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

Name of Item	Doctors' rooms, formerly residence, one of a group of two		Reference N°
Other Names	'Leo-ville'		2 05 05
Address	81 Elizabeth Street, corne	Land Title	
Locality	Ashfield	Postcode	
Item Type	Building		Owner/s
Group Name			
Statement of Significance			Condition as observed
This house is significant for its historical associations, particularly with the			from street —
Ashfield publican Patrick Farrelly. It also characterises the confident growth			
and civic values of Ashfield in the early years of the 20th Century. With its neighbour No 83, although different in size, plan form and street presence			Minor alteration —
from it, demonstrates a notable design unity and streetscape value. Together			Sympathetic
they are a splendid streetscape element.			☐ Unsympathetic
			Major alteration —
			☐ Sympathetic
Summary of Significance			☐ Unsympathetic
Rai		Representative	Modifications —
Historic <b></b>			
Aesthetic [		×	
Social [		×	
Scientific [			
Other [			



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#### Current Use

Doctors' rooms, formerly residence, 81 Elizabeth Street, corner of Bland Street, Ashfield, one of a group of two houses

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Heritage Listing Recommended

Themes: Local Themes: State

Subdivision and consolidation Towns, suburbs and villages

#### **Historical Notes**

The separate Inventory sheet for the group sets out some of the early history of the site.

This house, No 81, first appears in the Rate Book for Ashfield's North Ward in 1907. It was built for and owned by Patrick Farrelly, publican, of Liverpool Road, Ashfield. It was tenanted first by Thomas Harwood, a traveller, in whose time the name 'Leo Villa' (sic) appears, and then by others until Patrick Farrelly moved in in 1915. In 1925, for that year only, it was occupied by Jas F Callopy, JP, and afterwards by Mrs E F Farrelly, who was still living there in 1933.(1) In the Valuer-General's records for 1909-10 the property is valued at £213 unimproved and £963 improved. By 1925 the valuation had increased to £477 unimproved and £1,750 improved.(2)

By 1926 the two joint occupants are recorded as Mrs E F Farrelly and Jas F Callopy, JP, and from 1930 as Mrs Farrelly and Mrs Margaret Callopy. In 1943 Mrs Margaret Gertrude Callopy, of Balgowlah, is recorded as the owner. The valuation in that year was given as £621 unimproved and £1,600 improved.(3)

#### **Physical Description**

These two adjacent single-storey brown brick houses are different in size and plan-shape, yet by virtue of their identical Queen Anne style and detailing they form a very distinctive ensemble.

No 81 Elizabeth Street is a fairly substantial residence whose design confidently addresses both streets at its corner location. The roof, covered with slates and having a patterned area of fish-scales and terra cotta crenellated ridges and terminals, is hipped over the basic rectangular plan of the house. From this there project three gabled wings, one facing each street and a smaller one diagonally placed to face the corner. The chimneys have corniced tops and terra cotta pots. The layered gable treatment is unusual in having not only roughcast panels and smooth-rendered battens but also additional timber apex screens, triangular base corners and bulb-ended bargeboards. Each street-facing bay has a projecting window bay with a pair of double-hung windows, with moulded and aproned sills, and is protected by a bracketted metal-roofed hood, while the corner bay has two narrow windows. The verandah, embellished with turned timber posts, fretted brackets and slate edging, extends around the corner and at the corner bay becomes a skillion below its gable. The front steps up to the verandah have tiled risers.

The front fence is of timber pickets on a brick base. A tree conceals some of the facade. The house has a rendered base. There is a side driveway.

#### Refer also to separate inventory sheet for the group

### **Information Sources**

- (1) Rate Book, North Ward, 1907, No 642, in Ashfield Council Archives; Sands Directories.
- (2) Valuer-General's records, North Ward, 1922-25, No 1206, ibid.
- (3) Sands Directories; Valuer-General's records, North Ward, 1943, No 1504.