia's Centenary year.  
Bottom picture: Court House... built 1873 in restrained Colonial style.



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Town Hall

#### 42 GLEN INNES SEVERN COUNCIL / TOWN HALL

Built: 1887.

Features/Style: High Victorian 'grand' Town Hall complex in a hybrid 'boom period' French renaissance Italianate style. Elaboration concentrated on the main facade with central hall flanked by offices and tenancies. Shows several stages of growth and change, but still one of the most distinctive town halls in NSW, the ceiling and stage arch are 1930 fibrous plaster. Well worth a look inside. Designed By Frederick Harrison, architect of Deniliquin, and built by Henry Kendrick during 1887-1888 in Australia's Centenary Year.

#### 43 JUVENILE JUSTICE / JOBLINK / VACANT

Built: Pre-1928, extensively remodelled.

Formerly S.W. Burridge's Store and Ben Stocks.

Once the oldest operating service station in Glen Innes; government policy forced the closure of stations in CBDs. Firm sells hardware and camping equipment.

#### 44 RED CLOVE INDIAN RESTAURANT

Built: c1910.

Formerly W.S. Bigg motor engineer and Popular Café.

Features/Style: Rendered brick facade, notable for semi-circle with radiating 'rising sun' rays. Also notable for art deco shopfront incorporating black carrara glass. The ceilings are early fibrous plaster and are part of the Heritage listing.



Westpac '...Brick stables survive at rear.'

#### 45 WESTPAC

Built: 1884-1885.

Formerly: Australian Joint Stock Bank, Australian Bank of Commerce and Bank of New South Wales.

Features/Style: Designed by Blackman and Parkes, Sydney. Victorian Italianate 'miniature florentine palazzo' manner, seven-bay elevation, ionic columns, slate roof with central chimney hat. Brick stables building survives at rear.

#### 46 K ACCOUNTING / WT SIGNS

Built: 1902.

Formerly: Powells Bakery.

Features/Style: Two-storey former shop and residence with underpassage to rear courtyard. Rendered brick principal facade with decorative parapets including urns and French doors which opened onto a former verandah.

#### 47 McDONALD SOLICITORS / CUISINE CAFÉ

Built: 1912.

Features/Style: Handsome single storey Edwardian shops/offices with fanciful art nouveau influence in the parapet design. Original post-supported verandah replaced by cantilevered awning. Believed to be designed by F.J.Madigan.

#### 48 AUSGOAT

Built: 1910/1920.

Features/Style: Two-storey Edwardian shop with iron roof, one multi-paned double hung sash window suggests early date. Painted brick facade, narrow eaves, modified ground floor. Verandah added in 1996. Was originally a three-table billiard saloon.

#### 49 GREAT CENTRAL HOTEL

Built: c1874.

Formerly: Telegraph Hotel and Fitzgerald Hotel.

Features/Style: Among the older commercial buildings in Glen Innes. On site of the Telegraph Hotel, the first hotel in Glen Innes, built by Sam Regan. Telegraph Hotel was demolished, replaced by the Great Central which was built by Alex Hutchison. Two-storey rendered masonry building with parapet hiding the iron roof. Early photos show the verandahs as later additions, post-1907.

Cross over Meade St and continue North along Grey St for one (1) block.

#### 50 COURT HOUSE

Built 1873.

Replaced Court House built in 1858.

Features/Style: Symmetrical composition in a restrained Colonial style, with central courtroom flanked by offices. Basalt stonework with granite dressings and galvanised iron roof. A large Douglas fir tree was located to the right side of the front driveway which was a historic landmark in itself. It was removed in 1993 due to the danger of it falling after being struck by lightning earlier that year. The building was designed by James Barnett with additions by Barnett and Walker Liberty Vernon. Early pictures show a fine timber picket fence once fronted the premises, which has now been replaced.



#### 51 ROYAL HOTEL (NOW VACANT)

Built: c1860.

Formerly: Airey's Royal Hotel.

Features/Style: Two-storey Victorian brick hotel. May have been bald-faced originally, altered when Grey Street verandah was replaced by awning and present parapet added. The principal facade shows evidence of several stages of development and loss of verandahs to Grey Street and Ferguson Street.

