

## Item Details

**Name**  
House  
**SHR/LEP/S170**  
LEP #I3  
**Address**  
47 Clifton Street BLACKTOWN NSW 2148  
**Local Govt Area**  
Blacktown  
**Local Aboriginal Land Council**  
Unknown



<b>Item Type</b>	<b>Group/Collection</b>	<b>Category</b>
Built	Residential buildings (private)	House

## All Addresses

### Addresses

Records Retrieved: 1

Street No	Street Name	Suburb/Town/Postcode	Local Govt. Area	LALC	Parish	County	Electorate	Address Type
47	Clifton Street	BLACKTOWN/NSW/2148	Blacktown	Unknown			Unknown	Primary Address

## Significance

### Statement Of Significance

The house is a relatively intact remaining house including interiors from the Blacktown Estate subdivision 1900-1910, which was the first subdivision of the area into small urban lots reflecting the development of the Blacktown Town Centre. The house is associated with 41 Clifton Street and a third house, now demolished, 49 Clifton Street. The homes were all built of similar style by the Pfoffer family and demonstrate linking characteristics such as timber weatherboarding dressed in a stonework pattern.

### Criteria a)

#### Historical Significance

47 Clifton Street has historical significance as the residence of the first Policeman Trooper Wilson in 1907 (Blacktown Advocate 22/04/98)

47 Clifton Street along with 41 Clifton Street, 2 Sarsfield Street and 45 Devitt Street is a relatively intact remaining example of the Blacktown Estate Subdivision c 1900 - 1910 into smaller urban residential lot sizes along the railway line, in relation to the development of Blacktown Town Centre.

### Criteria b)

#### Historical Association Significance

47 Clifton Street was the residence of Claire Pfoffer from 1923 - 2009, a founding member of Seven Hills Anglican Church, and the Blacktown Historical Society. Information provided by Claire Pfoffer formed the basis of the Blacktown CBD Heritage trail.

### Criteria c)

#### Aesthetic/Technical Significance

The house is a matching house to 41 Clifton Street and 49 Clifton Street (demolished), built by the same owner. The two remaining homes show a similarity in design and styling particularly reflected in the dressing of the weatherboard to stylistically represent a stone pattern. This is a typical carpentry detail fashionable in the early 20th Century. 47 Clifton Street is also intact internally and in the property layout to its original Edwardian features.

**Criteria d)**

**Social/Cultural Significance**

47 Clifton Street has social significance as the location of the first Police residence in Blacktown.

**Criteria e)**

**Research Potential**

The property has the potential to reveal former artefacts and outbuilding layouts.

**Criteria f)**

**Rarity**

The property is endangered by rapid and continuing urban growth and will become a rare remaining element within the Blacktown Town Centre.

**Integrity/Intactness**

High interior and exterior

**Owners**

Records Retrieved: 0		
Organisation	Stakeholder Category	Date Ownership Updated
No Results Found		

**Description**

**Designer** **Builder/Maker**

**Physical Description** **Updated**

47 Clifton Street sits on a wider block than surrounding houses, and is a characteristic four roomed early 20th century weatherboard cottage with a rear kitchen and service wing. The front weatherboarding is dressed to stylistically look like stone. The frontage rooms have french doors. Former fencing and outbuildings including a slab shed remain on site.

A 1998 newspaper article indicated that the site also contains a well with a hand operated pump (this has not been located).

Roofing is simple hipped galvanised iron roofing and interiors are timber lined ceilings and walls. The front verandah has had brick columns and balustrade added in the 1930's.

**Physical Condition** **Updated 11/30/2011**

The building is in good condition and his highly intact having had the same owner (Clair Pfoffer- descendant of the original owner) until 2010. New work carried out on the property has been toward its restoration.

**Modifications And Dates**

Front verandah brick balustrade and columns - c 1930's.  
Rear skillion wing c 1950's

Further Comments

Current Use

Residence

Former Use

Residence

Listings

Listings

Heritage Listing	Listing Title	Listing Number	Records Retrieved: 3		
			Gazette Date	Gazette Number	Gazette Page
Local Environmental Plan	Amend No 143		4/12/2002 12:00:00 AM	72	2262
Local Environmental Plan	Blacktown Local Environmental Plan 2015	I3			
Local Environmental Plan	Blacktown Local Environmental Plan 2015	I3	10/7/2015 12:00:00 AM	430	

Procedures/Exemptions

Records Retrieved: 0					
Section of Act	Description	Title	Comments	Action Date	Outcome
No Results Found					

History

Historical Notes or Provenance

Updated

Claire Pfoffer (former resident) notes that No 49 Clifton Street (demolished) and 41 Clifton Street adjacent were built together by her grandfather and that she was born in one of them.

Claire Pfoffer noted that Number 47 was built in 1907, along with number 49, and that Number 41 was built in 1904.

A newspaper article (Blacktown Advocate 1998) notes that the house was the location of the first police station and that a hand operated pump and well is located in the rear yard.

The date of construction would accord with the release of the Blacktown estate by C.J. Turner in the early 1900's. Clifton Street appears in an area marked "Blacktown Estate 852 lots 40X150, all sold and partly built on", on one of the C.J.turner Auction Maps for the release of the neighbouring Headingly Estate in 1913.

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The land was originally part of the land grant of 30 acres to John Wilks. This was one of a series of smaller 30 Acre grants along the Richmond Road/ Blacktown Road between the town centres of Blacktown and Prospect, with the large Lethbridge Grant to the west, and the George Allen (Sunnyholt) Grant to the north.

Claire Pfoffer moved into Number 47 in 1923 and remained there until her death in 2010. Prior to 1923 Claire lived at Leslie View at 369 Seven Hills Road. She was a significant contributor to the Blacktown community, being a founding member of the Seven Hills Anglican Church, and the Blacktown Historical Society.

Historic Themes

Records Retrieved: 1

National Theme	State Theme	Local Theme
4. Settlement	Towns, suburbs and villages	Subdivision and urban growth

Recommended Management

Management Summary

Management

Records Retrieved: 0

Management Category	Management Name	Date Updated
No Results Found		

Report/Study

## Heritage Studies

Records Retrieved: 9

Report/Study Name	Report/Study Code	Report/Study Type	Report/Study Year	Organisation	Author
In House Heritage Items Review			2009		Margaret Fallon
In House Heritage Items Review			2009		Margaret Fallon
In House Heritage Items Review			2009		Margaret Fallon
In House Heritage Items Review			2009		Margaret Fallon
In House Heritage Items Review			2009		Margaret Fallon
In House Heritage Items Review			2009		Margaret Fallon
In House Heritage Items Review			2009		Margaret Fallon
Blacktown Heritage Study			1995		(not stated)
Blacktown Heritage Study			1988		Jonathan Falk Planning Consultants in association with Rodney Jensen and Assoc.s

## Reference & Internet Links

### References

Records Retrieved: 4

Type	Author	Year	Title	Link
Oral History	Claire Pfoffer (Dec. 2010)	2009		
Written	Darren Edwards	1998	Proud of our Heritage	
Map	C.J. Turner	1913	The Headingly Estate (Sales Map)	
Map		1860	Prospect Land Grants Map	

## Data Source

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Local Government	Blacktown City Council	1140003

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