

ASHFIELD HERITAGE STUDY

1991-1992

NAME Police Station		REFERENCE NO. 267
OTHER NAMES		REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
LOCALITY / SUBURB Ashfield	POSTCODE 2131	ZONING 5(a)
STREET ADDRESS 12-14 Victoria Street		OWNER Police Dept.
MAP	REFERENCE	BOUNDARY / IDENTIFICATION The property boundary
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS/HISTORICAL NOTES - SEE OVER		
CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	
EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE		
Historic: Rare <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input type="checkbox"/>	Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
Aesthetic: Rare <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input type="checkbox"/>	Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
Social: Rare <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input type="checkbox"/>	Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
Scientific: Rare <input type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input type="checkbox"/>	Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
Other: Rare <input type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input type="checkbox"/>	Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE		
* A pleasant and stylish public building of modest scale, and streetscape value.		
SITE CONDITION		
Intact	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Minor Alteration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Major Alteration	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Sympathetic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
- Unsympathetic	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Removed (site only)	<input type="checkbox"/>	



PHOTOGRAPHS		DATE OF SURVEY
BandW ROLL 91-052-1	NEG NO. 35	
COLOUR SLIDES ROLL	FRAME NO.	SURVEYOR
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HERITAGE LISTINGS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Register of the National Estate (AHC) - Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Register of the National Estate (AHC) - Interim <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Register of National Trust (NSW) <input type="checkbox"/> Within National Trust Conservation Area <input type="checkbox"/> Register of Significant Twentieth Century Architecture (RAIA) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department of Public Works Heritage and Conservation Register <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Permanent Conservation Order <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Interim Conservation Order <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Section 130 Order <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Nomination <input type="checkbox"/> NSW Government Department Heritage Register (S170 Heritage Act) <input type="checkbox"/> Institution of Engineers (NSW) Heritage Register <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Environmental Plan Heritage Schedule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Environmental Plan Heritage Schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Other	PERIOD Pre - 1800 <input type="checkbox"/> 1800 - 1825 <input type="checkbox"/> 1825 - 1850 <input type="checkbox"/> 1851 - 1875 <input type="checkbox"/> 1876 - 1900 <input type="checkbox"/> 1901 - 1925 <input type="checkbox"/> 1926 - 1950 <input type="checkbox"/> 1951 - 1975 <input type="checkbox"/> Post - 1975 <input type="checkbox"/>	REFERENCE NO. 267 <hr/> DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1888; addns <hr/> ARCHITECT / DESIGNER: James Barnet <hr/> BUILDER: Not known
	HISTORICAL THEMES: State Themes: Building styles. Local Themes: Local Government and services. The boom years.	

HISTORICAL NOTES

Ashfield was one of the original police stations forming the Metropolitan Police District when the Police Regulation Act was introduced in 1862. In 1881, the station still only had "one foot constable" on the staff, and the first section of the present Police Station was erected in 1888 to the design of the Colonial Architect.

INFORMATION SOURCES:

Written: Thematic History

Oral:

Graphic:

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Materials: Exposed and painted brickwork, stucco chimneys, window sills and modillion brackets under eaves, slate roof with sheet metal trim; slate chimney pots.

Exterior: Single storey symmetrical main building, hip roofed addition abutting one end of verandah, separate cell block, flat roofed portable building in rear yard.

Interior: Not inspected.

Styles: Victorian Regency.

DESCRIPTION:

A small complex of domestic scale buildings. The main building, close to the street, has a hipped roof with wide bracketted eaves. The verandah has an ogee roof of corrugated iron supported by timber posts spaced in A-B-A-C-A-B-A rhythm, with cast iron brackets bearing the "VR" cypher; this is a standard design of which alternate castings had to be reversed so that from outside every second bracket reads "RV" ("R" reversed). The front door has four bolection moulded panels. At one end there is a block, added later, with matching eaves brackets and frieze. There are wall ventilators of three different patterns. The cell block, formerly separate, has a hipped roof of corrugated iron.

MODIFICATION:

Welded steel mesh front fence. Several other modifications, but the complex retains its original period character.

Note: The Police Station forms an interesting and pleasant juxtaposition with the Fire Station next door.