→ Cross over Grey St, turn RIGHT and proceed South back down Grey St for one (1) block

#### 52 ABBOTT PARDY & JENKINS (APJ LAW)

Built: c1930.

Features/Style: Three arches of decorative brick, high flat topped facade. Severe and plain in typical style of that era.

#### 53 MEDCALF'S SECOND HAND GOODS (VACANT)

Built: 1921.

Formerly: A. Meyers Bakery.

Features/Style: Two-storey brick commercial building. Tall pediment with brick and render decorations. Original shopfront remains except for French doors now lost.



Century-plus Milner's building  
'...Federation high parapet.'

#### 54 LISTON AND CLIFTON SOLICITORS

Built: c1900.

Formerly: Forester's Building & Pastures Protection Board.

Features/Style: Single storey Edwardian commercial building, high parapet, central pediment decorated with urns. Original awning replaced by 'cantilevered' type.

#### 55 ROBERTS & MORROW ACCOUNTANTS

Built: 1903.

Formerly: Milner's Building

Features/Style: Two-storey brick rendered. Federation high parapet decorated central pediment. French doors were once access to a post-supported verandah which has been removed.

#### 56 IMPERIAL HOTEL

Built 1901.

Formerly: Site of Hoskins Store (originally Lewis Brothers) which burnt down in 1890.

Features/Style: Rendered brick, southern post-supported verandah once continued around corner.

← Turn LEFT at corner of Grey and Meade Sts and proceed East along Meade St for one (1) block.

← Turn LEFT at corner of Meade St and New England Hwy (NEH) and proceed North along NEH to the traffic lights.



Popular Café Building  
'...Notable for semi-circle with radiating sun rays.'

#### 57 ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Built: c1908-1909.

Features/Style: The church was built for 9000 pounds by James Lonsdale and dedicated by Bishop Patrick Joseph O'Connor. The original granite church on the north side was built in the 1870s for 1500 pounds. This was converted to St Joseph's School when the present church was built.

#### 58 ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT

Built: 1916.

Features/Style: This imposing building was built in 1916 by G.F. Nott, of Armidale, for 13,000 pounds. Both the adjoining church and the convent have fine examples of stained glass and leadlight. The convent was disposed of by the Sisters of St Joseph, and development for tourist accommodation was proposed.

→ Cross New England Hwy (NEH) at traffic lights and proceed south on NEH to the first intersection

#### 59 MASONIC HALL

Built: 1934.

Features/Style: The temple was built by Thomas Franklin and Son, of Sydney, for 3814 pounds. It replaced a previous temple erected on the site in 1876. The silver trowel used by Rt.Wor. Bro.H.D.Christison to lay the foundation stone of the present building was returned by his nephew in 1972 and forms part of the history collection

You are now diagonally opposite the Visitor Information Centre. We hope you have enjoyed the walk and the sights of our town

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## Your're walking with history

This is a walk with history. As your walk gets under way and you gaze at the magnificent basalt stone **court house** built in 1873, just think ... that was a year after the Adelaide-Darwin Overland Telegraph was completed and seven years before the first Edison-Bell telephone was installed in Sydney.

