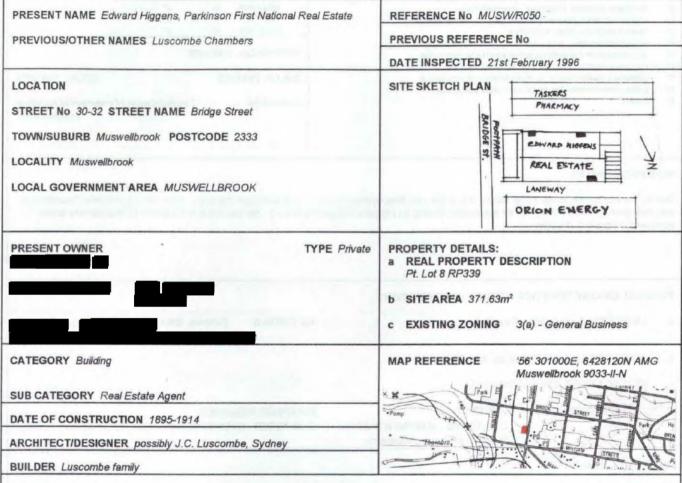
## MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY Inventory 1996

## EDWARD HIGGENS BUILDING - BRIDGE STREET - MUSWELLBROOK



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HISTORICAL NOTES  Built by the Luscombe family in towas occupied by Edward Higger commercial travellers directory.  PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTIC  a ARCH. STYLE Federation	ns an auctioneer, trading as Higge	ens, Parkinson and Co. He wa	the town. First called Luscombe Chambers, it is there in 1910 and 1915 according to the
			rear wall
b OTHER DETAILS OF PHY			
c MODIFICATIONS Modified	d Shopfront		
d CURRENT CONDITIONS	✓ INTACT  □ ALTERED - UNSYMPATH  □ ADDITIONAL COMMENTS		
INFORMATION SOURCES			
WRITTEN Muswellbrook His Commercial Trave ORAL GRAPHIC	torical Society Records allers Directory		
EVALUATION CRITERIA	(S) = STATE (R) = REGIONA	AL (L) = LOCAL	
HISTORIC RARE $\checkmark$ (L) AESTHETIC RARE $\checkmark$ (L) SOCIAL RARE $\Box$ SCIENTIFIC RARE $\checkmark$ (L)		REPRESENTATIVE □ REPRESENTATIVE □ REPRESENTATIVE □ REPRESENTATIVE □	
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	E		

This building has local historic significance for indicating the scale of local developer / Chemist's confidence in the local economy at the close of the 19th century - and thus the relative prosperity of the town at that time. Aesthetically the building has distinctive scale and features - the tallest commercial building in the town executed in a rare architectural style. It has potential to reveal information about the comparative position of Auctioneers in the Upper Hunter at the turn of the century and about the wealth of the local Luscombe family at the time and thus has local scientific significance.