

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

<b>Name of Item</b> House, 'Gowrie' <b>Other Names</b>	<b>Reference N°</b> <b>1 16 60</b>																								
<b>Address</b> 117 Park Avenue <b>Locality</b> Ashfield <b>Postcode</b>	<b>Land Title</b>																								
<b>Item Type</b> Building <b>Group Name</b>	<b>Owner/s</b>																								
<b>Statement of Significance</b>  A component of a harmonious group of three adjacent houses of similar date and architectural style in this part of Park Avenue. It exemplifies the different treatments of the Queen Anne style of architecture in the Federation period in Ashfield.	<b>Condition as observed from street</b> — <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Intact  <b>Minor alteration</b> — <input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic <input type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic  <b>Major alteration</b> — <input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic <input type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic																								
<b>Summary of Significance</b> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 10%;"></th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">Rare</th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">Associative</th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">Representative</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Historic</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Aesthetic</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Social</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Scientific</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Other</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Rare	Associative	Representative	<b>Historic</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Aesthetic</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Social</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Scientific</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Modifications</b> — The chimneys have been removed and there is a modern metal fence.
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<b>Photo Roll N°</b> 4	<b>Frame N°</b> 2	<b>Survey Date</b> 16/7/2001	<b>Surveyed by</b> RI
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<b>Current Use</b> House, 117 Park Avenue	<b>Reference N°</b> 1 16 60
<b>Heritage Listing</b> Recommended	
<b>Themes : Local</b> Subdivision and consolidation	<b>Themes : State</b> Towns, suburbs and villages
<b>Historical Notes</b> The land in this part of Ashfield had by about 1820 become Robert Campbell's extensive Canterbury Park Estate. Here the Education Park Estate was established, and first offered for sale in 1882 by the Excelsior Land, Investment and Building Company and Bank. This site was Lot 18 of section 1 of that estate. In 1908 William Jones was the owner of the unimproved Lots 18 and 19, with a combined valuation of £135.(1) By 1911 Jones was recorded as the owner of a house on Lot 18 valued at £56 unimproved and £400 improved.(2) He sold the property to Reginald J Stephens in 1911, at which time it was valued at £56 unimproved and £400 improved.(3) Stephens named the house 'Gowrie' and lived there until 1920, after which the occupiers included Samuel Rosenthal (1922-26) and William Watson (1928-31).(4)	
<b>Physical Description</b> One of an ensemble of three Queen Anne-style houses in Park Avenue. It is a narrow single-storeyed brick house with a tuckpointed facade and a hipped roof covered in variegated terra cotta tiles with ridge gablets and exposed rafter-ends. A bullnosed corrugated metal hipped skillion roof covers the front verandah which has turned timber posts, decorative timber brackets and tessellated tile floor. There is a three-light front window with casement sashes, transom lights and bullnose brick sills. The front fence is a recent steel palisade and there is an elemental small front garden.  An indication of the range of variations on this single-fronted theme may be seen by comparing the houses at 104 Park Avenue and 27 Shepherd Street (with tiny gable at one side) and 103 Park Avenue (a larger version).	
<b>Information Sources</b> (1) Valuer General's records, South Ward, 1908-10, No 1663. (2) Rate Book, South Ward, 1911, No 1519. (3) Rate Book, <i>ibid</i> , 1912, No 1519. (4) <i>Sands Directories</i> .	