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Part A: Recommended Heritage Places



‘Mimosa’—Interwar Georgian Revival style house

55-57 Burradoo Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item in Schedule 5 (part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Heritage Survey 2009 Recommendation

List as a heritage item with the following statement of significance:

The house has significance as an early Victorian residence / cottage.

Description

October 2004 (From Statement of Heritage Significance for 53-57 Burradoo Road, Burradoo prepared by High Ground Consulting, 2004): The main house is an Interwar Georgian revival structure which is located well towards the rear of the property. The frontage of the house is dominated by classical style portico with paired columns of composite, but predominantly Tuscan, configuration (Apperly, Irving & Reynolds, 1995. pp. 152 & 156). Multiple paned, double hung windows are also a feature of this style (Stapleton & Stapleton, 1997. p.71). The house is constructed of white-painted coursed brick with a slate roof. It was possibly constructed during the ownership of the property by James Marsden or Dorothy and Arnold Mullens in the 1920s.

The house shows signs of extension and modification during its life. Some rooms appear to have been extended or created with large windows to catch the northern and eastern sunshine. Some stylistic elements of the building exterior, particularly an eastern facing gable with paired double hung windows and timber lattice gable detail, indicate that its central sections may have been constructed in the late Edwardian period, however the style of chimney caps appears to contradict this.

The rear of the house partially encloses a courtyard and domestic quarters appear to be located in a southern wing. Service areas are located behind the house adjacent to Sunninghill Avenue.

The grounds of Mimosa contain many structures which are consistent with the working of a small country estate. These structures are generally in fair to very good condition. The largest group of outbuildings is located around a large driveway forecourt which is accessed from Sunninghill Avenue. This group consists of:

- A brick garage
- A small brick building which is shared with the neighbouring property
- Three weatherboard sheds and related horse enclosures with troughs.
- A swimming pool and associated pool structures

The style of this group of buildings is consistent with the interwar period style of the main house, although their individual styles suggest that they were constructed over an extended period of time. They are all aligned on an east-west axis and are also aligned with the main building. The neighbouring house to the east of this group appears was part of Mimosa until 1966 when a one acre portion of the south-east corner of the property was subdivided.

The pool enclosure is located between the horse yards and main house. This consists of a brick walled yard with two brick-walled small pool houses which are roofed in corrugated asbestos sheet. These structures were possibly built in the interwar period. A modern fibreglass pool has been installed within the pool yard. The pool surrounds are paved with modern clay pavers.

October 2020: The back of the house is visible from Sunninghill Avenue. The front façade faces to the north to Burradoo Road and cannot be seen. Building appears to be in poor state of repair but capable of restoration.

This is a very large site which has had at least one lot subdivided off it and built since the Heritage Survey 2009 (DA04/1011). While the address for Mimosa is Burradoo Road it is located closer to and backs on to Sunninghill Road to the south.

Description from Heritage Survey 2009 Report

At the time of the September 2008 inspection significant elements which include roofform and finished landscaped setting warrant careful management and retention is desirable.

A one storey freestanding house that dates from the Victorian period set on a large site in a town setting that has retained its context. The building is setback 6 metres from the rear of the street. There is a paddock at street frontage. The site has a front fence of post and wire and at rear a laurel hedge with a rear driveway. The site also features tennis courts and buildings of a later date. The front garden is large informally landscaped around the house and features mature conifers creating a picturesque setting. The façade presents a symmetrical elevation and is constructed of painted brick. The roof is gabled and hipped with a steep pitch and has closed eaves. The roof is clad in slate and has tall render chimneys. The façade is obscured by high vegetation. The building appears to be in good condition and is substantially intact. More research is required



Above: Mimosa as viewed from Sunninghill Avenue

Internet Review

No internet information found.

History

Trove Check

14 November 1924 'Mimosa' Sold.

'Mimosa,' the well known Burradoo residence belonging to Mr. James Marsden, has been sold to Mrs. A. P. Mullen, of Strathfield, Messrs. Davis and Westbrook being the selling agents. The furniture sale takes place to-day (Friday) at 11 o'clock.

Robertson Mail Fri 14 Nov 1924

Ryerson Index:

The Ryerson Index is an online index of death notices from Australian newspapers, past and present, compiled by the Sydney-based non-profit organisation Ryerson Index Incorporated.

Surname	Given Names	Notice Type	Date	Event	Age	Other Details	Publication	Published
MARSDEN	James	Death notice	27DEC1924	Death		at Goulburn, late of Burradoo, formerly of Goulburn	Sydney Morning Herald	29DEC1924

7 November 1924 Furniture and Effects Auction.

The Southern Mail (Bowral, NSW : 1889 - 1954) / Fri 7 Nov 1924 / Page

Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
	(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the development of this section of Burradoo in the late 19th Century</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic value in the local area because the beauty of its setting and architectural form.</i>

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
	(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	<i>Of significance because the item possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case being one of the few early estates in Burradoo not to have been substantially altered or subdivided as at 2021.</i>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

Mimosa at 55-57 is significant because it illustrates the development of this section of Burradoo in the late 19th Century. It is also significant in demonstrating aesthetic value in the local area for the beauty of its setting and architectural form and for possessing a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case being one of the few early estates in Burradoo not to have been substantially altered or subdivided as at 2021.

‘Lowanbrae’—1925 Peddle Thorp and Walker designed house and garden

91-95 Burradoo Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item in Schedule 5 (part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Description

Setting for this 1925 house is towards the western end of Burradoo Road on the south side of the street. The street is very pleasant. The house has a very long east west configuration and faces north. Front alignment has a high masonry post and rail style fence and thus difficult to see the house well from the road. Grounds are extensive c 20,000 m² and include mature tree planting and a tennis court.

House is constructed of rendered brick with a gabled tile roof. Two of the gables project to the street and each has a bay window. The roof has two rendered chimneys each with dove-cote style top. The main entrance is to be to the right though a smaller hipped roof projection. The windows are mainly casement and in sets of three. An important feature of the house design are the deep eaves which project even further where bay windows occur.

Driveway entrance is to the left and proceeds across the front of the house to garaging at the right.

Internet Review



Lowanbrae is on the AIA Significant Buildings List for NSW at this site and 2 line notation below.

PEDDLE THORP & WALKER 1925 Lowanbrae Burradoo Road Burradoo Wingecarribee 4702099

16 images and notes at this c. 2015 site. Images and notes below from this site accessed on 29/1/2021.

<https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-house-nsw-burradoo-119090435>

Magnificent 5 acre walled garden estate.

Vast and faultlessly presented single level rendered brick/slate home with every conceivable luxury for to-days demanding lifestyles.

- Grand entry opening to formal sitting and dining rooms
- Superbly equipped kitchen/dining and family area
- State of the art media room and den
- 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms
- Self-contained staff/guest accommodation
- 4 car accommodation, tennis court and spa

“Lowenbrae” and the surrounding 5 acres of highly recognised champion gardens is one of the Highlands most outstanding holdings with absolute security and privacy.



Heritage Significance Assessment

The proposed item has been assessed against the seven NSW Heritage Assessment Criteria. To be considered for local heritage listing, an item must meet one or more criteria on a local level. To understand more about the NSW Heritage Assessment Criteria, refer to the Heritage NSW publication *Assessing Heritage Significance* available online at <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/research-and-publications/publications-search/assessing-heritage-significance>.

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site <i>(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)</i>
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the development of this section of Burradoo in the Interwar period.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its association with architects Peddle Thorpe and Walker who designed the house.</i>
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic value in the local area because of its setting, garden and architectural form. . The house is recognised on the Australian Institute of Architects Significant Buildings List for NSW.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	<i>Of significance because the item possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case a fairly unusual well known architect designed house in a transitional Federation/Arts and Crafts Style style from 1925.</i>

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

Lowanbrae at 91-95 Burradoo Road, Burradoo is significant because it illustrates the development of this section of Burradoo in the Interwar period and for its association with architects Peddle Thorpe and Walker who designed it. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic value in the local area because of its setting, garden and architectural form. Of significance also for possessing a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case a fairly unusual well known architect designed house in a transitional Federation/Arts and Crafts Style style from 1925. The house is recognised on the Australian Institute of Architects Significant Buildings List for NSW

'Harby Park'—house and garden

1-3 Eridge Park Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item in Schedule 5 (part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Description

May 2021. Very large estate of 64.7 hectares on the western edge of Burradoo on very attractive Eridge Park Road (formerly known as Bong Bong Road) which is the extension of Old South Road to the north and the original road south from Sydney. The house and associated buildings are located between Eridge Park Road and a creek and pond system which flows at the rear into the Wingecarribee River. The site has a high *Cupressus leylandii* (Leyland cypress) hedge along Eridge Park Road near the house and remnants of laid hawthorn hedges on Eridge Park Road near the corner of Kangaloon Road. The garden is extensive and mature and provides an excellent setting for the house.

