

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

<b>Name of Item</b>	Semi-detached pair of residences	<b>Reference N°</b>	1 01 20
<b>Other Names</b>	No 34, 'Berma'		
<b>Address</b>	32-34 Arthur Street	<b>Land Title</b>	
<b>Locality</b>	Ashfield	<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>Item Type</b>	Building	<b>Owner/s</b>	
<b>Group Name</b>			
<b>Statement of Significance</b>		<b>Condition as observed from street</b> —	
<p>An interesting variant of the symmetrical semi-detached dwelling theme, with distinctive forms and details. It illustrates the desire for individuality at a time when Ashfield's housing development was flourishing and land and building speculation was intense.</p>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intact	
		<b>Minor alteration</b> — <input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic	
<b>Summary of Significance</b>		<b>Major alteration</b> —	
	<b>Rare</b>	<b>Associative</b>	<b>Representative</b>
<b>Historic</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Aesthetic</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Social</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Scientific</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Other</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<b>Modifications</b> —	
		The front fences are not original.	



<b>Photo Roll N°</b> 17	<b>Frame N°</b> 18	<b>Survey Date</b> 24/10/2001	<b>Surveyed by</b> RI
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<p><b>Current Use</b></p> <p>Semi-detached pair of houses, 32-34 Arthur Street, Ashfield</p>	<p><b>Reference N°</b></p> <p>1 01 20</p>
<p><b>Heritage Listing</b>    Recommended</p>	
<p><b>Themes : Local</b></p> <p>Subdivision and consolidation</p>	<p><b>Themes : State</b></p> <p>Towns, suburbs and villages</p>
<p><b>Historical Notes</b></p> <p>This site was originally part of a large grant made to Captain William Paterson in 1794. By about 1820 it had been acquired by Robert Campbell and incorporated into his Canterbury Park Estate. A portion bought by George K Holden is shown on the Higinbotham &amp; Robinson map of Ashfield, 1883, as Holden's Estate. But the subdivision did not proceed and was subsequently changed. These two cottages were built on part of Lots 1 and 2 of Application 21313 of Part B.(1) In 1913 a Building Application was lodged by W Luefley of Carshalton Street, builder, on behalf of the owner, Mrs Jane Miller of Gilgandra, for the erection of a pair of semi-detached cottages of brick, with three rooms each, with a slate damp course and slate roof, estimated to cost £930 for the pair.(2) The cottages first appear in the Ashfield rate book in 1914, when they were each valued at £70 unimproved and £500 improved.(3) By 1920, still owned by Jane Miller, they were valued at £88 unimproved and £500 each. The lessee of No 34 was Alex Sydney Miller, a law clerk.(4) In 1926 Mrs Margaret Ellen Davis, of North Sydney, acquired the pair from the estate of Mrs Miller for £1,600. By 1928 they were valued at £200 unimproved and £700 improved each, and No 34 had been named 'Berma'.(5)</p>	
<p><b>Physical Description</b></p> <p>An interesting variation of the symmetrical twin-dwelling theme, this one with a fairly low-pitched hipped roof of slates, trimmed with terra cotta hips and terminals and crested ridges, and having a diamond pattern of fish-scale slates in the centre of the front slope. The roof sweeps down over the full-width verandahs, which are separated by the party wall projecting forward as a firewall. The walling is red-brown brickwork, tuckpointed at the front only, and each residence has a faceted front window bay with bullnose sills, four casement sashes and transom lights, glazed with plain glass and some small panes. Above the bays, small gables project through the roof, each with roughcast panels and simplified sunburst motifs. The entrances flank the firewall. The verandah ensemble consists of chamfered timber posts, paired beside the entries and bearing an interesting design of brackets and valences. There is brick balustrading at the ends only. The floor is tessellated tiles edged with slate. The chimneys are roughcast with brick caps. The front fences are steel mesh and the narrow front gardens are minimal and include hedges.</p>	
<p><b>Information Sources</b></p> <p>(1) Ashfield Heritage Study 1993, vol a, pp 32, 36; Robinson map of South Ward, n d, but c 1912.  (2) Building Application No 1611, 1913, Ashfield Council Archives.  (3) Rate Book, South Ward, 1914, No 1611.  (4) Valuer General's records, ibid, 1920, Nos 88, 89, Ashfield Council Archives.  (5) Valuer General's records, ibid, 1926, Nos 74 and 75; Valuer General's records, ibid, 1928, Nos 75 and 76.</p>	