



The building was built around 1938 for Dr Broughton. It was designed and constructed by Mr Ericksen who went on to design and construct a number of buildings, both commercial and domestic in the Murwillumbah area.

The original building was designed to be used as a doctor's surgery on the ground floor and the first floor to be a residence for the doctor.

Dr Murray moved into the ground floor and set up his surgery around the early 1950s. The practice was taken over by Dr Stanton-Cook in the mid-1950s and he remained in the building into the 1970s. Dr Murray sold the practice to the current consortium of doctors who are still using the building as a medical centre.

The building faces the main street. The original entry on the right-hand side of the building, which is no longer used, served as access to the original entry foyer with a stairwell to the first floor and roof area. The left-hand side of the front elevation has a secondary entry door which is used by patients visiting the surgery.

At roof level there is a low masonry wall with a metal handrail on top and parapet wall the the balance of the perimeter of the flat metal roof. External walls are stucco/smooth cement rendered and painted with corners rounded as per Art Deco Style. Windows are metal framed casement style/hinged to open outwards with clear glazing throughout, wrapping around and following the shape of the curved walls and adding horizontality to the wall-facade. Natural light to the internal stairwell/ foyer tower is provided by a glass block corner window 2 storeys high. This original entry foyer is now internally modified and is still used as a stairwell access by patients to upper level doctors' rooms and also the roof. The balcony facing the street on the first floor has metal handrails adding horizontality to the simple cube facade of the Art Deco design. The rear of the original building has a new addition constructed to extend the floor area of the building with car-parking underneath.

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