The house itself is difficult to view from the road. The house is two storeys and presents as a very complex design of gabled roofs and structure appears to be mostly of painted brick work.

Examination of photographs shows that the early one and half storey gabled and two chimney cottage on this site is part of the larger current complex. (This is what occurred at *Hillview* in Sutton forest where an early stone cottage called *Prospect* was enveloped in large timber extensions after it was purchased for use as a NSW Vice Regal Residence.)

Internet Review

Nil images on real estate websites.



Above: Aerial panorama of Harby with Eridge Park Road at left (Source: Nearmap, image date 30 January 2020).

History

Lynne Shepherd was granted 80 acres by the Crown, comprising Portion 46 of the Parish of Mittagong in the County of Camden, on 21 February 1842 (ref. Vol. 3744 Fol 173). A neighbouring portion of land (Portion 47 of approximately 88 acres) was granted to William Richard Green by the Crown on 12 July 1839. The extract below of the Parish map shows these early grants.



Above: Extract from Mittagong Parish Map (cancelled in 1912) highlighting the two Crown Grants that approximately comprise the present Harby Park (source: NSW Historical Land Records Viewer <https://hlrv.nswlrs.com.au/>).

These were two of eight grants given to soldiers for service to the colony. The following account is from a plaque situated on the corner of Eridge Park Road and Moss Vale Road (part of the road reserve at 576 Moss Vale Road, Burradoo) and reproduced in the Southern Highland News in 2018 (<https://www.southernhighlandnews.com.au/story/5318173/plaque-shares-the-story-of-pioneering-days-at-bong-bong/>), as follows

Governor Lachlan Macquarie passed through this area on a journey to the south in 1820, camping on the banks of the Wingecarribee River.

He thought the country on the northern bank "really beautiful, being fit for cultivation and grazing" and in March 1821 made the decision to establish a township on the site. The township of Bong Bong developed as the first centre for law and order in the Southern Highlands, close to the Argyle Road which led from the Cumberland Plain to this newly settled land south of Camden.

The first of three Royal Veteran Companies raised for services in NSW and Van Diemen's Land arrived in the colony in July 1826. Recruits were offered an engagement for two years, relatively generous rates of pay and the inducement of a free grant of land if they remained in the colony after discharge.

Bong Bong was an infant settlement when Surveyor Robert Dixon drew up a plan for eight allotments for the veterans at Bong Bong in the County of Camden.

The plaque identifies the regulations governing the veteran grants with a stipulation that they be given to men with a 'variety of skills'.

The recipients were William Chater, John Gilzan, Samuel Holmes, Enos McGarr, Christopher Rhall, Lynn Shepherd and brothers Thomas and William Wood.

The farm owned by Lynn Shepherd was known as Mount Pleasant as detailed in this early c. 1830 reference to Harby Park at this Lynn Shepherd family history site

(<https://branchesofmyfamilytree.com/shepherds/the-shepherds-life-in-england/a-new-life-in-australia/>):

Lynn Shepherd, had now become a landholder, granted 80 acres at Bong Bong, between Moss Vale and Bowral. They called the farm "Mount Pleasant", number two of eight grants in that locality. The farm now called "Harby Farm" still exists today on Eridge Park Road, Burradoo.

Portions 46 and 47 have been subdivided and transferred to various persons over time including Robert Loseby in the latter part of the 19th century. The house shown in the c. 1900 Loseby family picture below shows the cottage in existence at that time. The form of that cottage is still visible within the larger homestead today.



Above: Robert Loseby flanked by younger sisters Sarah and Betsy with nieces at cottage on the family's second property, Harby Farm, c.1900 (source:

<https://www.southernhighlandnews.com.au/story/3507140/charles-loseby-makes-new-life-for-wife-and-family/>, accessed 28/2/2023)

Three parcels of land were acquired by Michel Francois (Frank) Albert in 1924 and 1925 approximately comprising the Harby Farm in existence today. (Refer to NSW Land Register Books Vol. 3647 Fol. 214 and Vol. 3744 Fol. 173. These titles refer to Frank Albert as "music warehouseman".)

The below extract from the Torrens Purchasers' Index 1921-1924 shows 4 purchases by Michel Francois Albert in 1924 and 1925 in the area. The yellow highlighted purchases are for parts of Harby Park. The green highlighted purchase was for just under 7 acres of land opposite Harby Park on Eridge Park Road (then Bong Bong Road) to the north.

Nature of Instrument		No. of Instrument	Register Book	
			Vol.	Ed.
	ALBERT			
M	Michael Francois. 22½ pers. Pt. Allot 11 Sec. 32 Pitt St., Sydney.	A.660399	3219	206
C	25½ pers. Pt. Allot 10 Sec. 32 Pitt St., Sydney.	A.660686	3219	213
P.C.	10½ pers. Pt. Allots 21 & 22 Sec. 35 off Castlereagh St., Sydney.	21616	3160	240
M	Lot 41 Sec. D D.P. 10188, Concord.	B.8689	3422	223
T	6 acs. 3 rds. 32½ pers. Pt. Lot 28 D.P. 2848, Burradoo. Sh. Mattai. Ph. Mittagong. Co. Camden.	B.106946	3625	126
P.C.	62 acs. 1 rd. 25 pers. Pt. 80 acs. (For 47 of Ph.) also pt. 80 acs. (For. 46 of Ph.) Sh. Mattai, Ph. Mittagong.	24858	3647	214
C	Michel Francois. Firstly 25 pers. Allot 3 Sec. 35. Secondly 10½ pers. Pt. Allot 22 Sec. 35 Pt. Allot 21 Sec. 35 Pitt & Castlereagh Sts., Sydney. Ph. St. James.	B.135115	3700	134
T	3 rds. 39 pers. Pt. of Broomfield Est. being pt. 3030 acs. (For. 32 of Ph.) at & Ph. Mittagong, Sh. Mattai, Co. Camden.	B.156555	3744	173
P.C.	77 acs. 1 rd. 5 pers. Fors. (46 of Ph.) & (47 of Ph.) Sh. Mattai, Co. Camden.	26594	3744	173
T	28½ pers. Pts of 54 acs Originally granted to A. McLeay, (McLeay St.) Darlinghurst, Sydney, Ph. Alexandria.	B.270376	2031 2083 2475	181 184 242

Above: Land purchase details by Frank Albert in the period 1921-25 (source: Purchasers' Index 1921-25 <https://hlrv.nswlrs.com.au/>, accessed 28/2/2023)

The following is an extract of the history of Albert Family from Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albert_Music):

Swiss horologist Jacques Albert migrated to Sydney in 1884 with his family. Jacques Albert established a clock, watch and occasional violin repair business in Newtown, Sydney the following year.

Albert and his son Frank [Michel Francois] began importing and selling a wider range of musical instruments including a Boomerang mouth organ. The company trademarked the word 'boomerang' and stamped it on German manufactured mouth organs. The distinctive instruments were a run away success selling at a rate of 800 a week by 1897.

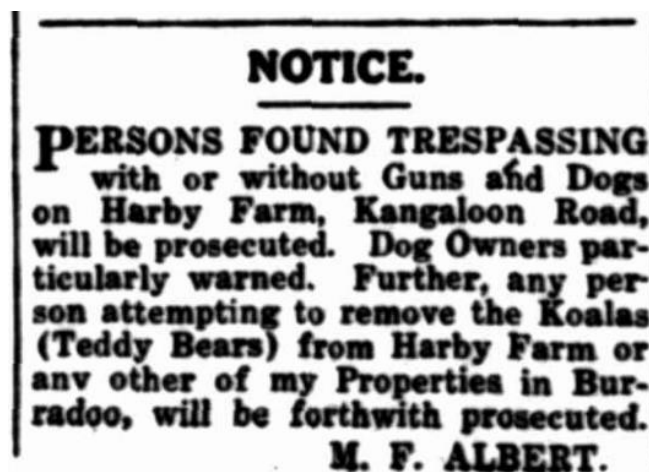
By 1902 J. Albert & Son diversified into music retail and publishing, opening a shopfront in King Street in central Sydney. Later still J. Albert & Son struck deals with American and British music publishers, purchasing the copyright for songwriters such as Irving Berlin and George Gershwin. In 1926 J. Albert & Son co-founded the Australasian Performing Right Association (APRA).

