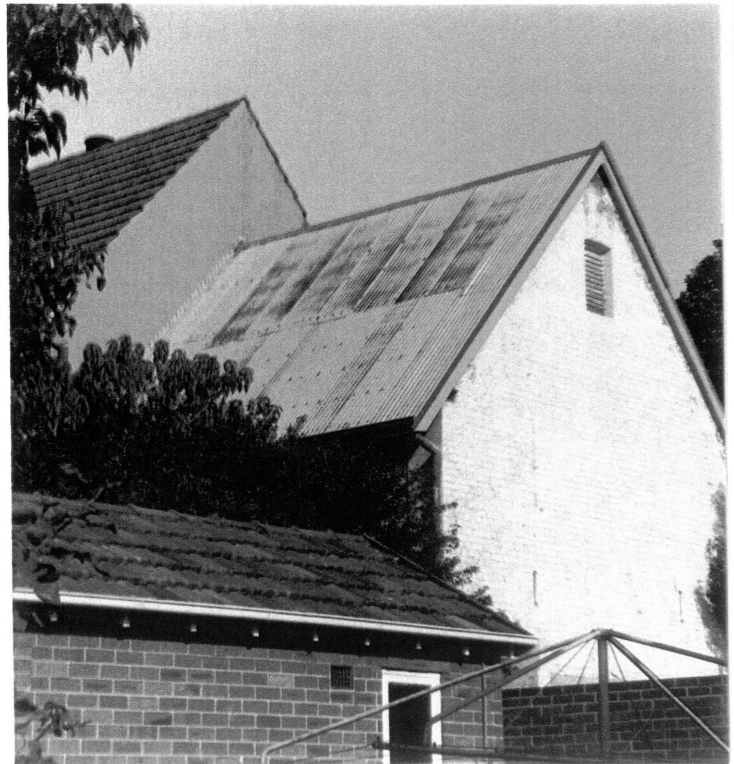


ASHFIELD HERITAGE STUDY

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NAME	Shop		REFERENCE NO.	129
OTHER NAMES	Formerly United Friendly Society, formerly First Ashfield Baptist Church		REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	
LOCALITY / SUBURB	Ashfield	POSTCODE	2131	
STREET ADDRESS	27 Holden Street			
MAP	REFERENCE		ZONING	2(a)
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS/HISTORICAL NOTES - SEE OVER			OWNER	Kim J; Park H.
CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY		BOUNDARY / IDENTIFICATION	
EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE				
Historic:	Rare	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Associative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Aesthetic:	Rare	<input type="checkbox"/>	Associative	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social:	Rare	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Associative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scientific:	Rare	<input type="checkbox"/>	Associative	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	Rare	<input type="checkbox"/>	Associative	<input type="checkbox"/>
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE				
* The significance of this site relates to its historic association with the original Ashfield Baptist Church.				
Recommendation: It is recommended that any original fabric be appropriately recorded in the event of site re-development.				
			SITE CONDITION	
			Intact	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Minor Alteration	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Major Alteration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			- Sympathetic	<input type="checkbox"/>
			- Unsympathetic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Removed (site only)	<input type="checkbox"/>



PHOTOGRAPHS	NEG NO. 19 & 22	DATE OF SURVEY	19/3/92
BandW ROLL 91-052-7 & 8	FRAME NO.	SURVEYOR	RI/CHP
STUDY TEAM: Richard Mackay, Robert Irving, Chris Pratten, Jill Sheppard, Stephen Harris			

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HERITAGE LISTINGS <input type="checkbox"/> Register of the National Estate (AHC) - Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Register of the National Estate (AHC) - Interim <input 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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1901 - 1925 <input type="checkbox"/> 1926 - 1950 <input type="checkbox"/> 1951 - 1975 <input type="checkbox"/> Post - 1975 <input type="checkbox"/>	REFERENCE NO. 129 <hr/> DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Various <hr/> ARCHITECT/DESIGNER: Not known <hr/> BUILDER: Not known	
	HISTORICAL THEMES: State Themes: Cultural and Social Life. Booms and busts. Local Themes: The boom years.		
	HISTORICAL NOTES <p>The first Baptist service was held in Ashfield in the old School of Arts on the corner of Liverpool Road and Holden Street in April, 1884. In 1885, land was purchased on the west side of Holden Street south of Norton Street, and a church erected at a cost of £934, all the bricks being supplied by one of the foundation members, William Keen, of the Excelsior Brickworks, Croydon. Another foundation member, James Cunningham, of Cromwell Street, carved the original cedar pulpit, which survives in the present Baptist Church. When the growing congregation proved too large for the first church, the Baptist congregation in 1906 purchased the Ashfield Hall (formerly the School of Arts), and converted it into the Baptist Tabernacle. The first church continued in use as a Sunday School Hall until sold to the Ashfield and District Friendly Society in 1914. The Society sold the building in 1934. (See also Ashfield Baptist Church and Ashfield School of Arts).</p>		
	INFORMATION SOURCES: Written: <u>Ashfield, 1871-1971</u> ; Baptist Church pamphlets in ADHS collection. Oral: N. Peek, historical searches. Graphic: <u>Ashfield, 1871-1971</u> .		
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS: Materials: Brick walls. Corrugated iron and tile roofs. Exterior: Remnant of original building now subsumed in several subsequent building campaigns. Interior: Not inspected. Styles: Original building: Victorian Free Gothic.			
DESCRIPTION: <p>It appears that the original church had its roof raised to accommodate an upper storey commercial use; its fenestration was altered, an extension at the front replaced the porch to provide accommodation for the A. & D. U. F. S., and retail premises were added. Some evidence of the earlier building remains at the rear (west) end.</p>			
MODIFICATION: <p>The building is now so compromised by modifications that the significance resides in the site alone.</p>			