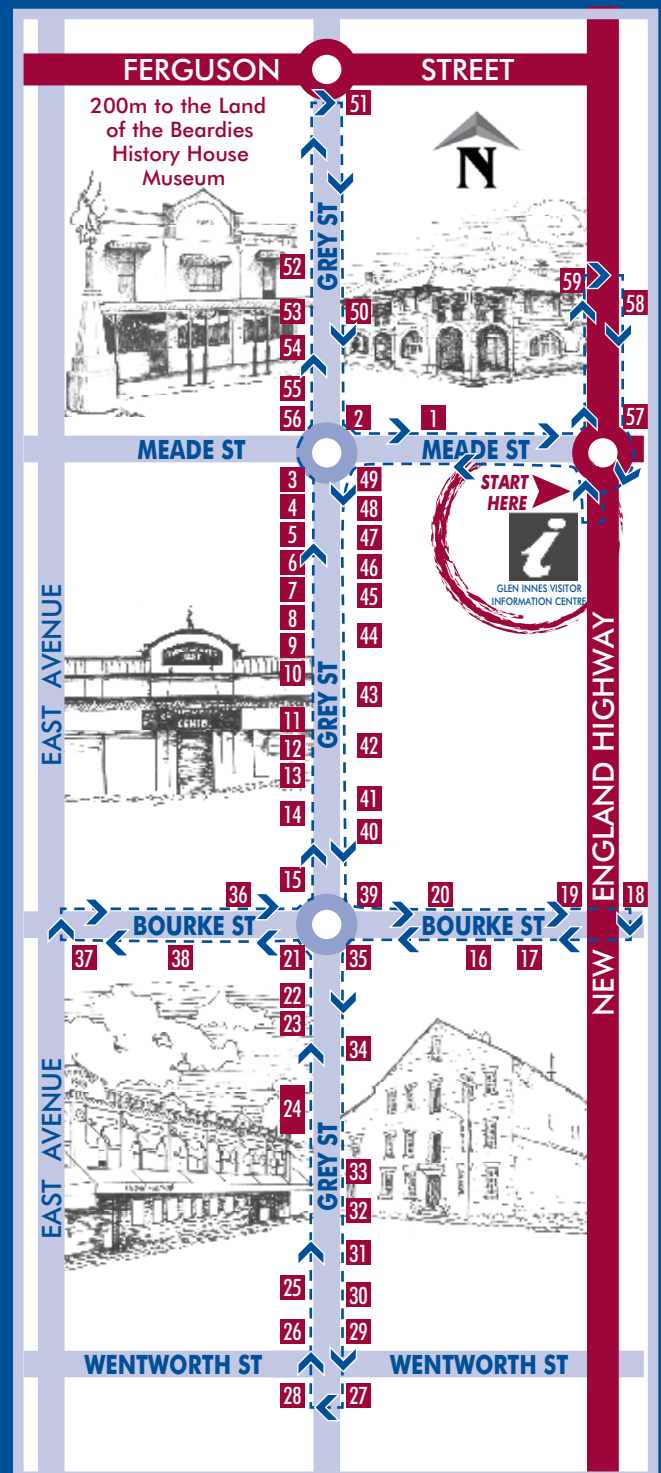
Then, as you proceed further along our main street, you view the **School of Arts** and, at the southern end, the impressively ornate **Kwong Sing and Co** department store built six and five years, respectively, after the hanging of Ned Kelly.

And so it goes on ... other buildings were going up as NSW bushmen volunteered for the Boer War, Australia planned and then united in a Commonwealth.

You'll find several buildings completed in 1914 when the flower of our youth went off to World War 1, in the roaring twenties when they frenetically celebrated peace, in the 1930s as we weathered the Great Depression.

And yet the walk is a mere glimpse of our rich history: there's even more to see in our town and district drives - Federation and earlier homes, churches built by pioneers, Showgrounds dating back to 1877, tranquil villages like Deepwater and Emmaville with a romantic past and reflecting the very essence of Country.

To absorb an impressive showcase of that history, spend time at the award-winning **Land of the Beardies History House**, one of the nation's finest folk museums.





To fully appreciate the buildings, and to offer the best photo opportunities, we suggest you view them from the opposite side of the road. These directions (followed literally) will keep you on the opposite side to the buildings being viewed. Please see map for direction of travel. All occupancies are listed from left to right as viewed “front on”.

← From Visitor Information Centre proceed North along New England Hwy and take first LEFT (@ W’worths S/S) into Meade St. Proceed West down Meade St for one (1) block.

## 1 POLICE STATION, RESIDENCE, LOCK-UP KEEPER’S COTTAGE

Built: 1876.  
Features/Style: Simple late-Victorian cottage – scale offices and residence forming a notable older complex. Rendered brick, iron roofed cottage with brick chimneys.

