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

Name of Item Other Names	House, one of a group of six				Reference N° 1 08 30
Address Locality	68 Holden Street Ashfield Postcode				Land Title
Item Type Group Name	Building				Owner/s
One of an extremely unusual ensemble of six adjacent houses of the same period and architectural style, of high quality and in remarkably intact order. The subtle variations of design appear to indicate individual requirements without sacrificing the harmony of the group. It is a potent demonstration of residential development in Ashfield in the period between the World Wars.					Condition as observed from street — Intact Minor alteration — Sympathetic Wunsympathetic Major alteration — Sympathetic
Summary of Significance Rare Associative Representative					☐ Unsympathetic
Historic		Associative	Representative		Modifications — Brick fence. Steel gate of sympathetic design.



Photo Roll N° 7 Frame N° 12A Survey Date Surveyed by RI RI

Ashfield Heritage Study Review of Areas Zoned 2(a)

Current UseReference N° House, 68 Holden Street, Ashfield, part of a group of six similar houses1.08.30

Heritage Listing Recommended

Themes: Local Themes: State

Subdivision and consolidation Towns, suburbs and villages

Historical Notes

Information about the history of the group as a whole is given on the Inventory sheet for the group. This house was probably erected in 1923 and its first occupant was Raymond Jelfs, who lived here for two years. He was followed by the Rev Reginald P Arnott, BA, who was then the owner. In 1928 the valuation was £440 unimproved and £1,500 improved.(1)

Physical Description

These six almost identical California Bungalows, all substantially intact, are built with brown face brick fronts and common brick sides. Each has a broad full-width gable facing the street, with a projecting gabled wing at one side in which is a five-light window. The gables have panel-and-batten treatment and the main gable has a decorative vent. There is a deep verandah beside the projecting bay, floored with tessellated tiles, with brick balustrading and a singe corner pier surmounted by triple short posts supporting the verandah roof. An unusual feature is that each front entrance is located at the inner corner of the verandah, in a canted wall, and a room with French doors opens on to the verandah. All houses have side driveways and curved front paths. The door and window lintels appear to be concrete.

Information Sources

(1) Sands Directories. Valuer-General's records, 1922-25, No 910, and 1928, No 952, at Ashfield Council Archives.