AD 2001 Ashfield Heritage Study Review of Areas Zoned 2(a)

Name of Item	House, 'Pindari'			Reference N°	
Other Names	'Illawarra'				5 08 01
Address	10 Hanks S	Street	_	2121	Land Title
Locality	Ashfield		Postcode	2131	
Item Type	Building				Owner/s
Group Name					
Statement of S	Condition as observed				
One of Ashfield	from street —				
Anne houses. I immediate cont	✓ Intact				
fence and gate,	Minor alteration — ☐ Sympathetic				
competent builder, who with his family lived there for many years. The property demonstrates quite remarkably the qualities appropriate to an					☐ Unsympathetic
important phase of the municipality's history.					Major alteration —
					☐ Sympathetic
Summary of S	Significance				☐ Unsympathetic
Ra	_	Associative	Representativ	e	Modifications —
Historic [\boxtimes	lacktriangle		Metal security screens
Aesthetic	₹				have been added to windows and front
Social [×		doorway
Scientific [
Other [



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Current Use	Reference N°
House, 'Pindari', 10 Hanks Street, Ashfield	5 08 01

Heritage Listing Recommended

Themes: Local Themes: State

Subdivision and consolidation Towns, suburbs ands villages

Historical Notes

This property is in the Beechwood Estate, an area taken out of Robert Campbell's historic Canterbury Park Estate at about the turn of the 19th century. That part of Ashfield was then rated as in the East Ward.(1) The owner of this house was a builder, Charles Thomas Inman, who lodged a building application in 1915 for a three-room (sic) double-fronted cottage on a brick foundation with 'Malthoid' dampcourse and a slate roof, with an estimated value of £575. He called the residence 'Illawarra'.(2) In 1920 the valuation of the property was £248 unimproved and £800 improved. By 1922 the valuation had increased to £315 unimproved and £1,350 improved, possibly indicating an enlargement of the house to its present size, although no such extension is visible externally.(3) Then in 1943 the property was acquired by Mrs Eileen O'Dea from 'the estate of the late Thomas Inman'. Mrs O'Dea was occupier and executrix, and perhaps the inheritor, of the property. In that year the valuation of £382 unimproved and £1,200 improved was recorded. The reason for the reduction of the improved valuation is not known, but it could have been an effect of the financial downturn following the great depression of the 1930s.(4)

Physical Description

This is not merely a building but an intact, well-built and complete ensemble of a residence and its original context. The house, on the high side of the street, is a fairly simple Queen Anne design, with red-brown tuckpointed brickwork and lighter brick dressings, on a rendered plinth. In plan it is the expected L-shaped form, with a hipped main roof of slate, and a projecting gable with a window bay at one side and a verandah at the other. The main roof (which has possibly been re-slated authentically in recent times) has a pattern of lighter slates on its forward slope and is trimmed with terra cotta hips, crested ridges and terminals. The gable wing has bulb-ended bargeboards, a decorative apex screen and a timber finial. The verandah has a roof of convex curved corrugated metal, turned timber posts, friezes of turned members, fretwork brackets, tesselated tiled floor and marble edges and threshold. The paired windows have flat arch heads, moulded sills and rendered aprons. From the tesselated front path, steps having marble treads, tiled risers, flared and rendered strings and urn bases ascend to the verandah. The tall chimneys are rendered and have convex friezes, cornices and chimney pots.

The early skillion wing at the back of the house has been appropriately extended and at the rear there is an unobtrusive brick garage, approached by a concrete driveway.

The brick front fence, which acts also as a garden retaining wall, appears to have been added a little later than the house itself. It has piers with carved vermiculated sandstone caps, between which are fine wrought iron palisade panels with curvilinear centres. The gate matches this design and leads, by means of steps, to the main pathway.

Information Sources

- (1) The Higinbotham & Robinson map of Ashfield, 1883, shows the area prior to the creation of Beechwood Estate.

 That estate appears in the H E C Robinson map of Ashfield South Ward which was first prepared about 1912.

 Both maps are in Ashfield Council Archives.
- (2) BA, 3 September 1915, No 2469, in Ashfield Council Archives. Mysteriously, *Sands Directories* record George Young as the occupier of a building called 'Illawarra' on the site from 1908 to 1910.
- (3) Valuer-General's records, east ward 1920, No 440; 1922, No 387. (The property was then part of the east ward).
- (4) Valuer-General's records, ibid, 1943, No 444.