## 2 POST OFFICE

Built: 1896.  
Replaced Post Office built in 1877; original Post Office, on site of present Town Hall, gazetted in 1854.  
Features/Style: An impressive Queen Anne influenced two-storey masonry Post Office designed by Walter Liberty Vernon, NSW Colonial Architect, and built in 1896 to replace the earlier Post Office by James Barnett (1877). A fine slate roof with terracotta ridges, hips and wide eaves which shelter the balcony of the upper residence. An extensively decorative and well detailed building with a sympathetic exterior in matching materials.

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## 3 OLD ANZ BANK.

Built: 1877.  
Formerly: ANZ Bank.  
Features/Style: Rendered masonry building, tiled hipped roof, tall chimneys, moulded decoration, pediment classical porch and small cast iron balconies.

## 4 BRENNAN & SMITH OPTOMETRISTS / FRANK PARRY REAL ESTATE

Built: c1900.  
Features/Style: Rendered brick with tall stepped parapet.

## 5 EACH / GLEN INNES ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Built: c1875.  
Formerly: Munro’s Store (merchants), London House (1888-1893) and the Emporium.  
Features/Style: Two-storey late Victorian rendered brick. Tall pillared parapet with central pediment and decorative urns

## 6 CENTRELINK / DoCS

Built: 1890.  
Formerly: Manchester House (established 1883), J. Rule & Bros (merchants), Fosseys.  
Features/Style: Two-storey late Victorian rendered brick. High balustrade parapet with central pediment and decorative urns.

## 7 VACANT SHOP / SHIP TO SHORE / FASHION PALACE

Built: c1900.  
Formerly: Hooper’s Butchery  
Features/Style: Single storey, simple art deco style, rendered parapet decorated with brick.

## 8 VACANT SHOP / GLEN INNES PIE SHOP

Built: 1875.  
Formerly: Busy Bee Grocery Store.  
Features/Style: Two-storey brick and iron roofed. Rendered brick building that once supported a fine verandah. Warler’s Shoes and Glen Pie Shop were destroyed by fire in 1994, then rebuilt as a single storey with a two-storey facade.

## 9 D-TECH COMPUTER SHOP

Built c1930.  
Formerly: Supreme Café.  
Features/Style: Very narrow two-storey art deco parapet. Suggests building over a former laneway.

## 10 COMMONWEALTH BANK

Built: Facade 1936, new building at rear 1990.  
Features/Style: Single storey rendered brick with art deco decoration to front door.

## 11 VACANT SHOP / COMMUNITY CENTRE / ROBYN WILLIS REAL ESTATE

Built: 1887.  
Formerly: School of Arts  
Features/Style: Built by Henry Kendrick to a design by A. Hutchison. Italianate style, rendered brick with balustrade parapet and modern layout of shops. Complements the Town Hall opposite despite facade changes. For many years a social centre for Glen Innes with a large library, billiard room, reading room and games area.

## 12 SALON CHAMELEON / SPLIT ENZ / BEES KNEES

Built: 1911 by J. Lansdale.  
Formerly: Health Food Group.  
Features/Style: Edwardian two-storey, commercial building with renders and rough cast trim, bay windows, curved parapet and end bays. Designed by F.J. Madigan of Inverell. Art deco black glass of jewellery shop a feature.



School of Arts  
‘...Social centre for Glen Innes.’

## 13 LIV-INN / HOME LIVING

Built: 1914.  
Formerly: Stationer’s Hall Chambers.  
Features/Style: A substantial late Edwardian commercial building comprised of fronts with ground floor shops. A distinctively shaped parapet and handsome first floor rooms. Suspended awning replaced earlier posted awning/verandah, visible in early photos. One original shopfront survives with a notable access stair/entry to upstairs, having metal hall and ceiling linings and an expandable security gate.



Stationer’s Hall Chambers  
‘...Substantial late Edwardian building.’

