


## Heritage Inventory Sheet

<b>Recommended Name</b>	Federation Bungalow		
<b>Site Image</b>			
<b>Address</b>	291 Merrylands Road, Merrylands, NSW 2160		
<b>Lot/Section/DP</b>	1	-	976423
<b>Heritage Study ID</b>	HS79		
<b>LEP ID</b>	Not currently included on the Cumberland LEP		
<b>Heritage Conservation Area</b>	Not included		
<b>Date Updated</b>	February 2021		
<b>Significance Level</b>	LOCAL		
<b>Site Type</b>	Level 1	Built	
	Level 2	Residential Buildings (private)	

## Curtilage Map



## Statement of Significance

The Federation Bungalow at 291 Merrylands Road is of local significance for its historic and aesthetic and representative values. Built in c.1915, the residence is historically associated with 100 acres granted to Richard Atkins in 1793 which was conveyed to Edward Lamb, and then John Bowman in 1812. The land was later subdivided as a part of the Station Estate in 1913. The house has aesthetic significance as a Federation Bungalow with original materials, details and finishes characteristic of Federation architectural styles. This is evidenced by the retention of liver brick masonry, exposed eaves, timber details and the prominent large, simple roof plane. The house is a well-maintained representative example of this architectural type in the Merrylands area.

## Criteria Assessment

a) Historic	The Federation Bungalow at 291 Merrylands Road is of local significance for its historic and aesthetic values. Built in c.1915, the residence is historically associated with 100 acres granted to Richard Atkins in 1793 which was conveyed to Edward Lamb, and then John Bowman in 1812.
b) Associative	The item does not meet this criterion.
c) Aesthetic/Technical	The house has aesthetic significance as a Federation Bungalow with original materials, details and finishes characteristic of Federation architectural styles. This is evidenced by the retention of liver brick masonry, exposed eaves, timber details and the prominent large, simple roof plane.
d) Social	The item does not meet this criterion.
e) Scientific	The item does not meet this criterion.

f) Rarity	The item does not meet this criterion.
g) Representativeness	The house is a well-maintained representative example of this architectural type in the Merrylands area.

### Physical Description

The house at 291 Merrylands Road is a single-storey, double fronted Federation Bungalow constructed of liver coloured brick with an early skillion extension to the rear. The main roof is a jerkinhead roof tiled in Marseilles tiles which with terracotta ridge capping. A forward-facing gable wing projects from the eastern side of the façade. Both roofs have timber barge boards, broad eaves and feature a rendered upper façade wall with half-timbered effect. The house has been recently painted to a new colour scheme.

A skillion roofed verandah extends across the façade and is supported by tapered, faceted columns which are rendered and painted white, set atop face-brick piers. A curvilinear brick balustrade runs along the western end of the facade and features a horizontal rendered panel inset into the balustrade wall. The verandah features exposed timber eaves and a newly tiled floor.

The house has timber framed, casement windows with multi-paned coloured, glazed lights to all elevations. The windows have expressed brick sills and security screens which are attached to the inside of these windows. The projecting wing features a triple casement window with multi-paned coloured, glazed lights in the top panel. The front entry door is timber framed with a transom light and is concealed by a screen metal door.

The house has an early rear skillion extension with corrugated iron roof that is visible in aerial imagery from 1943. The rear of the property has been concreted and is used as a car park.

The front of the house features a neat lawn and has a central concrete path which leads from the public footpath along Merrylands Road to the house. There are no significant plantings remaining within the boundary of the residence.

Overall, the cottage is in a good condition.

<b>Condition</b>	<b>Good</b>	Fair	Poor
------------------	-------------	------	------

### Alterations and Additions

- New colour scheme
- Early skillion extension
- Concrete driveway and back yard\*
- Signage attached to the front

The residence is a highly intact Federation Bungalow that retains much of its original form and features. The majority of accretions are considered sympathetic to the heritage values of the building. The item is therefore considered to be of high integrity.

