



## Ashfield Heritage Study Review of Areas Zoned 2(a)

<b>Current Use</b> Residence, 3 Carlisle Street, Ashfield	<b>Reference N°</b> 1 03 01
<b>Heritage Listing</b> Recommended	
<b>Themes : Local</b> Subdivision and consolidation	<b>Themes : State</b> Towns, suburbs and villages
<p><b>Historical Notes</b></p> <p>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)</p> <p>The house was rather run-down for many years but was refurbished and restored in the early 1980s.(6)</p>	
<p><b>Physical Description</b></p> <p>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 faceted 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.</p>	
<p><b>Information Sources</b></p> <p>(1) Rate Book, South Ward, 1897, N° 1020.  (2) Rate Book, <i>ibid</i>, 1898, N° 1006. <i>Sands Directories</i> spell the name Metcalf.  (3) Valuer General's records, South Ward, 1908-10, N° 953. <i>Sands Directories</i> record Ernest Metcalf as occupier until 1912.  (4) Valuer General's records, <i>ibid</i>, 1928, N° 166. Note the spelling of the name, different from <i>Sands</i>.  (5) <i>Sands Directories</i>.                      (6) Information from the present owners.</p>	