
CASH & CO. & FORMER COCKATOO POST OFFICE



Cash & Co

Location

McBride Street COCKATOO, Cardinia Shire

Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO73

Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

Statement of Significance

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Cash & Co. and the former Cockatoo post office, which were owned in 1921 by James McBride, storekeeper, are of significance to the Cardinia Shire as an example of a shop, early post office and residence associated with the development of the Cockatoo township. The parapeted and verandahed timber shop and residence has significance as a nearly original commercial building at the start of a largely rebuilt commercial strip. It has historical significance for its associations with the McBrides, one of the best known district families.

Mrs Elizabeth McBride became a local legend for not only running the Post Office with her husband but boarding

nine miners from the Nangana mine, as well as guests during the holiday season.

Regional Significance

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996;
Construction dates	1921,
Other Names	McBride Street, Cockatoo,
Hermes Number	29989
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

This is a parapeted and verandahed weatherboard shop pair and presumed rear residence, with what appears to be an early shopfront on the southern shop. This shopfront has a recessed entry set between two show windows raised on panelled plinths in the usual nineteenth-century or early twentieth-century manner. The northern shop has boarded walls and no show window; the nearby telephone box indicating its former use. The building appears to be the oldest commercial building in Cockatoo.

An early view of the building shows a gabled roof form (not the present parapet) with a street verandah bearing the words 'Post Office' on the end boards. These boards have a scalloped profile.

(Extract from the Griffith Collection)

Physical Conditions

The shop is externally near original except for possible alterations to the parapet and the front section adjoining the show windows. The street face of the former post office may have been changed and the verandah rebuilt.

Historical Australian Themes

Themes

8.1 Timber townships

9.9 Banks and insurance offices

9.10 Post offices

Physical Description 2

Associations - McBride, James (storekeeper); McBride, Mrs Elizabeth

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