<b>Integrity</b>	<b>High</b>	Moderate	Low
------------------	-------------	----------	-----

\* *element detracts from the overall cultural significance of the place*

## Historical Notes

Construction years	c.1915
--------------------	--------

### Merrylands

Merrylands is located within the Parish of St John, County of Cumberland. In an undated map of the parish (likely circa 1835), the area that would later become Merrylands was divided into land grants which were given to Richard Atkins, John Bowman, John Watts, and E. Lombley from as early as 1793. The main roads marked would later become known as Parramatta Road to the east and Woodville Road to the south. Liberty Plains was marked to the south-east of the area, which includes some areas of the later Merrylands locality.

Merrylands was named after the English home of politician and explorer Arthur Todd Holroyd who acquired land in the area in 1855. The area of Merrylands grew into an intensive agricultural settlement by 1850s and remained sparsely populated until the 1880s.

With the opening of the railway station in 1878, land surrounding the area was subdivided for housing and small farms. Brick and pottery production became a prominent industry in the area, and brickyards operated to supply local demand. Moderate estates were advertised in the 1880s, using the proximity to the station as a selling point. By this time, the pottery and brick making industry was flourishing and larger facilities were constructed, such as Goodlet and Smith Brickworks.

### 291 Merrylands Road

The cottage at 291 Merrylands Road, is located on 100 acres originally granted to Richard Atkins in 1793. In 1805, the land was conveyed to Edward Lamb, and then John Bowman in 1812. It remained with the Bowman Family until 1875 when it was conveyed to Andrew Sutherland Low. The land remained with the Low family until 1912 when it was sold to John Miller and Neil McAuley, at which point it started being subdivided as a part of the Station Estate.

The Sands Directory lists Thomas Phillips living at the subject house, known as Llanelly, from 1916 until his death in 1926. Phillips wife Catherine continued living at the residence following his death.

The house continued to change hands as a private residence and is currently in use by the organisation EarlyEd.

## Recommendations

Heritage Management		Existing Built and Landscape Elements		Future Development and Planning	
1. Include this item as a new heritage listing on the LEP.	X	6. Original fabric is highly significant and should be maintained.	X	12. Alterations and additions should respond to the existing pattern of development, with careful consideration of the setting (form, scale, bulk, setback and height).	X
2. Include this item's listing as part of or as a Heritage Conservation Area.		7. Unsympathetic alterations that detract from the cultural significance of the item should be removed.		13. New alterations and additions should respect the historic aesthetic/character of the item and area (e.g. paint scheme, materiality, style, landscape elements).	X
3. Consider additional research to nominate this item for the State Heritage Register.		8. Maintain heritage landscape elements and schemes.		14. Future uses for this item should be compatible with its historical functions/associations.	

4. The heritage curtilage for this item should be revised/reduced.	9. Maintain the existing setting of the heritage item, informed by the historic pattern of neighbouring development (form, scale, bulk, setback and height).	X	
5. Not recommended for inclusion on the LEP.	10. Maintain the historic aesthetic/character of the item and area (e.g. paint scheme, materiality, style, landscape elements).		
	11. The condition of this item is poor. Condition and maintenance should be monitored.		

Other recommendations and/or comments:

- None

#### Listings

Heritage Listing	Listing Title	Listing Number
Heritage Act – State Heritage Register	N/A	-
Local Environmental Plan	N/A	-
Cumberland Heritage Study	Federation Bungalow	HS79
National Trust Australia Register	N/A	-

#### Other References

- Godden Mackay Logan 2002, Former Merrylands Baby Health Centre- Conservation Management Plan, Godden Mackay Logan.
- Karskens, G. 1991. *Holroyd - A Social History of Western Sydney*. Sydney: University NSW Press
- NSW Office of Environment and Heritage S170 listing sheet 2009, *Merrylands Railway Station Building*, retrieved 27 March 2019, <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/ViewHeritageItemDetails.aspx?ID=4801921>

#### Limitations

- Access to all heritage items was limited to a visual inspection from the public domain. The interiors of buildings and inaccessible areas such as rear gardens were not assessed as part of this heritage study.
- Condition and site modification assessment was limited to a visual inspection undertaken from the public domain.
- Unless additional research was required, historical research for all heritage items was based on existing information in the Cumberland Heritage Study Stage 1 2019 prepared by Extent Heritage.

Additional Images



Overview of bungalow.



Detail of verandah.