

Structural Features – 100 Harris Street

As in all wool stores, functions dictated many features of the building. The brick-made perimeter wall had to be strong, to support several levels of the timber floors where bales of wool were loaded, classed, stored, auctioned and moved out. The massive internal columns of ironbark (*Eucalyptus paniculata*) defined the modular structure of the storage floors. The standard dimensions of wool bales (4 feet by 2 feet 6 inches by 2 feet 6 inches – 1.22 metres by .76 metres by .76 metres) dictated the size and shape of these modules.

Bales were brought into the building and unloaded through the large loading dock facing Harris Street or the smaller docks facing Pyrmont Street. They were then hoisted by a lift into higher levels. Ornate on the Harris Street frontage, the building was more functional on Pyrmont Street.