

ASHFIELD HERITAGE STUDY

1991-1992

NAME	Hammond Park		REFERENCE NO.	093
OTHER NAMES	Formerly Ashfield Recreation Ground		REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	
LOCALITY / SUBURB	Ashfield	POSTCODE	2131	
STREET ADDRESS	Frederick Street corner Henry Street		ZONING	
MAP	REFERENCE		6(a)/9(c)	
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS/HISTORICAL NOTES - SEE OVER			OWNER	
CATEGORY			Ashfield Municipal Council	
SUB CATEGORY			BOUNDARY / IDENTIFICATION	
EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE			The property boundary	
Historic:	Rare	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Associative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Representative	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aesthetic:	Rare	<input type="checkbox"/>	Associative	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Social:	Rare	<input type="checkbox"/>	Associative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Representative	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scientific:	Rare	<input type="checkbox"/>	Associative	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Representative	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	Rare	<input type="checkbox"/>	Associative	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Representative	<input type="checkbox"/>
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			SITE CONDITION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * After Ashfield Park, Hammond Park is the Municipality's oldest open space. * It has long been associated with both active and passive recreational use, including roller skating and band concerts. * Named after prominent early mayor, Ald Mark Hammond MLA. * Associations with early experiments with both parachuting and ballooning. 			Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor Alteration <input type="checkbox"/> Major Alteration <input type="checkbox"/> - Sympathetic <input type="checkbox"/> - Unsympathetic <input type="checkbox"/> Removed (site only) <input type="checkbox"/>	



PHOTOGRAPHS	DATE OF SURVEY
BandW ROLL 91-052-11	15/5/92
COLOUR SLIDES ROLL	SURVEYOR
NEG NO. 3, 4	RI/CHP
FRAME NO.	
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HERITAGE LISTINGS <input type="checkbox"/> Register of the National Estate (AHC) - Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Register of the National Estate (AHC) - Interim <input type="checkbox"/> Register of National Trust (NSW) <input type="checkbox"/> Within National Trust Conservation Area <input type="checkbox"/> Register of Significant Twentieth Century Architecture (RAIA) <input type="checkbox"/> Department of Public Works Heritage and Conservation Register <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Permanent Conservation Order <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Interim Conservation Order <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Section 130 Order <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Nomination <input type="checkbox"/> NSW Government Department Heritage Register (S170 Heritage Act) <input type="checkbox"/> Institution of Engineers (NSW) Heritage Register <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Environmental Plan Heritage Schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Local Environmental Plan Heritage Schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Other	PERIOD Pre - 1800 <input type="checkbox"/> 1800 - 1825 <input type="checkbox"/> 1825 - 1850 <input type="checkbox"/> 1851 - 1875 <input type="checkbox"/> 1876 - 1900 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1901 - 1925 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1926 - 1950 <input type="checkbox"/> 1951 - 1975 <input type="checkbox"/> Post - 1975 <input type="checkbox"/>	REFERENCE NO. 093 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: From about 1876 ARCHITECT / DESIGNER: Not known BUILDER: Not known
	HISTORICAL THEMES: State Themes: A place to live. Cultural and social life. Local Themes: Local Government and services.	

HISTORICAL NOTES

From 1864, when James O'Hearn purchased a portion of the Ashfield Park Estate, until 1910 when Ashfield Council acquired it, this area was privately owned and operated. It was first described as Ashfield Cricket Ground in 1877, in Council Rate Books. At that time it was leased by J. H. Goodlett and G. E. Crane from Henry Potter, who then owned it. The lease permitted the making of a Cricket Ground and the cutting down of trees. The Ashfield Recreation Ground Company was established in 1885, with Frederick Clissold as major shareholder. The company went into liquidation in 1887 and the still operating recreation ground was transferred to J. W. Cliff, a well known land developer in the area. The Sydney Morning Herald of 21 April 1888 advertised "Ashfield Recreation Ground and Garden Palace Skating". The recreation ground band attended every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evening. The facilities could be booked for skating parties, balls, sports and picnics, bicycle sports and fetes. On December 8 1888, 4000 people witnessed the first planned intentional parachute descent from a balloon (S.M.H 10.12.88). A few months later another parachute descent was made by a "Professor Jackson". Two years later another "Professor" used Hammond Park, but this time for a balloon ascent. In 1908 it was bought by J. F. McKimm, Chemist, and Victor F. Allen, Accountant, and on 9 August 1910 was transferred to the Ashfield Council. During the bicentenary celebrations a parachutists again descended on the park.

INFORMATION SOURCES:

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Oral:

Graphic:

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Materials:

Exterior:

Styles:

DESCRIPTION:

Hammond Park is a simple rectangular area of open space, largely taken up by a sporting field, with planting around the perimeter dominated by mature and well formed specimens of Brush Box. The space includes a tennis court and prominently sited toilet block at the southern end, and the north east corner entrance to the park is marked by a simple trellis gateway.

MODIFICATION: