

Ashfield Heritage Study Inventory Sheets 2010

Name of Item	Residence, 'Rovena'	Reference N°	10/9
Other Names		Land Title	
Address	74 Georges River Road, corner of Hay Street		
Locality	Croydon Park	Postcode	2133
Item Type	Building	Owner/s	
Group Name			
Statement of Significance		Condition as observed from street —	
A good representative example of a house type built speculatively in a fine residential area.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intact	
		Minor alteration —	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic	
		Major alteration —	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic	
Summary of Significance		Modifications —	
	Rare	Associative	Representative
Historic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Aesthetic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Original front fence replaced by an unsympathetic steel mesh one.	



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<p>Current Use Residential</p>	<p>Reference N° 10/9</p>
<p>Heritage Listing Ashfield Local Environmental Plan 1985, Schedule 7</p>	
<p>Themes : Local Subdivision and consolidation</p>	<p>Themes : State Towns, suburbs and villages</p>
<p>Historical Notes</p> <p>The land in this area was first subdivided in 1882. It was owned at the turn of the 20th century by John Hay Goodlet, one of Ashfield's leading citizens. Development was subject to a covenant which provided that the cost of houses to be erected should exceed £500, that the main building should be of brick or stone and roofed with slates or tiles . . .(1)</p> <p>In 1922 William McCulloch, wholesale confectioner, bought this allotment. He lodged a Building Application on 5 March 1925 for a double-fronted five-roomed cottage with an estimated value of £900. The building was completed on 10 June 1925.(2) McCulloch sold the property in 1926 to William Henry Devlin, medical practitioner.</p> <p>Dr Devlin occupied the house until 1934, when Mrs Mary East, who lived opposite at No 1 Hay Street, bought it. By 1940 Mrs East had sold the property to Alfred East, engineer instructor. Its improved valuation was then recorded as £1,075. Alfred East owned the property until at least 1961, when its improved valuation was £5,300.(3)</p> <p>This property is part of the Goodlet Conservation Area, in which the individual buildings generally have a high degree of intactness. It was accorded a ranking of '1', meaning 'a high degree of intactness and contributing significantly to the character of the area.'(4)</p>	
<p>Physical Description</p> <p>A single-storey brick residence with a cement rendered base and terra cotta tiled roof, designed in the Inter-War California Bungalow style of architecture. The builder is not known. The house has a hipped and gabled roof, with a gable wing facing Georges River Road, alongside which is a verandah extending around part of the side, facing Hay Street. Both gable triangles are treated with panels, vertical cover strips and the front gable has spiky bargeboards. The verandah, with a skillion at the front and a lower-pitched roof at the side, has brick balustrades, paired cement colonettes and a tiled floor. The chimneys are rendered and lined to simulate ashlar and have squat terra cotta pots. Windows are surface-mounted and have shallow concrete hoods and sill brackets. A concrete path leads from the steel mesh fence and gate to front steps having tiled risers. The garden is nondescript.</p>	
<p>Information Sources</p> <p>(1) See the Goodlet Conservation Area entry in the <i>Ashfield Heritage Study 1992-93</i>, vol 1. (2) BA No 2989 of 1925, in Ashfield Council Archives. (3) This information is found in the Valuer-General's records in Ashfield Council Archives. (4) Goodlet Conservation Area entry in the <i>Ashfield Heritage Study 1992-93</i>, vol 1.</p>	