


Additional Ashfield Heritage Inventory Sheets 2010

| Name of Item | House, 'Denmark Cottage' | Reference N° | 2011/3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Other Names | | Land Title | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Address | 70 Norton Street, corner of A'Beckett Avenue | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Locality | Ashfield | Postcode | 2131 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Item Type | Building and remnant front garden | Owner/s | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Group Name | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Statement of Significance | <p>'Denmark Cottage' is one of the earliest surviving masonry residences in Ashfield, with much intact fabric, internal as well as external, now revealed and conserved. It is one of a very small number of its type and era.</p> <p>The property makes a positive contribution to the difficult streetscape of Norton Street.</p> <p>The house is significant as one of the early places in Ashfield where girls could be privately educated, at a time when school education was burgeoning.</p> <p>The front garden includes some mature plantings.</p> | Condition as observed from street — | <input type="checkbox"/> Intact Minor alteration — <input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic <input type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic Major alteration — <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic <input type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Photo Roll N° | Digital | Frame N° | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Survey Date | 7/1/0011 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Current Use | Reference N° |
| Residence with new residential development at rear of site facing A'Beckett Avenue. At the time of writing conservation work (see picture) was in progress. | 2011/3 |
| Heritage Listing Recommended | |
| Themes : Local | Themes : State |
| Subdivision and consolidation | Towns suburbs and villages |
| <p>Historical Notes</p> <p>The brick house called 'Denmark Cottage' was erected by W H Dickinson during or prior to 1879. It was originally shingle-roofed. At the time of its incorporation in 1871 Ashfield contained just over 200 dwellings, 123 of them here in the South Ward. Only 70 of these were brick-walled. During the building boom of the 1880s many of the larger estates were subdivided and by 1889 the South Ward had more than 750 houses. This cottage thus pre-dated the boom.</p> <p>The property was sold to Miss Jane Turner in 1881 Jane Turner had established a Ladies School at 'Stanley Villa' in Liverpool Road, and she moved her school to 'Denmark Cottage' in 1882, when the development of educational institutions in Ashfield was rapidly increasing. It is not known how long Turner's school lasted, but she lived in the cottage until 1904, from about 1890 sharing it with Miss Frances Bolton. It is possible that the rear wing on the east side was added during Miss Bolton's residency.</p> <p>In more recent years the house had been superficially altered by such measures as enclosing the front verandah and adding elements at the rear. Until the approval of the additional residential structure at the rear of the property it had fallen into disrepair. At the time of writing the is being conserved appropriately. The photograph above was taken during this project.</p> | |
| <p>Physical Description</p> <p>The original building of brick with a shingle-covered gable roof, comprised two rooms each side of a central passage, in which was a staircase leading up to two attic rooms flanking the upper hall, which had two central dormer windows, one facing the front and the other facing the rear. On the rear or south there was a brick eastern wing containing two smaller rooms. The skillion-roofed front (north) verandah had brick wing walls, two cast iron columns and a small set of stairs leading up from the front garden, making the street facade symmetrical. A verandah led to the kitchen in the rear wing. A report by Alan Croker of Design 5 Architects revealed that the whole ensemble, along with most of the interior elements such as fireplaces and joinery, survives, although until the present conservation campaign its components were obscured by such things as verandah infillings, additions and the decrepitude of neglect. The roofing had been replaced in earlier years by terra cotta tiles.</p> <p>At the time of writing a campaign of conservation was in progress, under the guidance of Paul Davies Pty Ltd, architects and heritage consultants.</p> <p>The rear of the site now contains a new residential structure. Accordingly the boundary of this listing should be the house and its site to the north of the south wall of the rebuilt rear wing of the house.</p> | |
| <p>Information Sources</p> <p>Records in Council rate books, South Ward; <i>Sands Directories</i> for relevant years; S & R Coupe, <i>Speed the Plough</i>, pp 103, 107; these and other sources incorporated in research by Helen Wilson, Heritage Adviser, summarised in reports to Ashfield Council, 30/4/ 05 and 23/5 06. Reports to Council by Robert A Moore Pty Ltd, Heritage Adviser, 30/11/05 and 24/5/06. Heritage Report (Revised) to Council by Weir & Phillips, architects, February 2006. Report to Council by Alan Croker of Design 5 Architects, 28/9/06. Information from the office of Paul Davies Pty Ltd, architect and heritage consultants, January 2011.</p> | |