

Ashfield Heritage Study Inventory Sheets 2010

Name of Item	Pair of semi-detached residences, part of Group. No 32 was 'Beulah	Reference N° 10/68																								
Other Names	and No 34 'Mildura'. No 34 is now 'Summer House'.																									
Address	32 and 34 Wellesley Street	Land Title																								
Locality	Summer Hill Postcode 2130																									
Item Type	Building	Owner/s																								
Group Name																										
Statement of Significance		Condition as observed from street — <input type="checkbox"/> Intact Minor alteration — <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic <input type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic Major alteration — <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic <input type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic Modifications — Continuous roof now terra cotta tiled. Fence of No 34 modified.																								
The Wellesley Street houses are evaluated as a Group as well as individually. The Group is significant for its relationship to the early Quarantine Ground and its subdivision, with which the street is roughly contemporary. It is also significant for the considerable variety in the dates of construction of the individual buildings and consequently for their interesting range of architectural styles. As well, the historical data associated with each is significant. This pair of terrace houses represents the original character of the Group — a very simple version of the Victorian Italianate style, making a positive contribution to the streetscape.																										
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Current Use	Reference N° 10/68
Heritage Listing Ashfield Local Environmental Plan 1985, Schedule 7	
Themes : Local Subdivision and consolidation	Themes : State Towns, suburbs and villages
<p>Historical Notes</p> <p>The land in this area was granted to Joseph Foveaux in 1794. It was ultimately incorporated into Robert Campbell's Canterbury Park Estate and was still owned by Sophia Campbell when the present Wellesley Street became the south boundary of a quarantine station. These allotments on the south side of Wellesley Street are generally slightly wider than those created when the quarantine ground was subdivided.</p> <p>Wellesley Street, named after the famous Duke of Wellington, was named in 1878. No houses were built here until 1882, when the Ashfield Rate Book for that year shows John Barrie as the owner of the pair of semi-detached houses at Nos 36-38.</p> <p>The first recorded owner of this allotment was David Mann, who sold to E L Fredericks, in 1889. By 1890 this pair of houses was built and tenanted. By 1903 the owner of the pair was Mrs Nancy Frederick (or Fredericks) and each was still tenanted. This was the case until 1928, when the owner was Mrs Mary Elizabeth Harris, of Earlwood. Mrs Harris owned them until 1940 when they were purchased by Dorith Frances Pollack. Then in 1949 Pollack sold the pair to James Duncan Logan. Their ownership was not divided until 1961, when No 32 was bought and occupied by Mrs Mathilda Elizabeth Stanley, and No 34, then owned and occupied by David George Evans, was bought by Dorothy Irvin Bladen. In 1961 the improved valuation for each of the two properties was £2,850.(1)</p>	
<p>Physical Description</p> <p>The 17 separate buildings in this Wellesley Street Group were part of what was called the Quarantine Ground Conservation Area in the 1991-92 Ashfield Heritage Study. In the event, however, Council did not so incorporate them in the Conservation Area but scheduled them separately as individual heritage items. This is one of those 17 buildings in the Group so scheduled.</p> <p>These two attached houses are single-storeyed brick structures, cement rendered and modestly embellished by detailing such as the firewall stele and chimney tops, giving them a simple Italianate character. The continuous roof is now terra cotta tiles, having presumably been originally slated. The front windows have three arched lights. The verandahs have tiled skillion roofs and slate floors and are flanked by parapetted firewalls with recessed panels.</p> <p>Both houses have iron palisade fences, No 34 being of later vintage on a brick plinth. A brick fence separates the small front gardens, from which steps lead up to verandah level.</p>	
<p>Information Sources</p> <p>(1) Information about owners and valuations are to be found in the Archives of Ashfield Council. Details of occupancies are recorded in <i>Sands Directories</i>.</p>	