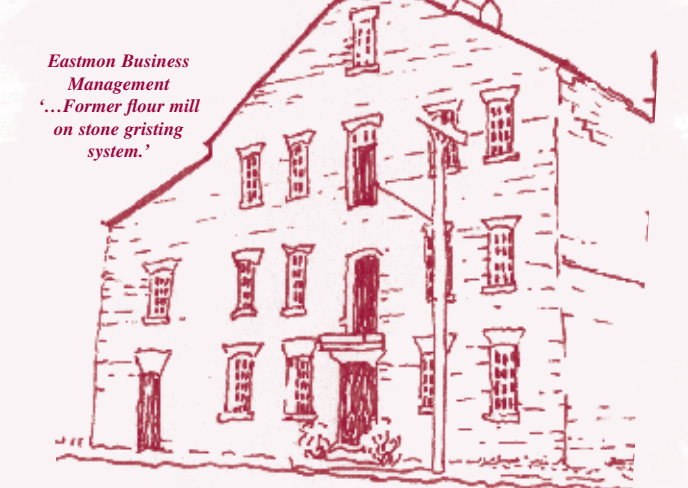
## 14 HEALTH FOOD / VACANT SHOP / CARELLES

Built: c1914.  
Formerly: Crowhurst Butchery, Paragon Café.  
Features/Style: Two-storey shops and residence. Simple facade with blind arches and pilasters.

## 15 TIMB’S PHARMACY / SALON 242 / HIMALAYAN SALT SHOP

Built: 1901.  
Formerly: Site of Biddle & M’Kerihan butchers and then Banfield clothier and mercer, A.J. Dodd pharmacy and dentist and Grover Bros pharmacy.  
Features/Style: Distinctive late Victorian /Edwardian rendered brick with rough cast pediments. Present Timbs pharmacy is a fine example of Heritage preservation at its best, arched windows are particularly notable.

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## 16 EASTMON BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Built: 1882.  
Formerly: Utz Mill and Sunlight Flour Mill.  
Features/Style: Three-storey brick mill with two-storey skillion extension. The third mill to be erected in Glen Innes on the stone gisting system. Roller plant system installed in 1891 by Utz, who at the time also owned Utz’s Store which Mackenzie Mall.



Rural Fire Service  
‘...Leadlight windows a feature.’

## 17 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Built: 1910.  
Formerly: Severn Shire Council offices.  
Features/Style: Well preserved single storey brick with decorative render work, pitched roof, elaborate parapet with globe finials and tall chimneys. Leadlight windows along with reinstated fence are unique features. Designed by Inverell architect F.J. Madigan.

## 18 CHAPEL THEATRE

Built: 1885.  
Formerly: Methodist Church.  
Features/Style: The building was purchased in 1983 by the local Arts Council and converted to a theatre. The theatre was opened by NSW Premier Neville Wran in December 1984 at a gala performance of My Fair Lady. The Arts Council was formed in 1944 and is the oldest continuing Council in NSW. Productions are staged each year and the theatre is also used for film screenings and by touring professional groups.

→ Cross over Bourke St, turn RIGHT and proceed East back down Bourke St for one (1) block



Fire Station  
‘...Original bell tolls for major events.’

## 19 FIRE STATION

Built: 1916.  
Features/Style: Late Edwardian fire station asymmetric with a tuck-pointed brick facade now spray painted. The first local fire brigade was formed in 1888 with the present brick fire station built in 1916. The former fire station was first located in Central Park (now King Edward VII Park) and was then utilised as a band room. That building has now been lost and the Baby Health Centre is located on its site. The current building was built by E.N. Thorne in 1915 but was not occupied until 1 February 1916. Sully was the captain of the first brigade. The hose reel was locally made by J.F. Chaffey and Son coach builders in about 1890 and used until 1924. It is now mainly used in demonstrations and the reel cart and bell is kept at History House.

## 20 SMEATONS BAKERY

Built: c1920.  
Features/Style: First known as a bread factory which was modernised in 1945 with several shops added in 1954.

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## 21 NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK

Built: c1890.  
Formerly: CBC Bank.  
Features/Style: Designed by Mansfield Bros in Italianate style applied to many other CBC buildings. It retains its interiors despite alterations, and includes ‘garden wall’ iron palisade fence to principal frontage and stables/coachhouse to rear boundary.

