

ASHFIELD HERITAGE STUDY

1991 - 1992

NAME Site of Ashfield Park House		REFERENCE NO. 239
OTHER NAMES		REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
LOCALITY / SUBURB Croydon	POSTCODE 2132	ZONING 2(a)
STREET ADDRESS 6-10 Scott & 3-7 Byron Streets		OWNER (3): Hadoow RB (5): Lucas F; Lucas F. (7): Kazzi JC; Kazzi J. (6): Sarolias D, Sarolias E. (8): Moubarak J, Moubarak DB. (10): Batchin MP.
MAP	REFERENCE	
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS/HISTORICAL NOTES - SEE OVER		
CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	
EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE		
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 type="checkbox"/>
Social: Rare <input checked="" 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		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Immediate curtilage of former Ashfield Park House, Homestead of the Municipality's most famous estate. * Likely to contain archaeological remains. * Araucarias likely to be descended from historic plantings. 		
BOUNDARY / IDENTIFICATION All land within the boundaries of 6-10 Scott Street and 3-7 Byron Street.		
SITE CONDITION		
Intact <input type="checkbox"/>		
Minor Alteration <input type="checkbox"/>		
Major Alteration <input type="checkbox"/>		
- Sympathetic <input type="checkbox"/>		
- Unsympathetic <input type="checkbox"/>		
Removed (site only) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		



PHOTOGRAPHS		DATE OF SURVEY
BandW ROLL 91-052-3	NEG NO. 10 (Byron St); 2 (Scott St)	4/11/91
COLOUR SLIDES ROLL	FRAME NO.	SURVEYOR
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HERITAGE LISTINGS

- Register of the National Estate (AHC) - Registered
- Register of the National Estate (AHC) - Interim
- Register of National Trust (NSW)
- Within National Trust Conservation Area
- Register of Significant Twentieth Century Architecture (RAIA)
- Department of Public Works Heritage and Conservation Register
- Heritage Council Register - Permanent Conservation Order
- Heritage Council Register - Interim Conservation Order
- Heritage Council Register - Section 130 Order
- Heritage Council Register - Nomination
- NSW Government Department Heritage Register (S170 Heritage Act)
- Institution of Engineers (NSW) Heritage Register
- Regional Environmental Plan Heritage Schedule
- Local Environmental Plan Heritage Schedule
- Other

PERIOD

- Pre - 1800
- 1800 - 1825
- 1825 - 1850
- 1851 - 1875
- 1876 - 1900
- 1901 - 1925
- 1926 - 1950
- 1951 - 1975
- Post - 1975

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DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

N.A.

ARCHITECT / DESIGNER:

N.A.

BUILDER:

N.A.

HISTORICAL THEMES:

State Themes:

Surveyors & Land tenures
Changing the environment

Local Themes:

The land grants
The large estates

HISTORICAL NOTES

In 1817 & 1818 Joseph Underwood bought 500 acres at Ashfield thus establishing the Ashfield Park Estate. In 1828, Underwood is recorded as leaving his city home and "retiring" to Ashfield Park, although the exact location of his early house is not known. By the time of Underwood's death in 1833, a large stable block had been erected as part of plans for a grand residence. Underwood's widow, Elizabeth, had the stables converted to a home, where she lived until her death in 1858. At a subsequent sale of the estate in 1861 Samuel Smyth purchased the homestead block. Smyth is recorded as demolishing the old house and erecting a new home in the 1870s. By 1904, the curtilage of the homestead and outbuildings had been reduced to a block of land equal in size to six subdivision lots, on which are now located the six houses covered by this listing. Ashfield Park House is believed to have been demolished c.1910, by W. R. Ibbotson.

INFORMATION SOURCES:

Written: The Underwoods. Lock Stock and Barrel; A Triangle of Land.

Oral:

Graphic: Refs given in above works.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Materials: Site only

Exterior:

Interior:

Styles:

DESCRIPTION:

It is likely that archaeological remains would be present at this site. Any new works should require some archaeological investigation. Araucaria pines growing in the back yards of the present houses may be seedlings from old plantings around Ashfield Park House Terminal. These trees provide an evocative landmark when one stands in the Alt Street Gateway of St Johns Church and looks up Church Street, the original path walked by the Underwood family to the Church which Elizabeth Underwood helped establish.
Note: Nos. 6, 8, 10 Scott Street are listed separately.

MODIFICATION: