



'Luscombe' Livingstone Street, Burwood



'Luscombe', pictured above, was built by Charles Henry Humphrey, pictured right. He was born in Devonshire, England, in 1819 and arrived in Sydney in 1842. He built up vast pastoral properties. A number of graziers established their town houses in Burwood and Humphrey, who settled there about 1861 was among the earliest. He was an Alderman of the first Burwood Council and succeeded Richard Wynne as Mayor in 1875.



'Luscombe' still stands but is obscured from Livingstone Street by the fire station, pictured below, built on land on its former front lawn in 1925.



Humphrey's funeral left from 'Luscombe' on 25 October 1898 for a memorial service at St Paul's Church of England, where he was a parishioner, and then proceeded to Burwood Station for the Necropolis. In 1924 the imposing tower at St Paul's was erected as a memorial to Charles Henry Humphrey and Mrs Ellen Humphrey by their daughters.