

Ashfield Heritage Study Inventory Sheets 2010

Name of Item	Residence, 'Artelson'	Reference N°	10/54
Other Names	'Yawarra' (1926 and 1908)		
Address	2 Webbs Avenue, corner of Orpington Street	Land Title	
Locality	Ashfield Postcode 2131		
Item Type	Building	Owner/s	
Group Name			
Statement of Significance		Condition as observed from street —	
A very pleasing Inter-War corner house, having restrained Art Deco features. and providing a positive contribution to the streetscape.		<input type="checkbox"/> Intact	
		Minor alteration —	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic	
		Major alteration —	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic	
Summary of Significance		Modifications —	
	Rare	Associative	Representative
Historic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Aesthetic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		The front verandah has been infilled with glazing.	



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<p>Current Use Residence</p>	<p>Reference N° 10/54</p>
<p>Heritage Listing Ashfield Local Environmental Plan 1985, Schedule 7</p>	
<p>Themes : Local Subdivision and consolidation</p>	<p>Themes : State Towns, suburbs and villages</p>
<p>Historical Notes</p> <p>There was a small timber and shingle-roofed house called ‘Yawarra’ on this allotment in 1880. It was then the only house on this side of Chandos Street and its address was given as Chandos Street. The property was listed in Webbs Avenue in 1883 and was No 15 until some time between 1910 and 1920, when it became No 2.(1)</p> <p>In 1927 the owner, Selby Marshall Cook, sold the property, which was then valued at £800, to Arthur Claude Benson. Benson lodged a building application in the same year for a seven-room brick bungalow estimated to cost £2,000. The BA was approved and the timber house was demolished. The present house was erected for Benson by October 1927 by E G Hargraves, builder, of Burwood. In 1928 the improved valuation was £3,000.(2)</p> <p>Nine years later Arthur Benson sold the property to Peter Kerr for £2,200. Kerr owned it until 1954, when it was purchased by Mrs Mary Rose Godfrey for £7,000. The valuation was then £5,600. The property was inherited from Mrs Godfrey by Dorothea McGrath in 1963.(3)</p>	
<p>Physical Description</p> <p>This ample residence is built of fine face brickwork on a sandstone base, with a hipped roof of terra cotta tiles. Its design expresses in its detailing some characteristics of Art Deco architecture. Viewed from Webbs Avenue the building is symmetrical about a wide gently-faceted centre bay that was evidently once an open verandah with axe-faced stone balustrading. It has been filled in with fixed and double-hung windows. The roof has boxed eaves. The corner gateway leads to the entrance, via a curved tiled path and terrazzo steps. Above the doorway is a panel bearing the house name, ‘Artelson’. The garden is simple, with mature plantings.</p> <p>The boundary fencing consists of brick piers with stone-capped piers, between which are brick panels with bullnose tops and welded metal pipe rail panels featuring an Art Deco motif of rectangles and circles. Along the side boundary facing Orpington Street a timber paling fence ends at the rear vehicle driveway.</p>	
<p>Information Sources</p> <p>(1) Ashfield Council Rate Books, 1880, 1881, 1883 and Valuer-General’s records 1920. (2) BA 1927 No 4368. Rate Books and Valuer-General’s records in Ashfield Council Archives, 1927 and 1928. (3) Op cit, 1937 to 1961.</p>	