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

Name of Item Other Names	House, 'Cla	remont'			Reference N° 1 03 01
Address Locality	3 Carlisle St	treet	Postcode		Land Title
Item Type Group Name	Building				Owner/s
Statement of Significance A most attractive Late Victorian residence now in excellent condition after a time of neglect. It is a tribute to the owners' efforts to restore the house to its former state and is now a worthy example of the Italianate style of architecture in Ashfield at a time of the suburb's most vigorous growth.					Condition as observed from street — Intact Minor alteration — Sympathetic Unsympathetic Major alteration — Sympathetic
Historic Aesthetic Social	_	Associative	Representative		☐ Unsympathetic Modifications —



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Current Use
Residence, 3 Carlisle Street, Ashfield

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Heritage Listing Recommended

Themes: Local Themes: State

Subdivision and consolidation Towns, suburbs and villages

Historical Notes

This property was part of Lots 1 and 2 of the Carlisle No 1 Subdivision, DP No 2777. In 1897 the unimproved block was owned by G D Wright, who also owned a house on lot 3.(1) By 1898 the land held a building and the owner/occupier of the house was Ernest Medcalf, who named the property 'Claremont'.(2) He remained there until 1908, when Robert E Medcalf, clerk, became the owner/occupier.(3) From 1914 the house was occupied by William J Wailes. The South Ward Valuation list for 1922-25 (N° 154) shows that Sophia Roselene Teesdale, of 376 New South Head Road, Rose Bay, bought the house from W J Wiles for £1,225. In 1928 the land was valued £370 unimproved and £1050 improved.(4) Mrs Teesdale was evidently an absentee landlady, for tenancies changed until Mrs Elsie Ford moved in in 1929 and remained as occupant until at least 1933.(5)

The house was rather run-down for many years but was refurbished and restored in the early 1980s.(6)

Physical Description

This Late Victorian Italianate residence is a fairly narrow two-storeyed building of brick and stucco, having the characteristic hipped slate roof with a gable bay thrusting forward towards the street. In this bay there is a two-storeyed facetted window bay with a semi-pyramid roof and, on each storey, a segmental-arched and label-moulded double-hung window in each facet, with continuous moulded sills. The gable has bargeboards with fretworked embellishment. Beside the gable bay there is a narrow verandah with an ensemble of cast iron decoration including a framed frieze and a roof of bullnose corrugated metal. The chimneys have corniced tops and terra cotta pots. The front fence is a new composition of rendered plinth and piers with palisade iron panels between. There is driveway with double gates on the south side. The garden is a formal composition of plantings and hedges.

Information Sources

- (1) Rate Book, South Ward, 1897, N° 1020.
- (2) Rate Book, ibid, 1898, N° 1006. Sands Directories spell the name Metcalf.
- (3) Valuer General's records, South Ward, 1908-10, N° 953. *Sands Directories* record Ernest Metcalf as occupier until 1912.
- (4) Valuer General's records, ibid, 1928, N° 166. Note the spelling of the name, different from *Sands*.
- (5) Sands Directories.
- (6) Information from the present owners.