

Ashfield Heritage Study Inventory Sheets 2010

Name of Item	Residence, part of Group	Reference N°	10/72																								
Other Names	'Lauriston', 1891 to 1908																										
Address	44 Wellesley Street, corner of Nowranie Street	Land Title																									
Locality	Summer Hill Postcode 2130																										
Item Type	Building	Owner/s																									
Group Name																											
Statement of Significance	<p>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.</p> <p>This house no longer represents the original character of the Group. It was probably a simple version of the Victorian Italianate style and only its scale now continues to contribute to the streetscape.</p>		<p>Condition as observed from street —</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Intact</p> <p>Minor alteration —</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic</p> <p>Major alteration —</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic</p>																								
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<p>Current Use Residential</p>	<p>Reference N° 10/72</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 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>This was a vacant site in 1885 when Thomas Stafford sold it to Henry Fenton, for whom the house was erected as an investment. In 1903 L R Playford, a tenant, bought the property from him. It continued as a tenanted house until 1920, when it was owned by Caroline Lucy Sinclair. Sinclair sold the house to Michael Thomas Daly, who lived there until he died, after which, in 1940, it was bought by Harry Roluntson from the Daly estate. In 1961 it was owned and occupied by Edna Bedser, who sold the property to Richard Hickey in 1962, and then Hickey sold on to Vlaho Demovich. In 1961 its improved valuation was recorded as £4,750.(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>As may be seen from the illustration, this house has been modified to the extent that its original qualities are no longer evident, even though its L-shaped form is still faintly discernible.</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>	