Frank Albert was a founding member and director of the Australian Broadcasting Company, which ran the Commonwealth Government's eight national radio stations. When the government resumed the licence three years later, Alberts used the proceeds to purchase established radio station 2UW.

Frank's son Alexis, assumed the role of Managing Director of J. Albert & Son in 1931. Over the next 50 years the J. Albert & Son empire gradually acquired interests in a network of eight stations. The stations included 4BC in Brisbane, 3TT in Melbourne and 2CC in Canberra. Later still in the 1950s the company became a major shareholder in ATV Channel Seven.

In 1964 the Albert family founded Albert Productions, Australia's first independent record label devoted exclusively to signing and recording Australian pop artists. The Easybeats are the most successful artists to sign to the recording label. The label was very successful during the 1970s when the stable of artists and in particular AC/DC brought Australia to international prominence in popular music.

In 1928 Frank Albert took out a notice in the Robertson Mail newspaper giving notice to trespassers and poachers on Harby Farm:



Above: Newspaper notice to trespassers and poachers (1928 'Advertising', Robertson Mail (NSW : 1924 - 1930), 13 July, p. 3. , viewed 28 Feb 2023, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article128223602>)

There's a good biography of Frank Albert in the Australian Dictionary of Biography available online at <https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/albert-michel-francois-frank-4987> which details his success in the music and broadcasting industry and his love of motoring and boating.

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(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the development of this section of Burradoo in the 19th Century.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its association in the local area with owners:</i> 1. <i>Early pioneer Lynn Shepherd, a landholder, granted 80 acres at Bong Bong, between Moss Vale and Bowral. They called the farm "Mount Pleasant", number two of eight grants in that locality. The farm now called "Harby Farm" still exists today on Eridge Park Road, Burradoo.</i> 2. <i>Early pioneering Loseby Family.</i> 3. <i>The Albert family of music business fame.</i>
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting, garden and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	<i>Of significance because the item possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case possessing an earlier 19th Century house within a now larger residence.</i>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

1-3 Eridge Park Road, Burradoo. Harby Park is significant because it illustrates the development of this section of Burradoo in the 19th Century and for its association in the local area with early pioneer Lynn Shepherd, a landholder, granted 80 acres at Bong Bong between Moss Vale and Bowral, the early pioneering Loseby Family and the Albert family of music business fame. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting, garden and architectural form and for possessing a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this an earlier one and a half storey 19th Century house within a now larger residence.

‘Talgai’—Interwar house

3 Holly Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item in Schedule 5 (part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Description

May 2021

House is located on a battle axe drive from the Holly Road and not easily visible from Holly Road.

31 images, plan and notes at this site from 2020. Image and notes below from this site.

<https://www.domain.com.au/3-holly-road-burradoo-nsw-2576-2016501982>

Original Talgai house is a magnificent example of olde world architecture fused with a modern lifestyle and is a true illustration of the classic Burradoo Estate of your imagination. Dating from the 1930s Talgai has been witness to a rich history of excess and eccentricity and perfectly showcases all the hallmarks of the era including, spectacular high ceilings, grand proportions and unique decorative features. More recently Talgai has been expertly combined with a contemporary renovation to cater for todays penchant of an open plan lifestyle.

The impressive everyday family living spaces are complimented by soaring raked ceilings, a striking kitchen with central entertainers island bench and full scullery. These sun drenched living spaces are bounded by sweeping alfresco verandahs and are accessed by wide French doors and picture windows to enjoy the Northerly aspect and the private entertaining courtyards that provide space to relax and enjoy all this home has to offer.

The grand / sprawling 2 storey main home offers exceptional formal and informal living options and a versatile floorplan to accommodate many lifestyle options. Boasting generous accommodation to suit a wide variety of family requirements with 5 expansive bedrooms and 5 bathrooms including a one of a kind master suite with ensuite, dressing room and a further personal study or nursery option. Spacious private guest room with informal sitting room and 3 upstairs bedrooms 2 boasting en-suites and an additional full family bathroom and rumpus area.

To compliment the main home there is a self-contained artists studio with bathroom and kitchenette perfect as a home office, and an additional self contained 2 bedroom guest cottage which offers additional guest, or family accommodation or an income opportunity.

Talgai is hidden down a majestic secret drive in one of Burradoo's most sought after streets and is set amongst a backdrop of 1.7 acres of sprawling level lawns, established gardens and delightful mature specimen trees. To supplement the entertainer's lifestyle Talgai offers a fenced in ground pool, full cricket pitch with nets, and a large shed or garage complex.



Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site <i>(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)</i>
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the development of the Holly Road area of Burradoo in the Interwar period.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic value in the local area because of its setting and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case an Interwar period residence.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

Talgai at 3 Holly Road, Burradoo is significant because it illustrates the development of the Holly Road area of Burradoo in the Interwar period. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic value in the local area because of its setting and architectural form including later sympathetic additions and in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case an Interwar period residence.

‘Yeulba’—Interwar house

7 Links Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item in Schedule 5 (Part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Property is contained within the proposed Links Road & Golf Course Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

May 2021: Links Road is a very pleasant thoroughfare especially as it mostly fronts Bowral Golf Course to the north. Most of the lots date back to a 1917 Bowral New Golf Links Estate surveyed by George Sheaffe. Many of the houses date from the Interwar period. Yeulba is located on a large corner site to Campbell Street.

Likely to have been built in the Interwar period the house is constructed of dark face brick and has a hipped and gabled roof of terracotta tile. Two gables project towards the street and the right hand gable enfold an open entrance area to the front door. Garden is mature and provides an appropriate setting for the house. House definitely of high quality and probably master built.



Internet Review

May 2021: Google Earth image below of the 7 Links Road site.



Heritage Significance Assessment

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(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a high quality Interwar period house in a restrained Californian Bungalow style.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

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Interwar gabled roof brick house and garden

11 Links Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item in Schedule 5 (Part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Property is contained within the proposed Links Road & Golf Course Heritage Conservation Area.

Heritage Survey 2009 Recommendation

List as a heritage item with the following statement of significance:

The house has significance as a fine and substantial interwar residence.

Description

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Gabled tile roofed brick house from 1934 - the Interwar period. . Brick gate post entry and high hedge. Large site. Good lawn, hedge and mature tree garden. Elevation reads as a medium pitch log east west gabled roof with a projecting bay over the front entrance to the north. The gable is infilled with half timber. There are tall chimneys at the extreme left and right of the building.



History

Research from Maureen and Bud Townsing 2020

In 2020 the owner of this house had the original plans and confirmed that it was built by Alf Stephens and Sons in 1934 and was designed by John Spencer-Stansfield of Uplands, the LEP Heritage listed house in Links Road nearby. Page 128 A brief History of Alf Stephens and Sons Pty Ltd. 2020.

Research from Bud Townsing May 2020

In May 1938 it was the home of Cecil Luber and called Wildwood according to this reference: "People on Parade" Daily Telegraph 1938 describing some of the people on "Millionaires Row", Bowral. Daily Telegraph Home Magazine 30/5/1938. p 8.

Cecil Luber

Cecil Luber c.1894-1969 –considered to be the same Cecil Luber owner of 11 Links. Site below says that the 1941 Emanuel Synagogue in Woollahra is associated with a number of mid-twentieth century Sydney Jewish community members who were instrumental in the establishment of the synagogue, including Cecil Luber, Gordon Kessing and Rabbi Schenk, among others.

https://www.woollahra.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0009/74583/Annexure_12_Amended_heritage_inventory_sheet_for_7-9_Ocean_Street_Woollahra.pdf

Ryerson Index

STANSFELD	John Spencer	Death notice	27MAR1966	Death	late of Bowral	Sydney Morning Herald	28MAR1966
<i>Surname</i>	<i>Given Names</i>	<i>Notice Type</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Other Details</i>	<i>Published</i>
LUBER	Cecil Arthur	Death notice	04DEC1969	Death	75	late of Vaucluse	Sydney Morning Herald 05DEC1969

Cecil Luber mentioned for his telegram to Prime Minister Curtin in 1942 in regard to Holocaust from this site accessed May 2021

<https://www.jhc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Centre-News-2017-Issue-1-2.pdf>

Salvation did not come soon. However, what gradually emerged in Australia was a new Jewish leadership that faced the terrible consequences of the Holocaust and realised that they had to make every effort to rescue the remnants of European Jewry and to support the creation of a Jewish State in Palestine. These responses to the Holocaust in 1942, so historian Suzanne Rutland argues, marked a watershed in the history of Australian Jewry.