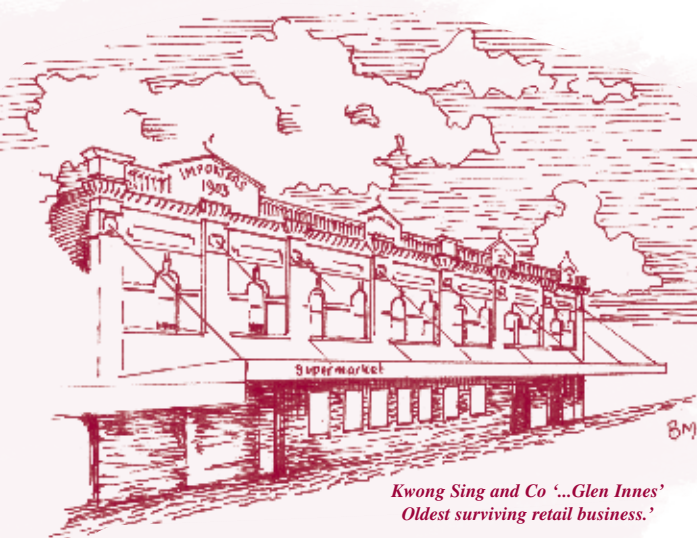
National Bank of Australasia Building  
‘...Austere 1920s classic style.’

## 22 GRAYDON’S PHARMACY / ONE ZERO COMMUNICATIONS

Built: c1895  
Formerly: Davidson’s blacksmith’s, Thomas & Howard chemists, Priest’s saddlery, Fayles pharmacy, J S Joseph.  
Features/Style: Shopfront typical of the era, rendered brick. Ground floor now much modified.

## 23 TATTERSALL’S HOTEL

Built: Original building c1875; current building in 1960s.  
Formerly: The original building was a fine two-storey verandah hotel; it was demolished to make way for the present structure.  
Features/Style: Old Tattersall’s was reputed to have the best accommodation outside the metropolis and was a traditional Victorian two-storey verandah structure.



Kwong Sing and Co ‘...Glen Innes’  
Oldest surviving retail business.’

## 24 KWONG SING’S EMPORIUM

Built: 1886 by Edward Grover, south end extended in 1903 and the north end in 1915.  
Features/Style: Fine example of a late Victorian Italianate general store, original posted awning replaced by a suspended structure and some interesting interior details still survive. Kwong Sing & Co is Glen Innes’ oldest surviving retail business, retaining its original family ownership but now subdivided into several businesses.

## 25 ALL VACANT SHOPS

Built: 1910.  
Formerly: Formerly Phoenix Building.  
Features/Style: Formerly the site of seven shops which burnt down in 1910. The Phoenix then replaced these buildings - note the name ‘Phoenix’ as it rises from the ashes. Edwardian group of five small shop tenancies, distinguished by a rough cast – rendered parapet comprising three simple pediments with urns.

## 26 CELTIC FLOWERS / FABRIC BARN

Built: 1917.  
Formerly: Warley’s Store and Grand Picture Theatre  
Features/Style: Fine Edwardian two-storey polychrome brick. The Grand Picture Theatre entrance sign is still visible around the corner next to Teez Hair Studio.  
→ Cross over Grey St, turn RIGHT and proceed North back up Grey St for one (1) block.



Glen Innes Examiner  
‘...Unbroken association beginning in 1874.’

## 27 GLEN SEVERN HOLDEN

Built: 1937.  
Formerly: Site occupied by a small garage built in 1914; was part of Mackenzie Enterprises up to the 1980s.  
Features/Style: Modern brick art deco style.

## 28 CLUB HOTEL

Built: 1906.  
Features/Style: Fine example of large Edwardian hotel with rendered parapet, bullnose corrugated iron roof to verandah with cast iron decoration. Grandest and most intact hotel in Glen Innes. Celebrated its 100th birthday in 2006.

## 29 BRUCE FAMILY BUTCHERY

Built: c1914.  
Features/Style: Edwardian corner shop was virtually intact with fine glazed tiles which were removed in 1996 and the building repainted. Grovers flour and sawmill and produce store were originally on a larger block on this corner.

