

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

Name of Item Brunswick Parade Reserve areas Other Names	Reference N° 1 02 05																								
Address Brunswick Parade Locality Ashfield Postcode	Land Title																								
Item Type Landscape and streetscape Group Name	Owner/s																								
Statement of Significance <p>This is a component of urban design unique in Ashfield and highly distinctive to the region. The figure-of-eight Brunswick Parade has not only considerable historic significance but also primary aesthetic importance. This visual quality has been neglected and seriously compromised for many years and deserves sympathetic restoration to recover its municipal values. The configuration and landscaping of, and the access to and around the grassed areas is considered to be aesthetically and socially vital, irrespective of development which might occur on their periphery.</p>	Condition as observed from street — <input type="checkbox"/> Intact Minor alteration — <input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic <input type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic Major alteration — <input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic																								
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Current Use Brunswick Parade Reserve areas, Ashfield	Reference N° 1 02 05
Heritage Listing Recommended	
Themes : Local Subdivision and consolidation The Great Estates	Themes : State Towns, suburbs and villages
<p>Historical Notes</p> <p>The Brunswick Parade ‘figure of eight’ owes its origin to 18th-century British urban design, in which houses were erected around landscaped areas. It was laid out in 1881 and appears on the Higinbotham & Robinson map of 1883.(1) On that map the roads enclosing the oval reserves are labelled ‘Parade’ and the short straight access road from Arthur Street is called ‘The Avenue’. The Brunswick Parade Estate was located between Milton House on the west and the Canterbury Estate on the east (Milton House survives, now surrounded by other structures). There were 13 allotments facing south towards the ovals. Ten allotments were on the south side, flanking the property ‘Millewah’, a substantial two-storey house which faced north over the triangle towards The Avenue. ‘Millewah’ was built about 1870, before Brunswick Parade was created and, together with some allotments to its east, was owned for a time by Herbert E Pratten, a mayor of Ashfield, after which it became a boys’ home, being demolished in 1966.</p>	
<p>Physical Description</p> <p>This town planning device comprises two oval reserves of identical form but slightly different extent, around which the road runs, linked by a small triangle of land which is at the south end of the short straight street connecting the dumbbell shape to Arthur Street. It forms a unique double cul-de-sac providing a quite beautiful landscaped lung to this residential area. At the time of writing the harmony of the ensemble is seriously compromised by the closure of part of the curved roadway and footpath as well as by ugly screening, but that harmony appears to be readily redeemable. On the northern side the buildings addressing the ovals are single-storey houses of late Federation and Inter-War vintage, uniform in general character but now mostly modified. On the south, most of the land is currently vacant, but there are some houses and units facing north on the western end. Both ovals and triangle are grassed and have handsome, varied mature trees.</p>	
<p>Information Sources</p> <p>(1) 1993 Heritage Study, vol 1, p 102. The 1883 Map was published by Gibbs, Shallard & Co.</p>	