Belatedly and reluctantly the Allies responded to the Holocaust with declamatory gestures. On 17 December 1942 the famous joint allied declaration was issued condemning for the first time 'the bestial cold-blooded extermination of the Jews' and giving warning that those 'responsible for the crimes shall not escape retribution'. As loyal partner of the Allies, Australia expressed its 'whole-hearted association' with the declaration. Australian Jewish leaders had received prior news of the declaration from their counterparts in London, New York and Jerusalem and were asked to approach the government. Saul Symonds' telegram on 15 December to Prime Minister Curtin reads: The Jewish Community of New South Wales is profoundly grieved by the terrible news of the systematic extermination by the Nazis of the whole population of Poland and other Nazi occupied countries - and implores the Commonwealth Government to approach Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt urging all possible measures be taken to deter the Nazis from carrying out their diabolic intentions.

*One day later Curtin received a telegram from **Cecil Luber** and Maurice Laserson: Australian section World Jewish Congress has received advice from New York – confirming Hitler's order – to exterminate Jews in Poland and other Nazi occupied countries. Almost 2 million Jews already massacred. In our extreme anxiety we urge you to support Churchill's and Roosevelt's proposed measures deterring Nazis from continuing horror against the Jewish people.*

Curtin's telegraphic response was prompt and short. He simply referred to Australia's 'wholehearted association' with the allied declaration.

John Spencer Stansfield architect

Spencer-Stansfield was the architect for the Haberfield Model Suburb from 1905-1914 and according to 'Who's Who' of 1929, designed over 1000 houses, and "specialises in high-class domestic architecture". https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Bunyas

He was also the architect for Dormie House in Moss Vale and he lived in *Uplands* in Links Road, Burradoo.

John SPENCER-STANSFIELD army record. Source:

<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=284183>

Regimental number	4906
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Architect
Address	'Cheppywood', Vaucluse Road, Vaucluse, Sydney, New South Wales
Marital status	Married
Age at embarkation	35
Next of kin	Wife, Mrs Jean Agatha Spencer-Stansfield, 'Ravenscraig', Burns Road, Wahroonga, New South Wales
Enlistment date	16 April 1917
Rank on enlistment	Private

Trove check of Wildwood

Property Report Messrs. P. A. Westbrook and Son, in their report for 1943, stated that inquiry for properties of all kinds had been well maintained, the greatest difficulty being to find homes to offer those who desired them.Amongst properties which changed hands were 'Wildwood, Links Road, to Mrs. J. T. Finlay

[The Southern Mail Fri 7 Jan 1944](#)

Biographical Notes on Alf Stephens & Sons 1886-1965

By Dennis McManus. December 27 2021. Short Version

Alf Stephens and Sons was an important building firm that operated in Bowral in the Southern Highlands of NSW for 79 years over two generations - 1886 to 1965. The company had a big impact on Bowral and nearby towns and beyond in Canberra in a wide range of projects from cottages to mansions, schools, churches, commercial buildings and public buildings.

Major projects included: 1895 Bowral Courthouse, 1897 Berrima Gaol Governor's Residence, 1914 Empire Cinema in Bowral, 1919 Bowral Golf Club House, 1924 Ranelagh Hotel at Robertson, 1929 Church of England Grammar School in Canberra, 1930, St Johns Anglican Church in Moss Vale, 1930 Gibraltar Park Children's Home in Mittagong, 1933 Bowral Ambulance Station, 1934 Dormie House at Moss Vale, 1935 Bowral Hospital, 1935 Canberra Masonic Hall, 1938 Canberra Fire Station at Manuka and 10 two storey residences for staff, government contracts for hundreds of new houses in Canberra in the 1930s and finally 1965 Clubbe Hall at Frensham School in Mittagong.

The following notes draw heavily on Maureen and Bud Townsing's excellent book - *A brief history of Alf Stephens & Sons* 2020 pages 3-7. Copies of the book are available from Bud Townsing who can be contacted on 0429 030 195.

Alf Stephens Jnr. (1887-1973)

Alf Stephens Jnr was born 14 April 1887 at Elm Street, Jamieson Hill, Bowral. He attended Bowral Public School in Bendooley Street and was Dux in 1902 at the age of 15.

Alf Jnr. married Agnes Lily (nee Peel) at the old Methodist Church in Bowral on 22 July 1915. Lily had been an elementary school teacher before her marriage. They had a family of three children - Peggy (1916), John Victor (Jack) (1918) and Joan (1920).

Alfred Jnr. was involved in the work of the firm from when in 1903 the firm had a contract to build four railway stations on the Leura line. The family relocated there for the duration of this work. Another early job he was involved in required the cutting into sections and moving of the Upper Bowral Store (Mitchell's Store) in Merrigang Street, which had been bought by his father in 1896 for £116, into Bong Bong Street. Having moved the house into town in 1903, and lived in it for some years Alf Jnr. famously moved it out again in 1926 to Victoria Street, where it still stands.

Alf Jnr. would have worked with his father on many of the earlier projects. Like his father, he involved himself in the Methodist Church and public affairs. He became an alderman of Bowral Municipal Council and served as Mayor for two years in 1928 and 1929. He resigned in December 1929 in order to take a trip to England - in part to seek specialist medical attention for his son.

Again like his father, Alf Jnr. involved himself in the game of cricket. At Bowral Public School, Alf Jnr. captained the team in school competitions. After leaving School, he played with the Surveyors team. He became President of the Berrima District Association in 1919 and held this position until 1960 when he did not seek re-election. As well Alf Jnr. became captain of Bowral 1st Grade in 1921 in which capacity he also acted until his voluntary retirement in 1960. He involved himself with other district and regional cricket organisations throughout his life. Not without reason was Alf Jnr. widely called "The Skipper".

Inevitably, Alf Jnr. knew Don Bradman. Don's father, George, was employed by the Stephens firm. Don attended Bowral Public School, as had Alf about ten years earlier, and played with school teams before he attracted notice in the local senior teams. When in about 1925, Alf Jnr. and Lily built their "forever home" in Aitken Road, (which they called "*Grantham*" after the place where they had met), they had a concrete cricket pitch to the side of the house, where Bradman and the family and the local team could play.

During the years that Alf Jnr. and Norrie Stephens ran the firm it continued to grow and flourish.

Work by the firm in Canberra

In Canberra in 1928 the firm secured a major contract for the Church of England Grammar School. The *Robertson Mail* of 7/12/1928 reported: *The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone ...The school will be one of the most modern private*

schools in the Commonwealth. We congratulate Messrs. Alf. Stephens and Son, of Bowral, upon having secured the contract for the erection of the first section of the buildings, which will cost somewhere about £30,000. In the same year, 1928, the firm secured the contract for the Church of England Grammar School Headmaster's Residence.

A considerable volume of other work in Canberra followed including the building of hundreds of houses under government contract. So much so that an advertisement in the *Southern Mail* in May 1940 the firm could advise:

"Messr. Alf Stephens and Son, [sic] who as old established builders and merchants of Bowral, have a wealth of experience in the planning and erecting of new buildings and in the supply of all builder's requirements. Their experience is so wide that they are able to ensure a thoroughly reliable job. They are contractors to many Federal and State Departments and have also become known through their many outstanding homes and public buildings erected in this district. Located in Boolwey Street is their extensive and modernly equipped joinery department and timber yards where all the requirements of the building trade are met. During 1939 Alf Stephens and Son erected two houses per week in Canberra, beside a large volume of work in this district. These operations gave continuous employment to approximately 200 men in both centres of activity. All joinery work for these jobs was done in the Bowral yard and the firm is justly proud that no work is done outside for any of their building assignments."