## 30 VACANT SHOP / DRAGON COURT

Built: c1914.  
Features/Style: Plain brick with contrasting apricot brick panels.

## 31 LANDMARK

Built: c1914, remodelled 1960.  
Formerly: Dalgety – Winchcombe and Wesfarmers.  
Features/Style: Thought to have once been part of the neighbouring group of shops. Parapets removed for facade unity.

## 32 CAMPBELL BUTCHERY / RED CHAIR HAIR SALON / FLAVOUR NOODLE BAR

Built: c1914, remodelled c1960.  
Formerly: Biddle’s Butchery.  
Features/Style: Curved rendered parapets retaining early shopfront.

## 33 LEADING APPLIANCES

Built: c1914.  
Formerly: Hunts Bakery.  
Features/Style: Brick with rough cast panels to parapet. One of Grey Street’s more intact shopfronts with light glazing and tiled dado and entry.

## 34 PEPPERMINT CAFÉ / ONE FURNITURE

Built: 1910.  
Features/Style: Simple rendered masonry facade of three bays. Was two shops but extensively rebuilt in 1954. Only the facade and side walls remain.

## 35 COLES / ANZ BANK

Built: 1885 and added to in same style with a major refurbishment in 1999.  
Formerly: Utz’s Store and Mackenzie’s Store.  
Features/Style: Built on the site of first European occupation of the township area, this store was begun in 1885 by V.F. Utz, replacing an earlier structure of timber. Acquired by Mackenzie’s in 1913, then extended in 1916 and 1927. The largest section of the store became known as ‘Shoeys’ in 1984 after internal redevelopment to the present arcade of tenancies. A painted and rendered brick two-storey building with a fine internal staircase to the first floor lit by lanterns. The staircase was removed in 1999 and stored for future use as part of a major refurbishment.

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## 36 GLEN INNES EXAMINER

Built: 1874, extended 1905.  
Features/Style: Late Victorian single storey commercial building. Rendered brick with parapet. Built with post-supported awning to Bourke Street, verandah now lost. A significant building by virtue of the Examiner’s long association with the town, beginning in 1874 and continuing without a break to today. The new building next door stands on the site of Lightfoot Bros. monumental masons’ yard – their fine old crane is in the grounds of History House.

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## 37 APARTMENTS ON THE PARK

Built: 1926.  
Formerly: Deluxe Laundry and Salvation Army Chapel.  
Features/Style: This simple brick hall has received large modern additions. Gabled roof with fine tinmith ventilators. Double hung sash windows retained.

## 38 HOMES NORTH COMMUNITY HOUSING

Built: 1883.  
Formerly: J.F. Chaffey & Son – coach builders, established 21 August 1883 in Grey Street next to Tattersall’s Hotel, moved to Bourke Street early 1890s; a front showroom of brick was built in 1895. The firm began car repairs in 1912 and in July 1915 advertised “new model Ford cars” in the Glen Innes Examiner.  
Features/Style: Late Victorian two-storey brick commercial building, built without verandah which was added later, removed and again replaced in 1998. Earlier timber framed weatherboard and iron two-storey structure at rear probably pre-dates the brick building.

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## 39 DIANA CORCORAN REAL ESTATE / LJ HOOKER REAL ESTATE / LAUNDRETTE

Built: c1900.  
Formerly: Walkers Store, Peter Correy Menswear, BEST Employment, and John Maxwell Real Estate (now Diana Corcoran Real Estate).  
Features/Style: A brick parapet replaced a post-supported bullnosed awning and facade of triangular pediments and spheres, known as Federation style.

## 40 THE BOOK MARKET

Built: c1930.  
Formerly: Rural Bank.  
Features/Style: Restrained art deco style, facade lightened by string courses and decorative panels of brickwork. Much less decorative than earlier periods; style is inter-war functionalist architecture.

## 41 ART ON THE CORNER

Built: 1925.  
Formerly: National Bank of Australasia; site previously occupied by cottages.  
Features/Styles: Austere 1920s classic style, rendered facade with deep protecting cornice at base of parapet. Site of former McPherson’s boarding house.