

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

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Address 18 Wallace Street Locality Ashfield Postcode	Land Title																								
Item Type Building Group Name	Owner/s																								
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Current Use House, 'Desmond', 18 Wallace Street, Ashfield	Reference N° 2 23 02
Heritage Listing Recommended	
Themes : Local Subdivision and consolidation	Themes : State Towns, suburbs and villages
<p>Historical Notes</p> <p>The Wallace Street area is part of Robert Campbell's 1820s Canterbury Park Estate, nearly all of which was south of Liverpool Road. Prior to that it had been a 1799 grant to William Faithful. The street was named in 1841, presumably to commemorate the Scottish patriot William Wallace.(1) Allotments in the present subdivision were put up for auction as the Fyle Estate No 2 in 1917. The Fyle subdivision was covered by a building covenant which provided that 'any building erected shall be constructed in a proper and workmanlike manner, to be of brick or stone or concrete, the roof to be of slate or tile, to cost not less than £450.'(2)</p> <p>This allotment, No 27, was purchased by A W Coleman, who made a Building Application in that year to erect a 'four-room double-fronted brick cottage with brick foundation, Ruberoid dampcourse and tile roof with an estimated value of £600'. The builder was C H Gunter.(3) Coleman sold the property in 1919 to O Leila (or Lillia) Doust, in which year it made its first appearance in the Rate Book, with a valuation of £190 unimproved and £850 improved.(4) The occupant was listed as Walter A Doust. The Dousts lived there until 1925, when it was bought by Mrs Catherine A Ramsay, of Liverpool Road, for £1,200. Thereafter the house was tenanted. In 1928 the name 'Desmond' first appeared in the record and the valuation of the property was £399 unimproved and £1,250 improved.(5)</p>	
<p>Physical Description</p> <p>This is one of eight adjacent single-storey dwellings of similar design, combining elements of Arts-and-Crafts and California Bungalow styles of architecture. The eight have differing details and most have been altered. The three examples recommended as heritage items, Nos 16, 18 and 20, are listed separately. The roof of No 18 is medium-pitched and sheeted with slates (not tiles) with terra cotta trim, with a broad street-facing gable and a rear hipped form, and there is a gabled side bay beside which is the verandah. The walls are brown brick, the facade being in tuckpointed face work up to about a metre and a half high, above which there is rendering. The verandah has a hipped skillion roof of slate, supported on battered, rendered and painted piers, the outer ones battered only on the inner faces. The floor is tessellated tiles. Windows are casements with leaded glazing, while transom lights have small panes of coloured glass. Window and door openings have three-ring header segmental arch heads and the bay window has a bracketted skillion hood. The gables have panel-and-batten treatment and the main gable has a slightly flared apex of imbricated pressed metal. The front path has tessellated tile paving with concrete kerbs, and near the entrance is flanked by urn or vase pedestals. The front fence and gate are of timber pickets with curve-topped panels. The front garden is simple, with a mature palm and smaller plantings. A skillion-roofed garage has been sympathetically added at the side of the house.</p>	
<p>Information Sources</p> <p>(1) <i>Ashfield Heritage Study 1993</i>, vol 1, pp 32, 36 and appendix G. (2) <i>Ashfield Heritage Study 1993</i>, vol 1, p 191. (3) Subdivision Plan prepared for J A Somerville & Co; B A register, 1917, No 3197; in Ashfield Council Archives. (4) Rate Book, North Ward, 1919, No 2119, in Ashfield Council Archives. (5) <i>Sands Directories</i>; Valuer-General's records, North Ward, 1922-25, No 2157; 1928, No 2609, <i>ibid</i>.</p>	