

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

Name of Item House, one of a group of four adjacent houses Other Names	Reference N° 2 23 11																								
Address 24 Webbs Avenue, corner of Charlotte Street Locality Ashfield Postcode	Land Title																								
Item Type Building Group Name	Owner/s																								
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Current Use House, 24 Webbs Avenue, Ashfield, one of a group of four adjacent houses	Reference N° 2 23 11
Heritage Listing Recommended	
Themes : Local Subdivision and consolidation	Themes : State Towns, suburbs and villages
<p>Historical Notes</p> <p>This house was erected in 1927 by Basil Cook, owner-builder, of Croydon.(1) Cook sold it in 1928 to Percy John and Cathleen Switzer. In that year the property valuation was £660 unimproved and £2,000 improved.(2) The Switzers occupied the house until at least 1933.(3)</p> <p>For additional historical material, refer also to the Inventory sheet for the group.</p>	
<p>Physical Description</p> <p>These four houses form an ensemble exhibiting the variety of form and details which characterise the conservative version of the Inter-War California Bungalow style. They are traditional single-storeyed brick and gabled buildings, all elevated above the street. No 24, at the west end of the row, addresses the Charlotte Street corner with a diagonal gablet and a range of faceted side bay windows. The building is rendered up to floor level, above which the walling is liver brick facework.</p> <p>The primary and secondary roof gables face Webbs Avenue and the angled gablet forms the corner of the verandah flanking the smaller gabled bay. The brick verandah balustrade has a convex curve and levels out to support precast Tuscan columns. Entrance steps lead up under the gablet to the entrance.</p>	
<p>Information Sources</p> <p>(1) Building Application register, 1927, No 4450, in Ashfield Council Archives. (2) Valuer-General's records, North Ward, 1928, No 2688, <i>ibid</i>. (3) <i>Sands Directories</i>.</p>	