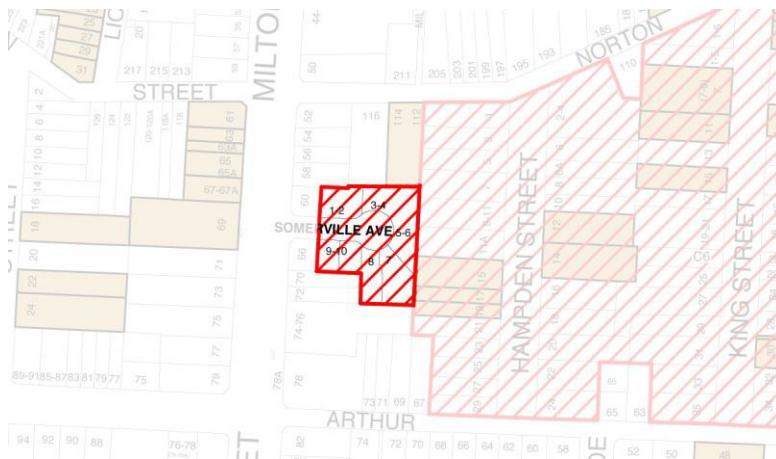


## C19 Somerville Avenue, Ashfield

### Heritage Conservation Area



#### KEY PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1940

**HCA TYPE: Single storey residential (i) uniform single period subdivision**  
**Statement of Significance**

The Somerville Avenue Heritage Conservation Area is of *local* heritage significance.

The area is of *historical* significance as a 1937 subdivision developed in a single year, 1940.

The area is of *aesthetic* significance for its distinctive cul-de-sac subdivision pattern and 1940 streetscape of single storey brick detached and semi-detached houses with 2-storey residential flat buildings defining the entry to the avenue off Milton Road.

The streetscape and buildings are remarkably intact as demonstrated by the NSW Land & Property Information 1943 aerial photo.

## Key Character Elements

Subdivision and public domain elements:

- Relatively narrow carriageway in Somerville Avenue
- Narrow concrete footpaths (no grass verges) in Somerville Avenue
- Cul-de-sac subdivision pattern

Elements that contribute to the consistency of the streetscape (visible from the public domain)

- Detached and semi-detached brick single storey housing with hipped terracotta tiled roofs and simple detailing reflecting the 1940s construction date
- Original details such as:
  - Dark brick walls
  - Timber framed windows in groups
  - Hipped terracotta tiled roofs
  - Short brick chimneys
- Original front fences - low brick
- Carports to the side of houses

## NON-CONTRIBUTORY ELEMENTS

Recent or heavily altered houses with difficult to reverse uncharacteristic alterations (examples)

Uncharacteristic first floor additions to single storey houses which are visible from the street (examples)

Changes to materials: Cement rendering of face brickwork to Federation period houses; modern roof cladding (eg concrete tiles) and loss of chimneys

Front verandah enclosures.

Modern front fences of unsympathetic design and materials, particularly high solid masonry front fences.

## Historical Development

This Heritage Conservation Area is a single subdivision of seven allotments all addressing the cul-de-sac of Somerville Avenue, two of them at the corner of Milton Street. It was named after the Ashfield estate agent James A Somerville. The land, which formerly comprised the land belonging to the residence 'Waratah', was acquired and subdivided by Francis McFarland in 1937. All the buildings were built in 1940. Lots 12 and 7 were developed with two-storey flats which, along with the pair of 'bungalow flats' on Lot 6, were erected by R J Mildren, builder. The others were the work of H Brooks, another builder, of Croydon.



## BUILDING RANKING DEFINITIONS

Building ranking No.	Building Ranking Definition
*	Heritage items: Buildings individually listed as heritage items in the LEP
1	Contributory 1: Buildings that clearly reflect the Key period of Significance for the HCA and are key elements of the character of the HCA
2	Contributory 2: Buildings that have been altered but are still identifiable as dating from the Key period of Significance for the HCA. They retain their overall form from the original date of construction and, even though altered, are contributory to the HCA character
3	Neutral: Buildings that are either heavily altered to an extent where the construction period is uncertain, or are from a construction period which falls outside the Key Period of Significance for the HCA, but which reflect the predominant scale and form of other buildings within the HCA, and therefore do not detract from the character of the HCA
4	Detracting: Buildings from a construction period which falls outside the Key Period of Significance for the HCA that have scale or form that is not consistent with the key characteristics of the area



## Sommerville Avenue

Street	Side	No	Rating	Name	Style/Observations
Sommerville Avenue		1	1		Inter-War Simplified Art Deco
Sommerville Avenue		2	1		Inter-War Simplified Art Deco
Sommerville Avenue		3, 4	1		Inter-War Simplified Art Deco.
Sommerville Avenue		5	1		Inter-War Simplified Art Deco.
Sommerville Avenue		6	1		Inter-War Simplified Art Deco.
Sommerville Avenue		7	1		Inter-War Simplified Art Deco.
Sommerville Avenue		8	1		Inter-War Simplified Art Deco.
Sommerville Avenue		9, 10	1		Inter-War Simplified Art Deco.

