

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

Name of Item House, 'Flinders' Other Names	Reference N° 2 01 06																								
Address 104 Alt Street, corner of Henry Street Locality Ashfield Postcode	Land Title																								
Item Type Building Group Name	Owner/s																								
Statement of Significance A very pleasing Arts-and-Crafts/California Bungalow designed to address both streets of its corner location. It is well-built, intact and has some unusual detailing demonstrating the subtle influence of Art Nouveau in a time of great residential expansion in Ashfield.	Condition as observed from street — <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intact 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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Current Use House, 'Flinders', 104 Alt Street, corner of Henry Street, Ashfield	Reference N° 2 01 06
Heritage Listing Recommended	
Themes : Local Subdivision and consolidation	Themes : State Towns, suburbs and villages
<p>Historical Notes</p> <p>The land in this area was part of a grant made to Augustus Alt in 1810. By 1820 it was incorporated into Joseph Underwood's Ashfield Park Estate and during the following decades the street pattern was created and the land was progressively subdivided into smaller holdings. The Church of England parsonage was built near this corner and the land became known as the Rectory Estate, of which this allotment was part.(1) In 1920 its owner was John Williams, of Wattle Street, Haberfield and its unimproved value was £176.</p> <p>In that year Williams sold the site to Rose Taylor, who was recorded in 1921 as the owner-occupier of the property, the value of which was £176 unimproved and £1,100 improved.(2) As early as about 1922 a new owner-occupier was recorded, viz, Mrs Linda M Taylor. Its valuation had increased to £286 unimproved and £1,250 improved.(3) Nothing is known of the designer or builder.</p> <p>The property then changed hands several times. In 1928 it was bought by S W Standing, hotel keeper, of Elswick Street, Leichhardt, from the owner-occupier Minnie Shand, who had acquired it from the estate of Christina Cranfield. It was then valued at £440 unimproved and £1,350 improved, and was given its present name of 'Flinders' (4)</p>	
<p>Physical Description</p> <p>A single-storeyed Arts-and-Crafts/California Bungalow residence, slightly elevated above its corner site and, although its front door faces Alt Street, the house addresses both streets by virtue of secondary gables facing towards each of them, with a verandah extending around the corner from gable to gable. The facade walls, on a rendered base, are of tuckpointed red-brown brick up to window transom level and roughcast rendered above. The roof is fairly low pitched and terra cotta tiled, with ridge terminals. The main gable faces Alt Street and it is hipped at the rear. The gables have the usual panel and batten treatment and the windows in the gabled bays are three-light casements with leaded glass, stop-chamfered frames, transom lights and jack-joisted hoods. The front door has a single sidelight and there is a second door at the Henry Street end of the verandah. The verandah balustrading is level but steps up as piers, with tapered recesses, to support the timber posts which are of different lengths and paired except at the corner, where they are tripled, supporting valences with a slightly curved profile. There is fretwork timber decoration at the top between the posts. The verandah roof is metal sheeted and almost flat, with exposed joists shaped at the ends. The chimneys are brick with corbels.</p> <p>A curved path leads from the corner gateway to the verandah steps, which have terrazzo treads. The garden is simple and neat and has some mature palms. The fence is an appropriate post-and-picket design. At the rear of the property along Henry Street there is a later extension and a driveway to a garage.</p>	
<p>Information Sources</p> <p>(1) <i>Ashfield Heritage Study 1993</i>, vol 1, pp 32, 36; Higinbotham & Robinson map, 1883; H E C Robinson map, n d.</p> <p>(2) Valuer General's records, North Ward, 1920, No 132, Ashfield Council Archives.</p> <p>(3) <i>Ibid</i>, 1922-25, No 146. According to <i>Sands Directories</i> the first occupier, from 1921 to 1926, was Rhys P Taylor, who was followed by Mrs C Greenfield (1927) and John N Schau (1928-31).</p> <p>(4) Valuer-General's records, <i>ibid</i>, 1928, No 159.</p>	