

Ashfield Heritage Study Inventory Sheets 2010

Name of Item	Residence, 'Minnamurra'	Reference N°	10/24
Other Names		Land Title	
Address	52 Morris Street		
Locality	Summer Hill	Postcode	2130
Item Type	Building	Owner/s	
Group Name			
Statement of Significance		Condition as observed from street —	
<p>One of a suite of four small, similar and distinctive houses, built as a speculative venture as was typical in the late Victorian 'Boom' period of recovery after the great depression, when the population grew as transport and suburban infrastructure intensified. Together the group makes an interesting and significant contribution to both the history and the streetscape of Ashfield. Each was thoughtfully and attractively designed.</p>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intact	
		Minor alteration — <input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic <input type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic	
Summary of Significance		Major alteration — <input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic <input type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic	
		Modifications —	
	Rare	Associative	Representative
Historic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Aesthetic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>



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<p>Current Use Residential</p>	<p>Reference N° 10/24</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>In 1895 George Smith bought Lots 25, 26 and 27 of the Somerset subdivision from F F Fowler and, in 1896, on Lots 26 and 27, built four small houses, two of each of two similar but not identical designs. This is one of them. The street numbering changed in the 19th century and again between 1910 and 1920. This was originally No 30, then No 32A, and then 34A.</p> <p>By 1896 the owner was Alfred Taylor, clerk, and the name 'Minnamurra' appeared in the Valuer-General's records in 1908. An early occupant was Mrs James, a dressmaker. The property was later owned by Julia Annie Luth, who sold it to Martianne Polson in 1912 for £500. It was apparently still a rental property. Then in 1921 a Mrs Kirkwood bought it and held it until 1940, when a new owner, Berkeley Philip Kirkwood, sold the property to Sarah Watts. Watts sold it in the same year to Victor McIlvena, carpenter, of Leichhardt, for £520. Its improved valuation was then £457. McIlvena was the owner until at least 1961.(1)</p>	
<p>Physical Description</p> <p>This is one of an ensemble of four similar but not identical residences erected on narrow sites. This one, No 52, matches No 48. Built in a version of the Victorian Free Classical style, it is a brick house with a hipped terra cotta tile roof. A hipped gable bay, with decorative bargeboards, projects towards the street, and beside it there is a small flat-roofed arched portal treated in the manner of an aedicule. The windows and doorway are arched, with rendered trim and label courses. The chimneys have rendered panels and caps. The front dividing fences are brick, with curved, upswept capping.</p> <p>The front fence is an iron palisade on a brick plinth, and it has a gate on each side, one leading to a path to the front entrance and one to the rear of the property. There is a tiny, simple front garden.</p>	
<p>Information Sources</p> <p>(1) These details come from the Ashfield Council rate books, from the Valuer-General's records at the Council Archives, and from <i>Sands Directories</i>.</p>	