


Ashfield Heritage Study Inventory Sheets 2010

Name of Item	Pair of semi-detached residences, part of Group. No 36	Reference N°																							
Other Names	was 'Ruigadella'. No 38 is 'Victonmar'.	10/69																							
Address	36 and 38 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 type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic Modifications — No 36 has no verandah balustrade. Fences are not original.																							
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 represents the original character of the Group, as a simple version of the Victorian Italianate-Filigree style and for making a positive contribution to the streetscape.																									
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Current Use Residential	Reference N° 10/69
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 this pair of semi-detached houses at Nos 36-38. John H Barrie (or Barry), builder, occupied No 38, No 36 being occupied by Mrs Elizabeth Slee. In 1903 the owner was listed as Mrs Mary Barrie (Barry) who still occupied No 38. And by 1920 the owner of both houses was James Duncan Logan, gas fitter, of King Street, who acquired them as tenanted premises. By 1961, when the ownership was divided, the owners-occupiers of No 36 were Mr and Mrs Elek Bela Nagy, while No 38 was owned by Mr and Mrs David Livingstone Dewar; they, in turn, sold in 1967 to Mr and Mrs Franz Chromy. The improved valuation of each of the two properties in 1961 was £3,000.(1)</p>	
<p>Physical Description</p> <p>The properties 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>The building comprises a two-storeyed brick-and-render pair designed as a simple version of the Victorian Italianate-Filigree style. The ground floor is above the level of Wellesley Street, requiring a set of steps from the garden path to verandah level. The verandah ensemble is a cast iron fringe-frieze-bracket design and, above that, the iron balcony panels feature the double-arch motif fashionable in Australia in the early 1880s. For instance one Brisbane founder, A Overend & Co, registered the design in 1887.(2) It is not known whether both houses had a verandah balustrade; only No 38 now has one.</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> <p>(2) Brian Turner, <i>Australia's Iron Lace</i> (Allen & Unwin, 1985), p 183-184.</p>	