

# ASHFIELD HERITAGE STUDY

1991 - 1992

<b>NAME</b> House - RATHGAEL		<b>REFERENCE NO.</b> 032
<b>OTHER NAMES</b>		<b>REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>LOCALITY / SUBURB</b> Croydon	<b>POSTCODE</b> 2132	<b>ZONING</b> 2(a)
<b>STREET ADDRESS</b> 18 Bay Street		<b>OWNER</b> Mottee. CP; Mottee MJ.
<b>MAP</b>	<b>REFERENCE</b>	<b>BOUNDARY / IDENTIFICATION</b>  The property boundary
<b>PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS/HISTORICAL NOTES - SEE OVER</b>		
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>SUB CATEGORY</b>	
<b>EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE</b>		
Historic:	Rare <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
Aesthetic:	Rare <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input type="checkbox"/> Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
Social:	Rare <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input 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"/>
<b>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE</b>		<b>SITE CONDITION</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A house with important historical associations, not all of which are understood.</li> <li>* A building exhibiting an interesting architectural metamorphosis and physically related to the small adjunct cottage which is now thought to be the oldest house in the municipality.</li> </ul>		Intact <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Alteration <input type="checkbox"/> Major Alteration <input type="checkbox"/> - Sympathetic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Unsympathetic <input type="checkbox"/> Removed (site only) <input type="checkbox"/>



<b>PHOTOGRAPHS</b>		<b>DATE OF SURVEY</b>
BandW ROLL 91-052-4	NEG NO. 11	10/11/91
COLOUR SLIDES ROLL	FRAME NO.	<b>SURVEYOR</b>
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<p><b>HERITAGE LISTINGS</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Register of the National Estate (AHC) - Registered</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Register of the National Estate (AHC) - Interim</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Register of National Trust (NSW)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Within National Trust Conservation Area</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Register of Significant Twentieth Century Architecture (RAIA)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Department of Public Works Heritage and Conservation Register</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Permanent Conservation Order</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Interim Conservation Order</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Section 130 Order</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Nomination</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NSW Government Department Heritage Register (S170 Heritage Act)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institution of Engineers (NSW) Heritage Register</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Regional Environmental Plan Heritage Schedule</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Environmental Plan Heritage Schedule</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>	<p><b>PERIOD</b></p> <p>Pre - 1800 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1800 - 1825 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1825 - 1850 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1851 - 1875 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1876 - 1900 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1901 - 1925 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1926 - 1950 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1951 - 1975 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Post - 1975 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>HISTORICAL THEMES:</b></p> <p>State Themes: Emergence of building styles.</p> <p>Local Themes: Subdivision and consolidation.</p>	<p><b>REFERENCE NO.</b></p> <p>032</p> <p><b>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:</b></p> <p>c.1869</p> <p><b>ARCHITECT / DESIGNER:</b></p> <p>Not known</p> <p><b>BUILDER:</b></p> <p>Not known</p>
<p><b>HISTORICAL NOTES</b></p> <p>"Rathgael" is built on part of the former Ashfield Park Estate, purchased by H. C. Brooks, of Hunters Hill, in 1859. Brooks sold to Mrs Catherine Bowen in 1867, who transferred it in trust to her daughter, Elizabeth Sandy, whose husband James was one of the first Aldermen to be elected to Ashfield Borough Council. "Rathgael" is reported to have been erected by 1870, adjacent to a small sandstone cottage (qv) the origin of which remains a mystery. Federation period alterations included the enlargement of the verandah to two storeys. Recent alterations made the facade into a Filigree/Free Classical composition.</p>		
<p><b>INFORMATION SOURCES:</b></p> <p>Written: <u>A Triangle of Land</u></p> <p>Oral: Mr C. Mottee (Owner).</p> <p>Graphic: Mr C. Mottee (Owner).</p>		
<p><b>PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:</b></p> <p>Materials: Brick/stucco, corrugated iron roof.</p> <p>Exterior: Symmetrical double-pile-design, with triple windows each side of central doors at each level. Tall moulded stucco chimneys, timber joinery.</p> <p>Interior: Much altered but with some original work.</p> <p>Styles: Victorian Regency, later Filigree, now Free Classical.</p>		
<p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b></p> <p>A two-storey rectangular house with a hipped roof, facing east to a garden now no more than a fraction of its former size but which contains a fine mature <u>magnolia grandiflora</u> axially placed opposite the entrance porch. The house originally had a single storey convex roofed verandah on three sides, extending from the central arched and pilastered porch. This was modified in about 1915, becoming two storeyed with timber posts and balustrades. It was altered in more recent years to its present form with cast iron posts and filigree upper level.</p>		
<p><b>MODIFICATION:</b></p> <p>The present building is the third major modification of the house originally built in about 1859.</p>		