

ASHFIELD HERITAGE STUDY

1991-1992

NAME	Group of Two Pairs of Semi-detached Houses		REFERENCE NO.	091
OTHER NAMES	No. 18, KINGSTON		REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	
LOCALITY / SUBURB	Ashfield	POSTCODE	2131	
STREET ADDRESS	18-20 and 22-24 Federal Avenue			
MAP	REFERENCE			
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS/HISTORICAL NOTES - SEE OVER				
CATEGORY		SUB CATEGORY		
EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE				
Historic:	Rare	<input type="checkbox"/>	Associative	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Aesthetic:	Rare	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Associative	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Representative	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social:	Rare	<input type="checkbox"/>	Associative	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Representative	<input checked="" 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 very unusual architectural example of two asymmetrical pairs of substantial semis forming a symmetrical ensemble, with many distinctive features.				
			BOUNDARY / IDENTIFICATION	
			The property boundaries	
			SITE CONDITION	
			Intact	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Minor Alteration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Major Alteration	<input type="checkbox"/>
			- Sympathetic	<input type="checkbox"/>
			- Unsympathetic	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Removed (site only)	<input type="checkbox"/>



PHOTOGRAPHS	NEG NO. 26	DATE OF SURVEY	22/6/92
BANDW ROLL 91-052-16	FRAME NO.	SURVEYOR	RI/CHP
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<p>HERITAGE LISTINGS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Register of the National Estate (AHC) - Registered</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Register of the National Estate (AHC) - Interim</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Register of National Trust (NSW)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Within National Trust Conservation Area</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Register of Significant Twentieth Century Architecture (RAIA)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Department of Public Works Heritage and Conservation Register</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Permanent Conservation Order</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Interim Conservation Order</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Section 130 Order</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Nomination</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NSW Government Department Heritage Register (S170 Heritage Act)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institution of Engineers (NSW) Heritage Register</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Regional Environmental Plan Heritage Schedule</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Local Environmental Plan Heritage Schedule</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>	<p>PERIOD</p> <p>Pre - 1800 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1800 - 1825 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1825 - 1850 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1851 - 1875 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1876 - 1900 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1901 - 1925 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1926 - 1950 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1951 - 1975 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Post - 1975 <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>REFERENCE NO. 091</p> <p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1915</p> <p>ARCHITECT/DESIGNER: Not known</p> <p>BUILDER: Not known</p> <p>HISTORICAL THEMES:</p> <p>State Themes: A place to live. Emergence of building style.</p> <p>Local Themes: Subdivision and consolidation.</p>
<p>HISTORICAL NOTES</p> <p>This area of Ashfield was part of the Canterbury Estate, owned by Robert Campbell. He put it up for sale in 1841, along with his south Ashfield subdivision, south of Liverpool Road. This occurred at about the same time as Mrs. Underwood advertised her adjoining "Village of Ashfield" for sale. A later owner, William Adams, is probably responsible for creating Federal Avenue. Then in 1907 W. A. Cramsie, of Glen Innes, who owned 1.5 acres, some of it fronting Federal Avenue, subdivided his holding, of which the site of these houses was part. George Bridges, a draper, purchased lot 1 in 1911, and added to it a small allotment from an earlier subdivision on the south side. This made Bridges' land large enough to build these four houses. They appear in Sands' Directories for the first time in 1916. The houses, owned by George Bridges until at least 1973, were always tenanted. In 1958-60 the property was subdivided, with a new deposit plan.</p>		
<p>INFORMATION SOURCES:</p> <p>Written: Land Title records. Rate Books. Research by N. Peek.</p> <p>Oral:</p> <p>Graphic:</p>		
<p>PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:</p> <p>Materials: Brick/roughcast walls. Unglazed terra cotta tile roofs. Timber joinery and decoration.</p> <p>Exterior: Substantial semi-detached dwellings in two asymmetrical pairs making a symmetrical ensemble of fairly steep hips and gables.</p> <p>Interior: Not inspected.</p> <p>Styles: Federation Arts-&-Crafts, with California Bungalow overtones.</p>		
<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>This ingenious suite comprises two pairs of semis, so contrived that each pair is not quite symmetrical but when seen together one block is a mirror image of the other. Each house is of substantial area and thus the roof of each pair is dominant. To the hipped form are appended two street gables, the smaller of which, on the axis, embraces two side by side entrance porches. A party wall, extended forward, separates the two recessed entrances, which are in a splayed format. The timber post/valence/balustrade decorative ensemble is different for each pair. The outer front rooms have corner windows, i.e. two casement lights each side of a corner mullion. Above this the roof extends down as a most distinctive corner hood, with exposed rafters and prominent curvilinear brackets. There is a roughcast frieze around each block above window head level.</p>		
<p>MODIFICATION:</p> <p>No. 18 has a carport on pipe columns, and a welded mesh fence.</p> <p>No. 20 has no fence.</p> <p>No. 22 has a pipe column carport and low brick fence.</p> <p>No. 24 has a pipe column carport and low brick fence.</p>		