Alf Jnr. found time amidst all this to continue playing cricket and be involved in district cricket organisations. He involved himself in Rotary, and on visits to England in 1948 and 1953 spoke at meetings there in many towns. He received a particularly warm welcome in the town of Grantham to which parcels had been sent from Bowral for distribution to the aged and needy. Whilst In England on these occasions, Alf Jnr. also saw some of Don Bradman's most notable cricket matches.

The *Southern Highland News* of 29 July 1965 carried a report that, after 53 years, Alf Jnr. was retiring. Many of the tradesmen employed by the firm had more than 30 years of experience there. Mr Geoffrey Charles Plater took over as owner. Alf Jnr. died in October 1973 in Bowral, aged 86. Lily predeceased him in 1971. They were survived by two daughters Peggy and Joan, son Jack having died in 1944.

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Integrity/Intactness

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Statement of Heritage Significance

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Modest Interwar house 13 Links Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

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Description

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Internet Review

2021

6 images and notes at this site from 2012. Notes plus one image below from this 2012 site.

<https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-house-nsw-burradoo-110196373>

Large original land holding with grand country house opposite the 17th fairway...

13 Links Road, Burradoo

Exclusive dress circle position - wonderfully peaceful and private, this gracious home is tucked away in the blue-ribbon enclave with northern views over Bowral Golf Course and beyond to Mt. Gibraltar. Following sympathetic renovations, this 1930's home still boasts its charming original period features. Set on almost 3 acres, established trees, horse paddock and dam
Elegant formal rooms and relaxed family rooms capture light and sun all day
Four principal bedrooms
Study and conservatory
High ceilings, gas central heating, open fires, under floor heating to tiled areas.
Double garage, store rooms and a men's shed that is the envy of all...
A private country home; a place to retire with room for the visiting family and friends or a grand country weekend home.

“People on Parade” 1938 describing some of the people on “Millionaires Row”, Bowral. Daily Telegraph Home Magazine 30/5/1938. p 8. Crouche's home *Laythes* is 13 Links Road.

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DAILY TELEGRAPH HOME MAGAZINE

Monday, May 30, 1938

PEOPLE ON PARADE

Written and Picturised
By JO FALLON

I've Been To Bowral • They're Giving the Kids a Treat • H.E. to Tea • Gang's All Here But There's No Hay, Hay • Mind-ing Their Pews and Keys • Carpet in the Kirk.

BEEN back in the heath, I have, with the wind in my tartan, bending the bracken with all the ocracy . . . up in the Southern Highlands.

Several of our socialite families, you know, are in residence Bowrally, ostensibly to give the kids a treat.

Constant stream of opulent autos ferries between the Bowral Golf Links and Millionaire Row.

Bowral has become "small-city-fied" these days . . . the same gang who would ride to Versailles with their nose in a rose—have to push on to the Olympian Heights of Moss Vale or Sutton Forest. Just in case "H.E." . . . the Gov. to you . . . should happen to drop in for a dish of tea.

But the time of year is wrong for pleasant outdoor sport. The trees have lost their leaves, and there's no hay to lie in the sun, because there's no sun.

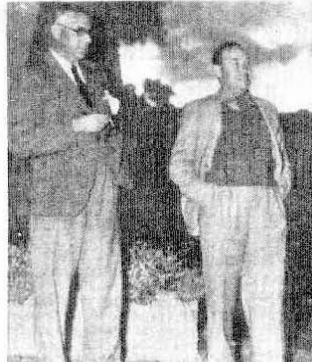
No local color since Squire Hunter Kerr gave up the farmhouse and brought his wife and gun dog to town, selling autos and living in a Macleay Street apartment. He used to drive about in a true jaunty car and 'twas indeed old world to watch him greet the peasants outside ye olde Sutton Forest kirk.

The Misses Farran drive a vintage sedan to the kirk.

In this tiny church society has its named pews, and you read names of Danger, Dyball, Boyer, Smythe, White, Metcalfe, Gibbons, et al, even to a naval commander, one Newman. You feel they should lock em on leaving, their knee-prints are so precious.

Curious is the snobbery here . . . the families run to pew furnishings, one (Dyball) complete with Axminster carpet; others satisfied with plain scrubbed boards.

And so we say farewell to the southern Highlands, and, er . . . Baby, take a Bowral.



GERALD "POTASH" DAVIS being shown over his grounds by Cecil "Salt" Luber, in Millionaire Row, Bowral.



HIS EX. LORD WAKEHURST, with daughter Miss Henrietta Loder, chats with Padre Stewart at his parish church.



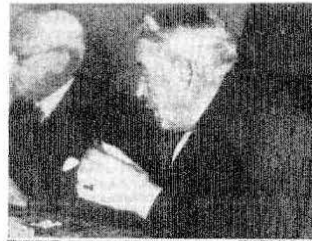
BOSKINS, the steel millionaire, has a simple little shack, in sumptuous acres of parklands, at Bundanoon.



THE HACIENDA on Burradoo Road, where Spinster Dangar is pleased to be at home.



MILLIONAIRE music publisher Frank Albert has Harley Farm complete with practice, at Bowral.



JUSTLY RAWLINGS tries his hand at a bill game of skill on vacation at Dormie House.



THE HUDSON FAMILY were up to give small son a school vac. Papa Hudson and son John.



LOVELY Mrs. McGregor, chaperone of one of the prettiest homes in fashionable Bowral.



CHARLIE DAVIDSON, Bob Gowing, Colin Hudson, and W. S. Corner in the men's lounge at Dormie House.



KEIGHLEYS, the wool people, have a symphony in white on the Gold Coast at Bowral.



THE CECIL LUBER residence, Wildwood, has three trees and much opulent furniture, ultimate Millionaire Row, Bowral.



THE CROUCHES' home is Laythes, and it means something, but you and I never were good at classics—so skip it.



ATTORNEY HAWKE, of T. P. McMahon, has a brand new house, full of Stratton furniture, at Bowral.



THE FRONT of Sir Norman Kater's luxurious estate, at Sutton Forest, a neighbor of His Excellency.



BRIDGE PARK, the colonial Burradoo home of the Donkins.



DR. GODDALL'S Burradoo residence, on a quiet back road, has its own music from eight lame kookaburras.



THE S.E. EXPOSURE and the sunken garden of millionaire shipowner and very county James Burns, at Burradoo.



ANOTHER SHOT at Sir Norman Kater's luxurious Sutton Forest home—the S.E. exposure.



Ryerson Index

CROUCH	Harry Woleseley	Death notice	21SEP1976	Death 93	late of Point Piper	Sydney Morning Herald	22SEP1976
CROUCH	Marie Roberts	Death notice	16MAR1962	Death	Sydney Morning Herald		19MAR1962

Harry Woleseley Crouch 1882-1976

Born in **Casino, New South Wales, Australia** on **24 Nov 1882** to Frederick George Crouch and Ada A Gregory. Harry Woleseley Crouch married Marie Roberta Jenkins and had 3 children. He passed away on **21 Sep 1976** in **Darlinghurst, New South Wales, Australia**.

<https://www.ancestry.com.au/genealogy/records/harry-woleseley-crouch-24-2gr51j>



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

Above Nov. 1917 Outdoors group portrait of officers of the 12th Australian Machine Gun Company behind four of their Vickers Mk 1 machine guns. Identified, left to right, back row: Second Lieutenant (2nd Lt) Bernard O'Reilly; 2nd Lt Claude Napier King (later lieutenant, killed in action 8 August 1918); 2nd Lt Edward Maurice Cullimore (later lieutenant MC); 2nd Lt William Gregson (later lieutenant). Front row: Lt Peter Grieveson; **Captain (Capt) Harry Wolseley Crouch MC**; Capt David Stacey Amherst Martin MC; Lt Alan Fergus Taylor MC; Lt Errol Phineas Congrieve Upton.

From : <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/C44025>

Trove check on Laythes

1949. Mrs. J. Holt, with her three children recently spent a few weeks with her parents in Goulburn. Mr. and Mrs. Holt. formerly of Moss Vale, have now "settled into their new home, "The Laythes." Links Road, situated in the picturesque countryside of Bowral. *Goulburn Evening Post* Wed 21 Sep 1949

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Over 25 miles, plus 6d. a mile.

