

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

Name of Item	House, 'Taree'	Reference N°	2 10 01																								
Other Names	'Strathroy'	Land Title																									
Address	1 John Street	Owner/s																									
Locality	Ashfield	Postcode																									
Item Type	Building	Condition as observed from street —																									
Group Name		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intact																									
Statement of Significance	<p>An authentic and distinctive version of the California Bungalow style of architecture, forming an interesting presence in the streetscape of this cul-de-sac. It demonstrates Ashfield's residential growth and quality in the Inter-War period.</p>		Minor alteration — <input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic <input type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic Major alteration — <input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic <input type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic Modifications —																								
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Photo Roll N° 14	Frame N° 9A	Survey Date 9/10/2001	Surveyed by RI
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Current Use House, 'Strathroy', 1 John Street, Ashfield	Reference N° 2 10 01
Heritage Listing Recommended	
Themes : Local Subdivision and consolidation	Themes : State Towns, suburbs and villages
<p>Historical Notes</p> <p>The eastern extension of John Street beyond Alt Street was originally called St John's Road. This part of Ashfield was once a grant of 280 acres made in 1810 to Augustus Alt, which was by about 1820 incorporated into Joseph Underwood's Ashfield Park Estate.(1) This irregularly shaped allotment appeared on the Higinbotham & Robinson map of Ashfield in 1883, and early in the 20th century it was labelled on a map as Lot 'C' of an unnamed subdivision with an Application Number of 19951.(2)</p> <p>No building application has been found, but the house first appears in the Valuer-General's records in 1926, when the property was owned and occupied by Moses Christie, an engineer. Its valuation then was £150 unimproved and £1,200 improved.(3). Christie was still owner and occupier in 1928, when the property was valued at £300 unimproved and £1,350 improved. The name 'Strathroy' appeared at this time.(4)</p> <p>By 1943 the place had changed hands and was owned and occupied by Clifford Stewart Macquire, secretary. Its valuation was then £300 unimproved and £1,300 improved. This decline perhaps reflects the general depression resulting from the great financial crash of the early 1930s.(5)</p>	
<p>Physical Description</p> <p>A California Bungalow of surprising scale and presence, occupying a small and awkward site. It is characterised by a broad street-facing gable from which a secondary gable projects. The smaller gable is a verandah protecting the recessed entrance, the front door, and the window of the front room on that side. The house is built of dark brick and the verandah is supported by piers capped by a soldier course and corbels and, between the piers, a balustrade. The openings have concrete lintels and the windows have bullnose sills, leaded glass in a diamond quarry pattern, and that at the side is surface mounted with bracketted sill and a narrow hood. The front door and side lights are glazed in muffled glass. The front steps have terrazzo treads, tiled risers and low balustrades. The gables have panel-and-batten patterning and their bargeboards have curvilinear ends. The secondary gable has a louvred vent.</p> <p>The brick front fence appears to be contemporaneous with the house. It comprises piers between which are dentillated panels surmounted by a narrow welded steel railing. The front garden is small and contains some mature planting.</p>	
<p>Information Sources</p> <p>(1) <i>Ashfield Heritage Study 1993</i>, vol 1, pp 32, 36; Higinbotham & Robinson map of Ashfield, 1883.</p> <p>(2) H E C Robinson map of Ashfield North Ward, undated but about 1912.</p> <p>(3) Valuer-General's records, North Ward, 1926, No 2685, in Ashfield Council Archives.</p> <p>(4) Valuer-General's records, <i>ibid</i>, 1928, No 1727.</p> <p>(5) Valuer-General's records, <i>ibid</i>, 1943, No 1840.</p>	