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

Name of Item	House, 'K	inross'			Reference N°
Other Names					2 02 12
Address	11 Bruce Street				Land Title
Locality	Ashfield		Postcode		
Item Type	Building				Owner/s
Group Name					
Statement of Significance					Condition as observed
An unusual transitional version of the Arts-&-Crafts and California					from street —
Bungalow styles of architecture, with some distinctive detailing such as roughcast cylindrical columns. It is modest in scale and makes a positive					
contribution to the streetscape. It characterises the expansion of Ashfield in					Minor alteration —
the early years of the 20th Century, including the early erection of a motor					☐ Sympathetic
car garage.					☐ Unsympathetic
					Major alteration —
					☐ Sympathetic
					☐ Unsympathetic
Summary of Significance Rare Associative Representative					, ,
_		Associative	Representative		Modifications —
Historic		_	-		
Aesthetic		Ц	lacktriangle		
Social					
Scientific					
Other					



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Current Use
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Heritage Listing Recommended

Themes: Local Themes: State

Subdivision and consolidation Towns, suburbs and villages

Historical Notes

The original grantee for the land in this vicinity was William Faithful. By about 1820 his holding was incorporated into Robert Campbell's Canterbury Park Estate. It was subdivided by about 1880 and became part of the Federal Estate at the beginning of the 20th Century. (1) This was part of allotment No 11 of that estate. At that time there was a Victorian house called 'Studley' next door to the south. It was demolished in more recent years and replaced by a small reserve.(1)

Mrs Margaret Kennedy, of Federal Avenue, made a building application in 1916 to erect a 'double-fronted brick cottage of 5 rooms, with concrete foundation, slate dampcourse and tile roof, with an estimated value of £800.' In the same year Mrs Kennedy applied to build a 'motor garage, value £39' and was first recorded as the occupant of the property in 1917 and in that year its valuation was £262 unimproved and £1,300 improved.(2) (According to the Rate Book for 1916, changes occurred to what was then the north-east ward, and this property became part of the north ward). The house was given its name in 1924. In 1925 the house was sold to F H Sturrah, storekeeper, and its valuation had increased to £420 unimproved and £1,750 improved.(3) By 1928 it was valued at £600 unimproved and £1,900 improved.(4)

Physical Description

A single-storeyed Bungalow of transitional style having some distinctive features. The site, like the others addressing this street, has side boundaries not at right angles to the front.

The walls of the house are slightly variegated brown face-brick. The main roof is a lateral gable, and from it a bay with a secondary gable projects from one end of the elevation towards the street. At the other end there is a room which might have originally been part of the front verandah but is now glazed with muffled glass in characteristic timber frames. This room has unusual stout, round piers finished in roughcast render. The verandah occupies the remainder of the facade, and in it there are three doorways: the entrance, a pair of French doors, and a door to the bay room, all doors being glazed. The street-facing window in the side bay has six casement lights with leaded glass and transom lights. The windows have metal lintels and some have soldier course heads. The roof is terra cotta tiles with scroll terminals and exposed rafter ends. The gables have roughcast tympani and fairly wide verges. The lateral gables have flared bases and projecting plates and purlins, while the one facing the street is decorated with a circular motif and has bracketted plates giving the effect of a flying gable.

The front garden is small and neat, with one mature palm and some topiary, and the brick front fence, with piers and a single pipe rail, appears to be original. A side drive leads to a rear garage.

Information Sources

- (1) Ashfield Heritage Study 1993, vol 1, pp 32, 36; Higinbotham & Robinson map of Ashfield, 1883; H E C Robinson map, North Ward, n d, but about 1912. Water Board map, c 1930.
- (2) BA, 1916, No 2765 for house, No 2856 for garage, in Ashfield Council Archives. *Sands Directories*. Rate Book, North Ward, No 380, in Ashfield Council Archives.
- (3) Valuer-General's records, ibid, 1922-25, No 409; Sands Directories.
- (4) Ibid, 1928, No 459.