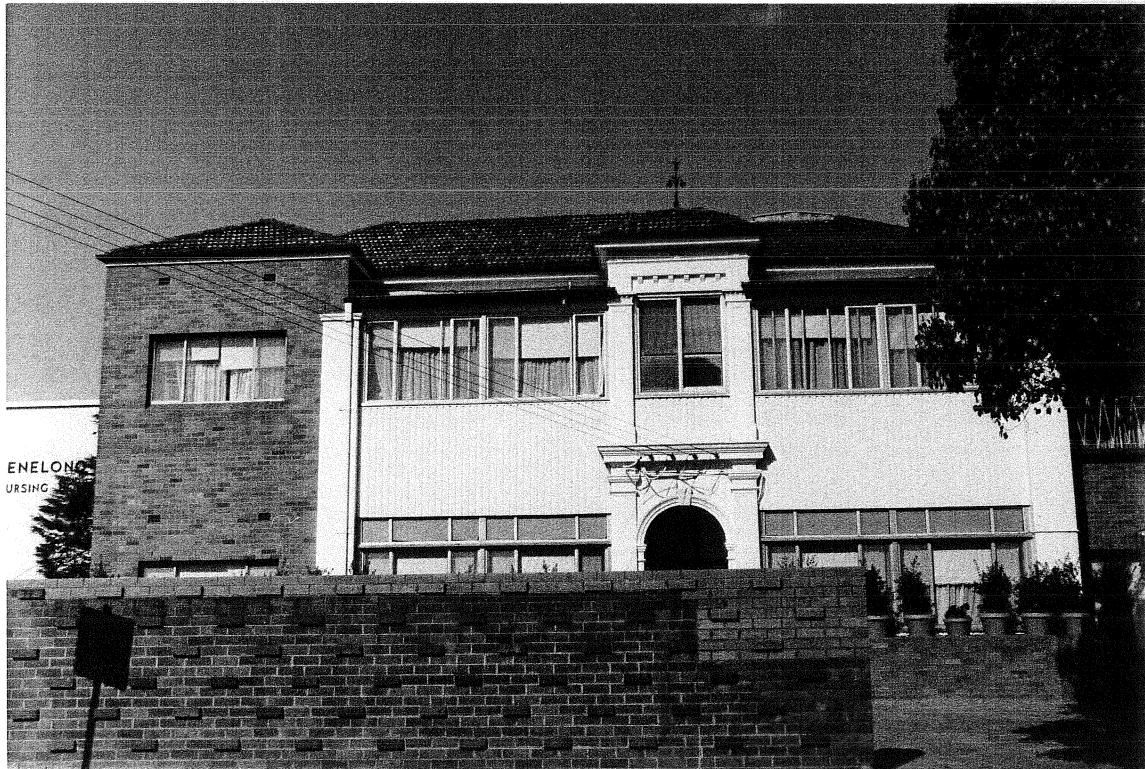


ASHFIELD HERITAGE STUDY

1991-1992

NAME Benelong Nursing Home Incorporating Part of the former GALLOP HOUSE		REFERENCE NO. 031
OTHER NAMES		REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
LOCALITY / SUBURB Ashfield	POSTCODE 2131	ZONING 2(a)
STREET ADDRESS 48 Arthur Street		OWNER New Benelong Pty Ltd
MAP	REFERENCE	BOUNDARY / IDENTIFICATION The original building only
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS/HISTORICAL NOTES - SEE OVER		
CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	
EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE		
Historic: Rare <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
Aesthetic: Rare <input type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input type="checkbox"/>	Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
Social: Rare <input type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input type="checkbox"/>	Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
Scientific: Rare <input type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input type="checkbox"/>	Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
Other: Rare <input type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input type="checkbox"/>	Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE		
<p>* An important site with tangible reminders of one of Sydney's most respected citizens of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.</p> <p>Recommendation: It is recommended that in the event of site redevelopment any original fabric be appropriately recorded.</p>		
		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	DATE OF SURVEY
BandW ROLL 91-052-1	19/3/92
COLOUR SLIDES ROLL	SURVEYOR
STUDY TEAM: Richard Mackay, Robert Irving, Chris Pratten, Jill Sheppard, Stephen Harris	RI/CHP
NEG NO. 25	
FRAME NO.	

ASHFIELD HERITAGE STUDY

1991-1992

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. 031 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1890 ARCHITECT/DESIGNER: Not known BUILDER: Not known
	HISTORICAL THEMES: State Themes: Migration - ethnic communities. Cultural and social life. A place to live. Local Themes: The Boom years	

HISTORICAL NOTES

Beneath the very ordinary facade of the Benelong Nursing Home lie the remains of one of Ashfield's most well known turn-of-the-century homes, "Gallop House", built in 1890 by the celebrated Chinese Mandarin, Quong Tart, who lived there with his Australian wife and family until his untimely death in 1903. Mrs Tart continued to live on in "Gallop House" until her death in 1916, after which it was owned by her son-in-law John McEvoy, or his wife Ettie Tart, until the former's death in 1959, after which it became a private hospital and later a nursing home. (See also inventory sheet for 30 King Street).

INFORMATION SOURCES:

Written: Life of Quong Tart (M. Quong Tart), 1911; "Study in Assimilation", in Descent, 4:3, 1969.

Oral: N. Peek, historical searches.

Graphic: Illust. Syd. News. 22/4/1893; Australians At Home.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Materials: Remnant of original building: Brick/stucco walls.

Exterior: Former asymmetrical front now symmetrical, with late brick wing making entire building asymmetrical again.

Interior: Not inspected.

Styles: Original building: Victorian Italianate.

DESCRIPTION:

The right hand (western) portion of this building is the remnant of a narrow late Victorian Italianate two-storeyed house. This rectangular building had a hipped roof with cast iron ridge cresting, and a squat tower with a pyramidal roof and cast iron finial. Virtually the only evidence of the original style is the fragmentary decoration of this tower motif, with its pilastrated Roman arch, modillioned entablatures, foliated capitals and stucco paterae.

MODIFICATION:

The building is now so compromised by modifications that the significance resides in the site alone.