

DARLINGHURST by Nic Hume

Site History Built in circa 1877, the first recorded resident of this dwelling was a boot salesman. Darlinghurst was originally known as Eastern Hill and then Henrietta Town, after Governor Lachlan Macquarie's wife, whose second name was Henrietta. The loyalties changed with the change of governors and the suburb became Darlinghurst in honour of Elizabeth Darling, the popular wife of Governor Ralph Darling, during the early 19th century. The 'hurst' is an old English word for a wooded area.

The owner is not aware of witnessing any paranormal activity as such, just general impressions of comfort and protection when entering the house. When purchased, the owner was advised that the wall heater in the bathroom was not working, and had not worked for some time. Within days of settlement, a guest of the owner entered the bathroom, to find the wall heater on. Houses surrounding this residence have been the victims of squatters whenever left vacant. Yet this house remained vacant for several years, which indicates a certain level of protection.

Investigative Conditions

Temperature: Lo 05.2°c Hi 22.2°c

Sky Conditions: Clear

We arrived at the location at 8:30pm with other members arriving shortly after. We began with a meditation to be welcomed into the home. Video footage has shown that at the conclusion of the meditation, Peta added that we had been invited by the owner, and that she has distinct feelings of love and protection when in the house. At this point, there are very obvious “banging” noises, which seem to come from above the heads of the investigators. By 9:30pm we had turned our instruments on, and left them on the kitchen bench while we prepared to begin our walk through. Suddenly we experienced a high volume of electromagnetic energy, which sent all of our instruments off. We found that this happened randomly throughout the night, and can find no reason to explain this phenomenon. We began our walk through with Andrea, the Medium. When Andrea arrived, she sensed very strongly that two “street urchin” type boys either lived in the property, or close by. She also strongly sensed the residual energy of grocer carts/meat carts and “dunny-men” going down the street.

On the landing of the first floor, Andrea felt we had somebody with us. She stopped, to try and sort out what she was feeling. Peta tells her not to rush, that we have all night. A distinct voice then repeats, in a whispered tone “we’ve got all night”. This voice was not heard at the time. The feeling that Andrea was picking up, being that “somebody” was with us at the time, is verified by the electronic voice phenomenon we captured.

Andrea commented, when in the main bedroom, that she felt like she was a man, who was old and very lonely. She made the comment that he was married, but his wife was not there. She also stated that she felt like she has “had a fall” and that her “legs were tingling”. After mentioning all of these things, Peta advised Andrea that the previous owner was an old man and a widow. He had also had a fall, and had lost his leg, and that was the main reason for leaving the home.

The top bedroom made all investigators, and Andrea, very uncomfortable. There was a feeling of dependency, addiction, depression and severe anxiety in that room. Andrea could envision somebody standing at the window all day, staring out of it, waiting for the anxiety to pass. She also had the feeling of self harm in this room. At one point, Nicole stated that “it makes me feel ill” (talking about being in the room). At which point, a voice is clearly heard, asking “what is?”.

In conclusion, this is a beautiful residence, with wonderful Australian history. We believe a lot of the activity currently in the residence is not purely past occupants, but the collective energies of the entire neighbourhood.