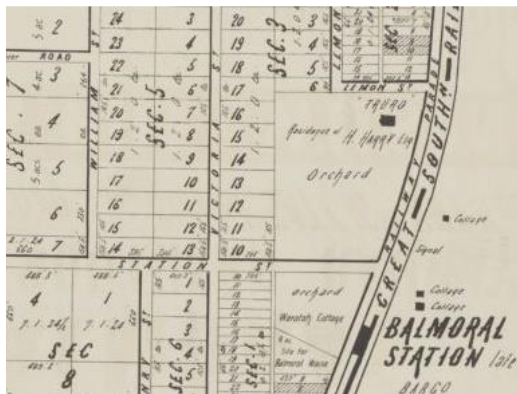




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Community Heritage Study 2021-23 Fact Sheet



Overview

Council, in partnership with local volunteer heritage and history specialists, embarked on a project in late 2020 to examine previously identified potential heritage places and to identify previously unidentified places of value to the community. This project culminated in the Wingecarribee Community Heritage Study 2021-23 which examined more than 600 potential places of heritage significance and recommends the protection of nearly 480 places that contribute to our cultural heritage and understanding of our area's history. In addition to individual items, the Study also recommends 8 new heritage conservation areas, and 6 extensions to existing heritage conservation areas throughout the Shire.

Why did Council undertake this Study?

All councils in NSW have a statutory responsibility to manage the heritage of their areas and communities expect that their local council will identify, respect and protect their local heritage. The Wingecarribee community's vision, goals and strategies are set out in the Wingecarribee 2041 Community Strategic Plan. Pride in our heritage is recognised in the community's vision in this Plan and the identification, protection and promotion of places of heritage significance is one of the identified strategies to achieve the goal of "unique towns, villages and rural landscapes".

In 2012, Council deferred a recommended listing of 251 heritage items following a heritage study prepared by consultants on behalf of Council in 2009. These properties had been identified as having heritage significance but were not formally protected. This situation is not ideal because it gives no certainty to owners or the community and in 2020 a resolution of Council was made to bring a report back to Council on how to progress those deferred items. The Community Heritage Study includes those deferred items along with a number of other potential heritage places identified since the 2009 study.

What does the Study do?

The Community Heritage Study has identified 607 places of potential heritage significance and makes recommendations on each based on the available evidence of the heritage significance. The preliminary version of the Study was endorsed by Council in July 2023 for the purpose of undertaking consultation with the affected owners and recommends that nearly 480 items be heritage listed. However, the Study and its recommendations will be subject to extensive owner and community consultation and peer review before final decisions on heritage listing are made.

When is consultation occurring?

Owner and community consultation is commencing in September 2023 and will run through to early November 2023. This initial consultation phase provides the opportunity for owners to meet with the Council project team to discuss the proposal for their property, and for community groups and the Wingecarribee community at large to view the Study, engage with the project team and provide feedback on the study and its recommendations.

What will consultations consist of?

Owners of identified properties with potential heritage significance will be invited to engage with the project team by booking an individual consultation session to discuss the proposal. These sessions will commence in September and continue through October. Other members of the community will be able to engage with the project team through drop-in information kiosks that will be run as part of the public exhibition phase in October.

Where can I find out more about the Study?



Where can I find out more about heritage listing and its impact on development potential?



Community Heritage Study Timeline

More information about the Community Heritage Study can be found on the Project Page located at www.yoursaywingecarribee.com.au/community-heritage-study (or scan the QR code at left) where you can:

- Access the publicly available parts of the Community Heritage Study (preliminary version).
- Access additional information, including other Fact Sheets.
- View the project timeline showing the steps in the project and where we sit currently. (A timeline is also provided over page.)
- Register your email address to receive project updates and so we can quickly and easily communicate directly with you.
- Ask questions about the project.
- Provide feedback to Council on the project.

There are two fact sheets that address general questions about heritage listing and about development on a heritage item or within a heritage conservation area. They can be accessed from the Community Heritage Study Project Page at www.yoursaywingecarribee.com.au/community-heritage-study or scan the above QR code.

In addition, the Heritage Council of NSW produced a Fact Sheet on heritage listing called *Heritage Listing Explained: What it means for You* and it can be found on the Heritage NSW website at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/-/media/OEH/Corporate-Site/Documents/Heritage/heritage-listing-explained-2011.pdf or scan the QR code at left.

While this publication focuses on listing of items on the State Heritage Register (for items of State heritage significance) it still has relevance to local heritage listings and is a good resource to better understand what impacts a heritage listing might have (or not have) on you.

The consultations being undertaken for the Community Heritage Study are the first step in a long process before any potential heritage items or potential heritage conservation areas are confirmed. The timeline over the page provides an overview of the steps involved from Study to Local Environmental Plan amendment.



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