


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

Name of Item House Other Names	Reference N° 4 05 05																								
Address 177 Elizabeth Street Locality Ashfield Postcode 2131	Land Title																								
Item Type Building Group Name	Owner/s																								
Statement of Significance As a group, these residences indicate the history and progressive development of this land, culminating in the prosperous years between the two World Wars, when a single old house gave way to two. Aesthetically, they demonstrate the high standard of Inter-War domestic architecture in Ashfield. No 177 is a subtle, simplified example of the Old English style.	Condition as observed from street — <input type="checkbox"/> Intact Minor alteration — <input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic Major alteration — <input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic <input type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic Modifications — The front fence has been replaced.																								
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<p>Current Use</p> <p>House, 177 Elizabeth Street, Ashfield, one of a group of two houses (Note: There is no number 175)</p>	<p>Reference N°</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 05 05</p>
<p>Heritage Listing Recommended</p>	
<p>Themes : Local</p> <p>Subdivision and consolidation</p>	<p>Themes : State</p> <p>Towns, suburbs and villages</p>
<p>Historical Notes</p> <p>Some of the early history of this site is given in the Group Inventory Sheet.</p> <p>This allotment was originally part of a larger one containing the residence called 'Rostrevor', the occupant of which was the Hon Archibald Jacob, MLC. By about 1894 the house was occupied by John Gilbert, draper, and re-named 'The Glen'. Gilbert lived there until 1922, when the property was purchased by Edwin Knight, newsagent, and his wife, of Edwin Street. The land was subdivided by Knight in about 1926. 'The Glen' became No 173 and this excised block, sold to John Allsop in 1928, became No 177. Its unimproved valuation was then £320.(1) 'The Glen' was then demolished and a Building Application was lodged by John E Allsop, owner and E G Knight, builder, for the erection of a two-storey 5-room brick residence with a brick and concrete foundation, lead dampcourse and tile roof, at an estimated value of £850. Allsop was named as occupier in 1931, when the valuation of the property was £290 unimproved and £1,200 improved. Edwin and Margaret Knight bought the property from Allsop in 1932, when its improved valuation was given as £1,350. The Knights lived there until 1940, when they sold the property to Eva F Irvine for £1,375.(2)</p>	
<p>Physical Description</p> <p>One of two well-built houses forming a pleasing group. This one is two-storeyed, designed in the manner of the Old English style, and has walls of dark red-brown brickwork trimmed with dressings, including quoining, of slightly darker colour. The roof has orange-red variegated terra cotta tiles, with ample eaves overhangs and a steeper pitch than No 173. Basically L-shaped in plan, the main roof is a half-hipped gable with its ridge parallel to the street, and there is a lateral gable bay, also half-hipped. The gable bargeboards have spiky ends. Windows, linked by a brick soldier course, are timber framed, with double-hung sashes on the ground floor and casements upstairs. The entrance is via a bracketted hood at the west side of the house. There is a fireplace in the wall beside the street-facing gable, flanked by narrow casement-sash ground-floor windows. The bulky chimney has a projecting breast and a plain square top.</p> <p>The front fence is of later vintage than the house and no longer matches that of No 173. It is brick with perforated concrete blockwork between end piers. The garden is elemental, with some mature planting, and there is a hard-standing area to one side.</p>	
<p>Information Sources</p> <p>(1) Valuer-General's records, North Ward. in Ashfield Council Archives: 1920-22, No 1131; 1922-26, No 1176; 1928, No 1377; 1931, No 1393; 1932, No 1393.</p> <p>(2) Valuer-General's records, <i>ibid</i>, 1931, Nos 1393, 1602; 1932, No 1393; 1934, No 1393; 1937, No 1421; 1940, No 1460; <i>Sands Directories</i>.</p>	