Special Night Rates

For information and orders
Phone Bowral 424D
or call
"The Laythes," Links Road, Bowral

Above: Advertisement in The Southern Mail Fri 30 Sep 1949

1950. Mrs. A. Hindley, with her daughter, Mrs. J. Holt and children, of "The Laythes," Bowral, recently motored to the Blue Mountains for a week's respite. Returning to Bowral, Mr. Hindley joined the family there for a few days before he and Mrs Hindley returned to Goulburn. *Goulburn Evening Post* Wed 15 Mar 1950.

1952 For Auction Richard and Wrench advertisement below SMH 7 Nov. 1952.

TO-DAY'S REAL ESTATE AUCTION SALES

RICHARDSON & WRENCH LTD.

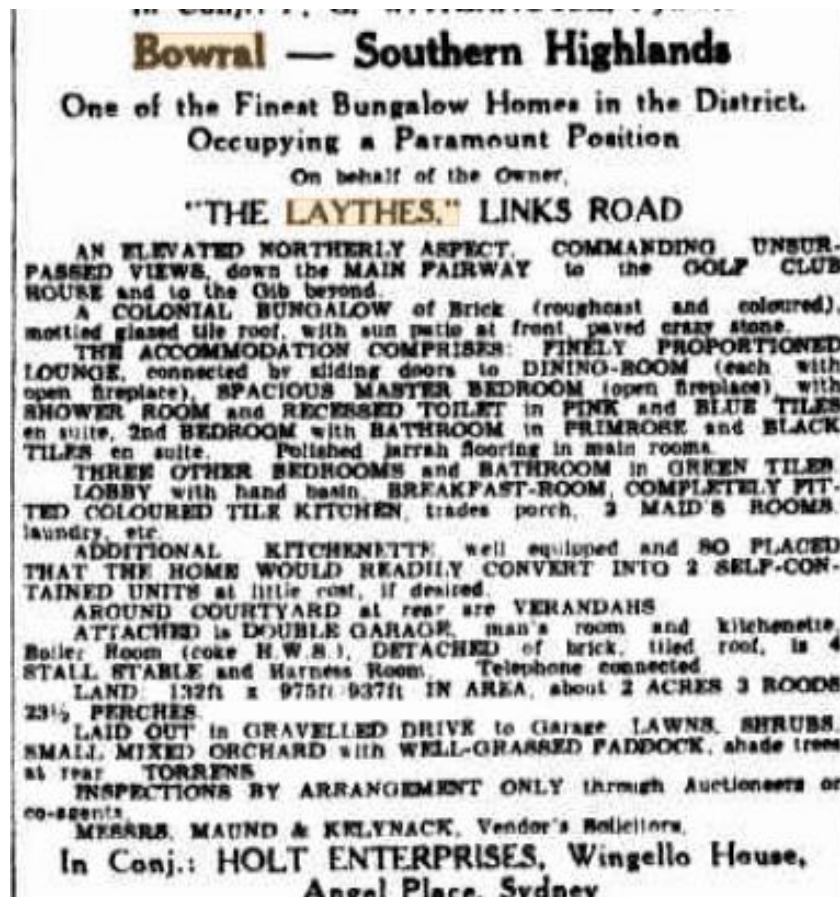
WILL SUBMIT THE UNDERMENTIONED PROPERTIES TO
Auction in the Company's Own Salerooms, 92 Pitt St.

To-day (Friday), Nov. 7, at 10.30 a.m.

Order of Sale

1. CITY OF SYDNEY, 498 GEORGE STREET. Outstanding City Property comprising basement, ground floor, mezzanine floor, and five upper floors.
2. BOWRAL, "THE LAYTHES," LINKS ROAD. Colonial Brick Bungalow. Vacant Possession.

1954 For Sale Richard and Wrench advertisement below SMH 18 Oct. 1954



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‘Renaire’—Interwar house

15 Links Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

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This house is from the Interwar period and presents as a long single storey east west facade of rendered brick work. The facade has two projecting hipped roof bays to the street and these enclose an open verandah and main entrance.

Of interest are the two long and probably later wings to the south and the courtyard between which can be seen in aerial images. Roof is hipped and tiled and the chimneys are rendered with terra cotta chimney pots. Windows are double hung and those to the left of the house- are in set of three where the centre panel is fixed glass.



Internet Review

25 images plus plan plus notes from 2013. 2 images plus notes below from this same site.

<https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-house-nsw-burradoo-113196463>



Renaire' 1 acre with northern views over the rolling fairways

15 Links Road, Burradoo

A magnificent 1930s family residence capturing a prestigious country lifestyle. Set on approximately 4,000 sqm of park-like grounds, it commands an exclusive position neighbouring Bowral Golf Course along one of Burradoo's finest streets.

Showcasing a sympathetic extension, it blends classic grandeur with contemporary style and enjoys pleasant northern views over the rolling fairways.

Polished Tallowood floors sweep from the elegant foyer into a gracious lounge with an adjacent TV room, large formal dining room and light-filled sitting area. Nearby is the stately home office. The stunning CaesarStone gas kitchen has two Gaggenau ovens, a Miele dishwasher and a casual dining area.

Double doors provide a graceful transition to the exquisite central entertaining courtyard, with a BBQ area and gas-heated plunge pool, and beautifully landscaped gardens peppered with pathways and designed for a cool climate.

The western wing has a superb master bedroom with a walk-in robe and double ensuite, and a second ensuite bedroom also with a walk-in robe. The eastern wing has two guest bedrooms, an original Deco bathroom and a powder room.

In addition, this home has a butler's bar, three fireplaces, reverse cycle a/c and an automatic double garage.

Research from Maureen and Bud Townsing

15 Links Road. Norrie Stephens lived in Links Road in the 1930's, we believe at 15 Links Road, so we consider this to be an Alf Stephens & Sons built house. Bud Townsing photograph.

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Specific notes on Norris (Norrie) Albert Stephens 1899-1966 from the full bio on Alf Stephens and Sons.

By 1896/97 Alf Stephens Snr. had a house and land in Bong Bong Street valued at £268. Alf Snr. and Elizabeth's children were Alfred Jnr. born in 1887, Jessie in 1891, Annie in 1893, Ethel Grace (1896), Norris (Norrie) Albert (1899) and Phyllis (1904).

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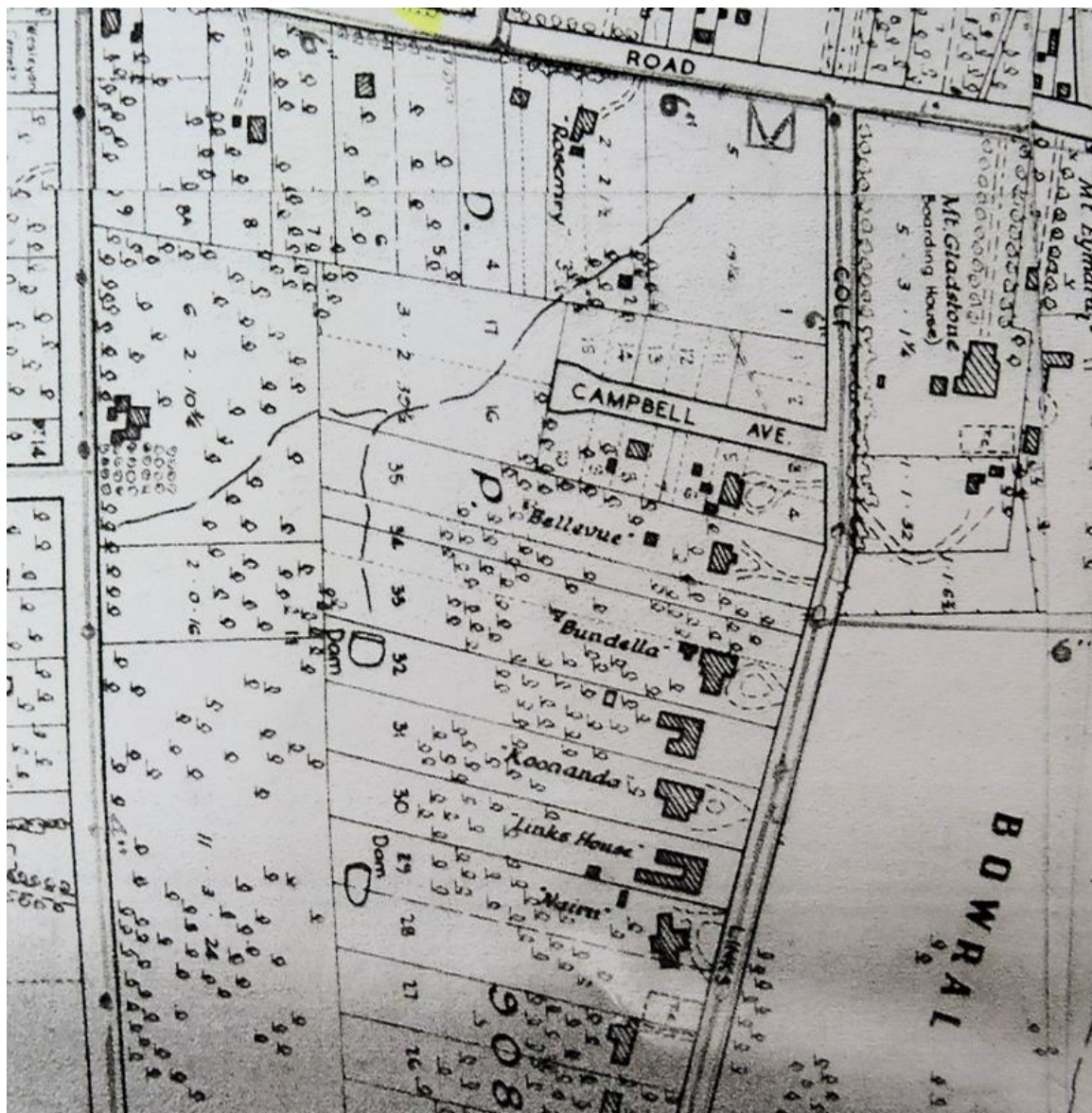
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In 1952 Norrie Stephens appeared before a public inquiry into Bowral Council wanting to take over Burradoo. The Southern Mail Fri 26 Sep 1952 In his deposition he makes clear that he lived in Links Road from 1932 to 1943.

