

Ashfield Heritage Study Review of Areas Zoned 2(a)

<p>Current Use</p> <p>Pair of semi-detached houses, No 67 ('Warrawee') and No 69 ('Mulwaree') Junction Road, Summer Hill, corner of Henson Street. (Part of a group of seven houses, 57-69 Junction Road)</p>	<p>Reference N°</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">3 10 05</p>
<p>Heritage Listing Recommended</p>	
<p>Themes : Local</p> <p>Subdivision and consolidation</p>	<p>Themes : State</p> <p>Towns, suburbs and villages</p>
<p>Historical Notes</p> <p>The early history of the site is given in the Inventory sheet for the group, q v.</p> <p>The land on which these three pairs stand was bought as Lots 1, 2 and 3 by Ernest E Agate from Mrs Grace Burnie in 1908. This pair was erected for Agate on Lot 1 before 1913 and the next door pair on Lot 2, soon afterwards. E E Agate made the building application, as owner-builder, in 1911. The first occupier of No 67 was George H Munckton, who was followed by several shorter-term tenants. No 69 was first occupied by William McFarlane, followed by William and Walter Fraser and, from 1920 to 1927, by Frederick Neave. No 69 was unoccupied from 1931 until 1933.(1)</p> <p>In 1928, after Agate's death, No 67 was valued at £250 unimproved and £800 improved and No 69, the corner residence, was valued at £275 unimproved and £800.(2)</p> <p>By 1943 the names of 'Warrawee' (No 67) and 'Mulwaree' (No 69) appeared in the records. The pair was then owned by Mrs Dorith Frances Pollack, who lived in Young. The valuation for No 67 was £212 unimproved and £600 improved, and for No 69 £237 unimproved and £600 improved.(3)</p>	
<p>Physical Description</p> <p>This building was described in the 1911 building application as a pair of semi-detached cottages with a foundation (footings) of concrete, walls of brick, dampcoursing of 'Ruberoid' (bituminous felt) and roofs of slate and iron. Each was to have four rooms, kitchen, bathroom, laundry and pantry. The site width of the pair was 50 feet. This pair is different from the other two pairs in the group by virtue of its corner location. Thus No 69 has a gabled wing facing Junction Road, a verandah at the Henson Road side and a hipped wing at the rear, while No 67 has the gablet and front verandah motif as for the other cottages. The main gable has perforated bargeboards and the front window is a three-light composition with a bracketted skillion hood and casement sashes with small top and bottom panes.</p> <p>The front and corner return of the building are tuckpointed face brickwork and the other walls are commons, all laid in stretcher bond. Each front door is recessed within a narrow round arch supported on decorative consoles. The front windows of No 67 are a pair in a slightly projecting bay which is expressed above the verandah roof as a gablet with curvilinear bargeboards. The windows have double hung sashes and the front doors are five-panelled, the centre panel being larger and, as for the two top panels, done in leaded obscure glass. The hipped roof is slates, with a ridge parallel with the street and ridges and hips trimmed in terra cotta. The front verandahs are roofed by a skillion at a slightly lower pitch than the main roof. A firewall separates the two verandahs, which have floors of tessellated encaustic tiles, square posts with tapered chamfers, and timber curvilinear valences. The chimneys are roughcast with corniced tops and terra cotta pots. The front gardens are narrow and each has a picket fence and gates.</p>	
<p>Information Sources</p> <p>(1) Valuer-General's records, East Ward, 1908, No 421; Building Application, 1911, No 743; Rate Books, 1913, No 421-422 and 1914, Nos 423-428; in Ashfield Council Archives. <i>Sands Directories</i>, from 1908.</p> <p>(2) Valuer-General's records, East Ward, 1928, Nos 716-717.</p> <p>(3) Valuer-General's records, <i>ibid</i>, 1943, Nos 784-785.</p>	