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

Name of Item	House, one of a group of six				Reference N°
Other Names	'Larna'	'Larna'			1 08 50
Address	76 Holden	Street			Land Title
Locality	Ashfield		Postcode		
Item Type	Building				Owner/s
Group Name					
Statement of Significance					Condition as observed
One of an extremely unusual ensemble of six adjacent houses of the same					from street —
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. The suite is a potent demonstration of residential development in Ashfield in the period between the World Wars.					☐ Intact
					Minor alteration — ☐ Sympathetic
					☐ Unsympathetic
					Major alteration —
					☐ Sympathetic
Summary of Significance					☐ Unsympathetic
•	are	Associative	Representative	:	Modifications —
Historic					Unsympathetic
Aesthetic			\boxtimes		concrete front fence.
Social			\boxtimes		
Scientific					
Other					



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Current Use

House, 76 Holden Street, Ashfield, part of a group of six similar houses

Reference N°

1 08 50

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 evidently erected in 1923. It was first occupied by William W Hilton, in 1924 and 1925, and thereafter by Mrs M J Cullen until at least 1933.(1) In 1928 the house was called 'Larna' and the owner-occupiers were recorded as the Misses Jean and Lila Cullen. The unimproved valuation was £440 and the improved valuation £1,550.(2)

Physical Description

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*. There is a discrepancy in the records, for this property is included in the Valuer-General's records for the 1922-25 period (Item 914) as unimproved (Ashfield Council Archives).
- (2) Valuer-General's records, 1928, No 956, ibid.