Norris Alfred Stephens deposed he was a master builder residing on the corner of Moss Vale Road and Yean Street, Burradoo. He had lived in Links Road, Burradoo, from about 1932 to 1943.



Above: 1951 map shows Koonanda at no 15.

Sunday Herald (Sydney, NSW : 1949 - 1953), Sunday 29 March 1953, page 12



BOWRAL — "KOONANDA" — LINKS ROAD

Vacant Possession Bungalow

"Koonanda" is a rare bargain. 35 squares. 5 bedrooms. 2 garages.
IN THE DRESS CIRCLE.

PRICE £10,950 including carpets, curtains and blinds.

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Above: 1953 advert for the sale of No 15 Links Road.

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Interwar house

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20 images inc. notes and image below from this c. 2013 site accessed May 4 2021

<https://www.propertyvalue.com.au/property/23-links-road-burradoo-nsw-2576/1571500>



Shadowood

- Designed in the 1930's by Professor Leslie Wilkinson with later alterations & additions
- Wilkinson's unique style - a blend of Mediterranean & Classic Georgian influences is evident throughout
- This grand residence commands a prime position overlooking Bowral Golf Course
- An entertainer's delight - formal lounge with open fire, formal dining overlooking courtyard pool
- Study/library & superb sunroom opening to intimate shaded courtyard with ornamental pond
- Gourmet kitchen with casual dining and latest European appliances comprising combined gas & electric cooktops, electric oven, steam oven, warming drawer, shock freezer, dishwasher and double fridge freezer plumbed for water
- Former maid's quarters off kitchen with bed/sitter, small kitchen and bathroom - now used as home office
- A grand pavilion completes the courtyard around the pool - with impressive fireplace - the perfect winter retreat with billiard table, bar facilities, adjacent bathroom - open the French doors for summer entertaining around the heated pool
- 70 m?? of gallery space could be reconfigured into living space or a bedroom wing. This separate gallery space although part of the residence has it's own entrance & staircase to gallery level
- A grand master bedroom with balconies to the north and south combines bedroom and sitting room with twin WIR's adjacent and a full ensuite with spa bath
- 3 further bedrooms and main bathroom
- Features include hydronic heating throughout the ground floor and reverse cycle air upstairs, piped music both internal & external, timber floorboards downstairs except for tiled sunroom
- Separate artist studio completes yet another smaller courtyard set under a magnolia tree
- Separate double garage and garden workshop and further single garage with large laundry joined to the main building by a porte cochère.
- This unique residence is set on 2- acres of magnificent lawns & gardens with ornamental pond, bore and dam
- One of only 3 (should read 4) Wilkinson residences in the Southern Highlands, this surely presents as a trophy property for the lover of fine architectural design and character
- This outstanding property awaits your inspection

Confusion over the name Shadowood. There are two houses which have had the same name in Burradoo and both were designed by Wilkinson. The first was built in 1929 nearby in Burradoo Road and is now called Bibury. The second at 23 Links Road was built in 1936.

Shadowood or Shadow Wood, in Burradoo Road was designed by architect Leslie Wilkinson for Alexander Robert Macgregor (1872-1933), grandson of Jessie Thorburn of Meroogal near Nowra. The house was begun in 1929. Alec Macgregor died in September 1933 and this photograph was sent as a Christmas greeting by his widow Eva, and their daughter Eve. Mrs Macgregor had another Shadowood (also designed by Wilkinson) built in Links Road Bowral in 1936. The Burradoo Road house was renamed Bibury in 1936 when it became the home of Miss M M Dangar.

<http://library.sydneylivingmuseums.com.au/fullRecordPicture.jsp?recno=40160>

History

Research from Maureen and Bud Townsing on Shadowood, Links Road.

Alf Stephens Book 2010 p 129. The architect was Leslie Wilkinson for Mrs A R McGregor and the house was built by Alf Stephens and Sons for a contract price of \$1,920 in 1936.

Daily Telegraph "People on Parade" 1938 describes some of the people on "Millionaires Row", Bowral. Daily Telegraph Home Magazine 30/5/1938. p 8. DT 1938 has a photo of the "lovely Eve McGregor", her mother Mrs A R McGregor owned the second Shadowood at 23 Links Road. Eve married H Beresford Grant in 1938 who built Rosedale at Sutton Forest, another Leslie Wilkinson designed and Alf Stephens built house see page 130 of the Alf Stephens Book 2020

Biography on Wilkinson at this site <https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/wilkinson-leslie-9104>

Leslie Wilkinson (1882-1973), professor of architecture, was born on 12 October 1882 at New Southgate, Middlesex, England, younger son of Edward Henry Wilkinson, commercial clerk, and his wife Ellen, née Barker. A delicate boy, Leslie was educated at St Edward's School, Oxford, and at the Royal Academy of Arts' school of architecture in London where he won the silver (1903) and gold (1905) medals; travelling studentships (1904, 1905) allowed him to tour France, Italy and Spain, as well as Britain. Wilkinson was a first-class draftsman, quick and accurate: his student drawings illustrated his immediate enchantment with Mediterranean architecture.

Articled in 1900 to the London architect James S. Gibson, Wilkinson became his assistant in 1903 and worked on commercial and municipal projects. In 1907 he was made an associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects; next year he became assistant to Professor F. M. Simpson at University College, London, and was assistant professor in 1910-18. He married Alice Dorothy Ruston (d.1947) at St Stephen's parish church, Ealing, on 11 April 1912.

With the outbreak of World War I, Wilkinson enlisted in the Territorial Force, was commissioned in the University of London Officers' Training Corps in October 1914 and promoted lieutenant in June 1915. He dressed in tailcoat and top hat for his interview in 1918 for the new chair of architecture at the University of Sydney; his application was in the form of an illuminated address; his eminent referees ensured that he easily obtained the post.

Travelling through North America, Wilkinson arrived in Sydney on 19 August to be met by the premier, lord mayor and other dignitaries. Appointed to a chair within the faculty of science, he threw his considerable energy into gaining approval for a faculty of architecture which was created, with himself as dean, in 1920. In the four-year course he emphasized philosophy, theory and practice of design, aesthetics and attractive rendering; subjects included free-hand and water-colour drawing, and the history of architecture.

