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

Name of Item Other Names	Group of two adjacent houses, 'Leo-ville' and 'Loretto',				Reference N° 2 05 04
Address Locality	Group: 81 and 83 Elizabeth Street Ashfield Postcode				Land Title
Item Type	Building				Owner/s
Group Name					
These houses are significant for their intact Federation Queen architectural style, for their contribution to the streetscape of Elizabeth and Bland Streets, and for their historical associations, particularly with the Ashfield publican Patrick Farrelly. They also characterise the confident growth and civic values of Ashfield in the early years of the 20th Century.					Condition as observed from street — Intact Minor alteration — Sympathetic Unsympathetic Major alteration — Sympathetic Sympathetic
Summary of Significance Rare Associative Representative					☐ Unsympathetic
Historic [Aesthetic [Social [Scientific [Associate Associ]]]	epresentative		Modifications —



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Current Use

Group of two adjacent houses, 81 ('Leo-ville') and 83 ('Loretto') Elizabeth Street, Ashfield

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Heritage Listing Recommended

Themes: Local Themes: State

Subdivision and consolidation Towns, suburbs and villages

Historical Notes

The sites of these houses were at the very edge of William Faithful's 1799 grant and at the confluence of the Ashfield Park and Canterbury Park Estates of the 1820s. In 1863 this part was acquired and subdivided by William Bland, and the allotments at the corner of Bland and Elizabeth Streets were sold to the publican Patrick Farrelly.(1) It was Farrelly who had these two matching stylish houses erected in about 1907.(1) No 81 was tenanted until 1915, in which year Patrick Farrelly moved in and stayed for eight years. No 83 was evidently built as a rental property.(2)

A more detailed history is given on the individual Inventory sheets, q v.

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, with No 81, the asymmetrical corner house, confidently addressing both streets. No 83 is a smaller, symmetrical version of the same design.

Each house has a rendered base, which, because of the slope of Elizabeth Street, appears as a more prominent feature at No 83, though there it is concealed somewhat by the garden planting and an inappropriate front fence.

The houses are described in further detail on separate Inventory sheets.

Information Sources

- (1) Ashfield Heritage Study 1993, vol 1, pp 32, 36; vol 2, reference No 41; H E C Robinson map of Ashfield, North Ward, n d, but about 1912. Farrelley's (sic) name first appears in the North Ward Rate Book of 1907 (Item No 642).
- (2) Sands Directories.