

# ASHFIELD HERITAGE STUDY

1991 - 1992

<b>NAME</b> Summer Hill Post Office		<b>REFERENCE NO.</b> 181
<b>OTHER NAMES</b>		<b>REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>LOCALITY / SUBURB</b> Summer Hill	<b>POSTCODE</b> 2130	<b>ZONING</b> 5(a)
<b>STREET ADDRESS</b> 2 Moonbie Street corner of Smith Street		<b>OWNER</b> Dept. of Administrative Studies
<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>SITE CONDITION</b> Intact <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Alteration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major Alteration <input type="checkbox"/> - Sympathetic <input type="checkbox"/> - Unsympathetic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Removed (site only) <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE</b>		
Historic: Rare <input type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input type="checkbox"/> Representative <input type="checkbox"/>	
Aesthetic: Rare <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input type="checkbox"/> Representative <input type="checkbox"/>	
Social: Rare <input 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>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A fine corner public building by W. L. Vernon, the first government architect of N.S.W.</li> <li>* An eminent streetscape component lending great dignity to the street corner.</li> </ul>		



<b>PHOTOGRAPHS</b>	<b>DATE OF SURVEY</b>
BandW ROLL 91-052-1	1/3/92
COLOUR SLIDES ROLL	<b>SURVEYOR</b>
NEG NO. 28	RI/CHP
FRAME NO.	
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<b>HERITAGE LISTINGS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Register of the National Estate (AHC) - Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Register of the National Estate (AHC) - Interim <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Environmental Plan Heritage Schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<b>PERIOD</b> 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 type="checkbox"/> 1926 - 1950 <input type="checkbox"/> 1951 - 1975 <input type="checkbox"/> Post - 1975 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>REFERENCE NO.</b> 181 <b>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:</b> 1900 <b>ARCHITECT / DESIGNER:</b> W. L. Vernon <b>BUILDER:</b> Not known
	<b>HISTORICAL THEMES:</b> State Themes: Building styles Local Themes: Local government and services	

**HISTORICAL NOTES**

The first Post Office at Summer Hill was opened for business on 24th April, 1882, in Woodhill and Murrays Store; a new office was established in the Railway Station in 1886; in 1897 tenders were accepted to build a free standing Post Office in Sloane Street, but before work was started, the site was exchanged for the present one, where a fine new building was opened in November 1900.

**INFORMATION SOURCES:**

Written: A Post Office History of Summer Hill, Director, Posts and Telegraphs, c.1964. J. Ward, Notes for Summer Hill Walk, 27/10/1990.

Oral:

Graphic:

**PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Materials: Face brickwork with sandstone embellishment. Terra cotta tile roof.

Exterior: Basic rectangle with segmental bay and polygonal porch/verandah.

Interior:

Styles: Federation Free Style.

**DESCRIPTION:**

A fine two storeyed public building whose corner position is emphasised by a dominant polygonal colonnaded porch with Tuscan columns, above which is a pilastered and arcaded verandah with brick balustrading, surmounted by a pyramidal roof. The main Smith Street facade is symmetrical with parapetted gabled side sections flanking a single storey segmental bay above which there is a stone cartouche under the projecting eaves. Ground floor windows are casements with toplights and stone lintels; first floor windows are double hung and flat arched. Sandstone copings, bands, sills and classical detailing are finely worked.

**MODIFICATION:**

Modern extension in Moonbie Street.