

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

Name of Item House, 'Calderville' Other Names	Reference N° 2 18 01																								
Address 3 Richmond Avenue Locality Ashfield Postcode	Land Title																								
Item Type Building Group Name	Owner/s																								
Statement of Significance This is an excellent example of the architectural style which combines features of Arts-and-Crafts and California Bungalow modes. It is one of an adjacent pair similar in design but different in detail, and is also part of a most interesting conservation area characterising the early 20th-century growth of a desirable part of Ashfield.	Condition as observed from street — <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intact Minor alteration — <input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic <input type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic Major alteration — <input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic <input type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic Modifications —																								
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Current Use House, 'Calderville', 3 Richmond Avenue, Ashfield	Reference N° 2 18 01
Heritage Listing Recommended	
Themes : Local Subdivision and consolidation	Themes : State Towns, suburbs and villages
<p>Historical Notes</p> <p>This land was originally part of Augustus Alt's 1810 grant of 280 acres, which by about 1820 had been incorporated into Joseph Underwood's Ashfield Park Estate. Richmond Avenue was made to provide access to an estate created early in the 20th century by an entrepreneur named Bryan. The street was first recorded in <i>Sands Directories</i> in 1928.(1)</p> <p>The first appearance of the house in the Valuation records was also in 1928, when the property was described as Lot 3 of the Bryan Estate, D P No 14124; its owner and occupier was Mrs Maggie Scott Shaw and its valuation was £360 unimproved and £1,550 improved. <i>Sands Directory</i> reported the first occupant as J Shaw.(2) Regrettably, no building application has been found.</p>	
<p>Physical Description</p> <p>This building is one of two adjacent very distinctive and subtly different houses displaying the combined characteristics of the Inter-War Arts-and-Crafts and California Bungalow styles of architecture. The other house is No 5 Richmond Avenue. It is a single-storeyed brick bungalow with a symmetrical facade composed as a broad, low-pitched gable above flinty liver-coloured brickwork, the walls elsewhere being of common browns, and the roof of terra cotta tiles. The gable design is simple and elegant, having bargeboards cut level at their ends, and an unusual apex screen supported on shaped cantilever wall brackets. A five-bay verandah extends across most of the facade, the three centre bays being faceted outwards so to widen at the entrance. The verandah is a composition comprising brick balustrading with rendered copings and render-capped pedestals supporting Tuscan columns, which in turn support undecorated verandah beams and an almost-flat metal roof. Its floor, like the path leading to it from the front gate, is surfaced with tessellated tiles and has terrazzo step and threshold. The entrance door is a handsome design with a large, semi-elliptical panel of muffled and coloured leaded glass and, above it, a smaller elliptical panel. Both panels have inserts of chamfered polished plate glass and the large panel has a steel security grille so composed that it exactly echoes the pattern of the glass leading. The door is in a small recess and is flanked by matching surface-mounted triple-light casement windows with delicate leaded glazing echoing front door motifs, bracketed sills, splayed cornices and tapered architraves. To one side of the doorway there is a recessed glazed meter box. The front garden is simple and the brick fence, built with piers, panels, a single pipe rail and welded steel gate, perfectly complements the house. A side driveway leads to a rear garage. The workmanship is fine throughout and the condition excellent. As well, much of the interior detailing survives intact.</p>	
<p>Information Sources</p> <p>(1) <i>Ashfield Heritage Study 1993</i>, vol 1, pp 32, 36; H E C Robinson Map of Ashfield North Ward, undated, but about 1912, in Ashfield Council Archives.</p> <p>(2) Valuer-General's records, North Ward, 1928, No 2425, in Ashfield Council Archives; <i>Sands Directory</i>.</p>	