


AD 2001 Ashfield Heritage Study Review of Areas Zoned 2(a)

Name of Item	House, 'Almora', formerly 'Wanga' or 'Wonga'	Reference N°	3 16 02																								
Other Names	'Gowan Lea' (1894-95)																										
Address	66 Prospect Road	Land Title																									
Locality	Summer Hill	Postcode	2130																								
Item Type	Building	Owner/s																									
Group Name																											
Statement of Significance		Condition as observed from street —																									
<p>This is one of three adjacent houses that characterise the land and financial boom period of the late 19th century, just before the financial crash of the 1890s. They are also associated with personages of interest in Ashfield's history. The houses form a handsome trio of originally identical residences which represent their architectural style and make a positive contribution to the streetscape.</p>		<input type="checkbox"/> Intact																									
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Photo Roll N°	55	Frame N°	5																								
		Survey Date	25/3/2003																								
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Current Use House, 'Almora', formerly 'Wanga' or 'Wonga', 66 Prospect Road, Summer Hill	Reference N° 3 16 02
Heritage Listing Recommended	
Themes : Local Subdivision and consolidation The Boom Years	Themes : State Towns, suburbs and villages
<p>Historical Notes</p> <p>Three identical houses, of which this is one, were built as a speculation for the enterprising widow Mrs Jane Drynan in 1891. It was she who had subdivided the land on the north side of Drynan Street of which these allotments are part. The three residences were let to different tenants until 1897, when they were sold. In that year No 66 was owned and occupied by Ernest and Alice Cavill; No 68 was sold to J C Noonan and occupied by Mrs A V Campbell; No 70 was retained by the trustees of the Drynan Estate and occupied by J W Boyd Robinson, engineer.(1)</p> <p>From 1903, No 66 was occupied by Mrs Alice Cavill alone, except for the years 1905-1906, when C H Schwartzkoff was recorded as tenant. Mrs Cavill returned in 1907 and continued as owner-occupier until 1920, when the property was bought and occupied by William Artis and his wife who lived there for six years. The registered owner was Mrs L Artis. Its valuation changed from £254 unimproved and £829 improved in 1910 to £431/£1,075 in 1922. It was named 'Wanga' in 1910.(2) By 1943 the property was described as 'tenements and garage', owned by the estate of the late Eliza Artis. Its valuation was then £483 unimproved and £1,000 improved.(3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Refer to the group Inventory sheet for some further historical information.</p>	
<p>Physical Description</p> <p>These houses are identical in design and are similar to but rather more simplified versions of houses elsewhere in Prospect Road. The architectural style is Victorian Italianate, but details such as the decorative fret-sawn bargeboards add a touch of Rustic Gothic. They are single-storeyed brick buildings, having facades stuccoed and lined to simulate ashlar, and roofs of slate with terra cotta trim and close eaves. The main roof is hipped and there is a gable wing projecting streetwards on one side, with a faceted window bay, faceted slate roof and segmental-arched windows. Alongside this is the front verandah that has a corrugated metal hipped skillion roof, a simple ensemble of cast iron posts, fringed friezes and brackets, and a floor of tessellated tiles edged with slate. The stucco embellishment includes window label moulds, friezes, sills and sub-sill panels.</p> <p>Fences</p> <p>Major changes</p>	
<p>Information Sources</p> <p>(1) Nora Peek and Chris Pratten, 'Some Houses of Summer Hill', in Chris Pratten (ed) <i>Summer Hill</i>, pp 140 et seq; Higinbotham & Robinson map of Ashfield, 1883; <i>Ashfield Heritage Study 1993</i>, vol 1, Appendix 'G'; <i>Sands Directories</i>; Rate Books, east ward, 1891, Nos 593-595; 1892, Nos 598-600; 1897, Nos 615-617; in Ashfield Council Archives.</p> <p>(2) Rate Books, east ward, 1903, No 618; 1905, No 131; Valuer-General's records, east ward, 1910, No 1044; 1920, No 1201; 1922, No 1188.</p> <p>(3) Valuer-General's records, east ward, 1943, No 1339</p>	