

MIGHTY HELPFUL™ MITRE 10

Expanding business

THE brothers expanded the business from primarily selling feed such as chaff and oats to include rural supplies such as farm chemical and veterinary drugs.

By 1988 the Craig St store was "bursting at the seams", so they moved to former railway workshop buildings where the operation expanded into a large and multi-faceted farm and building company.

Bernard said he and his brother were indeed fortunate to find an excellent relocation in the old Per Way Workshops, Sloane Street, Goulburn.

The facility had been closed for about nine years, and it took a lot of work to bring the building up to a suitable standard to house the Maas enterprise.

The original building dated back to 1882 and had a build up of grime that went right back to the early steam days. It was in a run down, dilapidated condition. Almost every window had been broken and the premises were frequently vandalised.

"Sloane Street interested us because of its huge volume of rural traffic," Bernard Maas said.

"Landholders are continually using the street enroute to sheep and cattle sales.

"The whole concept was most attractive."

The completely sympathetic renovations brought to life the old building and incorporated many of its original features, which once finished, housed everything for rural customers.

Goulburn Produce and Rural Supplies opened in March and celebrated its official opening on April 28, 1989.

To gain ownership, the Maas' had approached the State Rail Authority in October, 1987 and started negotiations on the purchasing details.

"We were told the building had to go up for auction but when it did, it was passed in. After further negotiations, we were able to close the deal," Mr Maas said.

There was a heritage order placed on the building to retain the main structure, particularly the Sloane Street façade. Internally the building is untouched except for painting and a few minor adjustments.



BEFORE OPENING: Inside the 1882 building just prior to the official opening of Goulburn Produce and Rural Supplies' new site in April, 1989. Improvements had included 300 cubic metres of cement poured and a coating of more than 2000 litres of heritage coloured paint. Covering 4800 square metres, Goulburn Produce and Rural Supplies offered all weather loading and unloading and drive-through customer service. Timber used in the internal walls was supplied by Godfreys, while the recladding products were from Lysaghts. Donald Glass did the glazing.

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