To Wilkinson, architecture was an art and those who practised it were discriminating gentlemen to whom good manners were all important. His emphasis on the intellectual and artistic over the more mundane aspects of construction and practice sometimes brought him into conflict with other members of the profession. In 1926 the Institute of Architects of New South Wales protested at the weakness of the students' practical knowledge; as a result, Alfred Hook was appointed associate-professor in charge of construction and related scientific fields, while Wilkinson was restricted to architectural design and history. Throughout his thirty years teaching his 'forceful personality' had a profound influence on the school and its graduates.

Appointed university architect in 1919, he did some of his best work as part of his master plan for the university, such as completing Edmund Blacket's Gothic Revival quadrangle. In 1923 Wilkinson incorporated the Italian palazzo façades, removed from the George Street premises of the Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney, into a new chemistry building at the university. He designed the Mediterranean-style physics building (1926), but his finest work often relied on making the best of an established building by opening up vistas and using existing elevations and spaces.

Exceptionally tall (6 ft 5 ins, 196 cm), fair-complexioned and pink-cheeked, with a clipped moustache (and in later life a goatee), the patrician Wilkinson made such pronouncements as 'it is not so important to be in style as to have style'. One of his staff, the cartoonist George Molnar, observed that an 'Olympian peace' surrounded him. Wilkinson had soon come to appreciate the quality of Australia's colonial heritage which, with Mediterranean architecture, became the main influence on his work, both as teacher and practising architect. He disliked modern buildings. His kindred spirits were William Hardy Wilson in Sydney, Walter Bagot in Adelaide and Robin Dods in Brisbane whose work raised the popularity of colonial revival architecture in the 1920s and 1930s.

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Wilkinson was an artist, more than a conservator: he saw nothing to condemn in his proposal to convert Elizabeth Bay House into flats, or in basing the colours for repainting (1958) Blacket's ceiling in St Matthew's Church, Windsor, on a Capstan cigarette-box which he happened to have in his pocket. He was involved, however, with campaigns to save Burdekin House in the 1930s and Subiaco in the 1960s, and he resigned from the Union Club in 1956 in protest at the members' decision to demolish their William Wardell-designed clubhouse.

A fellow of the I.A.N.S.W. from 1918, Wilkinson was a councillor (from 1921) and president (1933). On the formation of the State chapter of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects in 1934, he became its first president; he was awarded its Sulman medal in 1934 and 1942, and its first gold medal in 1961; that year its housing award was named in his honour. Appointed O.B.E. in 1969, he received an honorary D.Litt. from the University of Sydney in 1970.

Survived by his son and two daughters, Wilkinson died on 20 September 1973 at Vaucluse and was cremated. Judy Cassab's and Norman Carter's portraits of him are held by the University of Sydney; another is held by the family.



Above: Early 1930s Wilkinson designed house at 7 Boambilee Avenue, Vaucluse has very similar elements to Shadowood at 23 Links Road, Burradoo.
Image from 2020 at this site <https://www.realestate.com.au/news/professor-leslie-wilkinson-slice-of-tuscany-in-vaucluse-has-magical-garden-and-a-7m-price-guide/>

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Statement of Heritage Significance

Shadowood at 23 Links Road, Burradoo, is significant because it illustrates the development of the Links Road area of Burradoo in the Interwar period and for its association with its prominent architect Leslie Wilkinson (1882-1973) and Eva Mabel Macgregor nee Poole 1877-1969 who had Shadowood designed by Leslie Wilkinson in 1936. Eva was the wife of Alexander Robert Macgregor (1872-1933). It is of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement for the beauty of its setting and architectural form and for possessing a rare aspect of heritage in this case a two storey high quality Interwar period house in a blended Mediterranean and Classic Georgian style and for being one of only five known Wilkinson houses in the Shire and few elsewhere.

‘Chamae’—Interwar house

27 Links Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item in Schedule 5 (Part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Property is contained within the proposed Links Road & Golf Course Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

May 2021: Links Road is a very pleasant thoroughfare especially as in this section it fronts Bowral Golf Course to the north. This site dates back to the 1917 Bowral New Golf Links Estate surveyed by George Sheaffe and many of the houses in this road date from the Interwar period. Well set back from the road is this rendered brick residence. It has a terracotta tiled hip roof with central chimney and two projecting hipped roofed bays.



Internet Review

May 2021: 20 image and notes and this 2013 site. Notes below from this site.
<https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-house-nsw-burradoo-112022435>

'Chamae' - an enviable lifestyle 27 Links Road, Burradoo

Beautifully positioned in desirable Links Road directly opposite Bowral Golf course sits 'Chamae' an exquisite example of 1950s architecture. Superb floorplan incorporates plentiful formal and informal living spaces, with the added bonus of separate guest accommodation, tennis court and swimming

pool. Original trademarks of its era fully intact with high ceilings, open fireplaces, significant proportions and double brick construction are stand out features. Sympathetic renovations provide creature comforts and ensure 'Chamae's' desirability for modern family living.

Features include:

- Sandstone front terrace
 - Formal lounge room with large open fire place
 - Stylish kitchen with caesar stone benchtops, double sink with insinkerator, dishwasher, walk-in pantry, skylight
 - Spacious dining area off kitchen with s/c fire leading to north facing sitting room with external access to front terrace via french doors
 - Large rumpus room with s/c wood fire, french doors leading to central hallway and external access to rear entertaining terrace
 - Main bedroom with built-in joinery, ensuite with double shower, vanity, wc and under floor heating
 - Four additional bedrooms, three with built-in robes
 - Main bathroom with caesar stone vanity, shower over bath, wc and under floor heating
 - Separate powder room off hallway with wc with vanity
 - Large built-in linen press in hallway
 - Internal laundry with caesar stone bench top, built-in cupboards
 - Brivis central heating, Ventis ventilation system, alarm system, high ceilings, decorative cornices
 - Separate self contained studio with bedroom, bathroom, sitting room and kitchenette with reverse cycle a/c
 - Single car garage
 - In-ground swimming pool
 - Full size tennis court
 - Level north facing gardens
 - Irrigation system
 - Extremely private
- Generous, gracious living with supreme privacy

Heritage Significance Assessment

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(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of the beauty of its setting and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a single storey high quality Interwar period house in a restrained Mediterranean style.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

Chamae 27 Links Road, Burradoo .is significant because it illustrates the development of the Links Road area of Burradoo in the Interwar period. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of the beauty of its setting and architectural form and in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a single storey high quality Interwar period house in a restrained Mediterranean style.

Interwar house

29 Links Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item in Schedule 5 (Part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Property is contained within the proposed Links Road & Golf Course Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

May 2021: Links Road is a very pleasant thoroughfare especially as in this section it fronts Bowral Golf Course to the north. This site dates back to the 1917 Bowral New Golf Links Estate surveyed by George Sheaffe and many of the houses in this road date from the Interwar period. House is well set back and has a mature garden. Is of painted brick with terracotta hipped and gabled roof.



Internet Review

May 2021 6 images at this site

<https://www.realestateview.com.au/property-360/property/29-links-road-burradoo-nsw-2576/>

26 images (one below) and 2 plans at this site from 2018.

<https://www.realestate.com.au/property//29-links-rd-burradoo-nsw-2576>



Notes below at this c. 2018 site

[http://house.speakingsame.com/p.php?q=Burradoo&sta=nsw&id=1006548&address=29+Links+Road %2C+Burradoo](http://house.speakingsame.com/p.php?q=Burradoo&sta=nsw&id=1006548&address=29+Links+Road+%2C+Burradoo)

Sensational family living with room to grow

This spacious home provides the perfect setting for a relaxed, modern lifestyle and offers plenty of room for a growing family or guests. It features generous living spaces, tranquil garden surrounds and is set in a desirable location opposite Bowral Golf Course.

North facing 1930s style residence set on an acre of land

A stunning modern haven with divine views of the golf course

Spacious interiors with a formal lounge and dining/living

Large alfresco area overlooking the stunning leafy surrounds

Timber kitchen with walk-in pantry, ample storage

Five bedrooms with built-in robes, two each have an ensuite

All the bedrooms are well placed away from the living areas

Study plus rumpus, fireplace and extensive timber floors

Landscaped garden includes a wide expanse of level lawn

Single garage with internal access, close to Bowral town centre

Heritage Significance Assessment

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(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a single storey high quality Interwar period house in a restrained Mediterranean style.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

29 Links Road, Burradoo .is significant because it illustrates the development of the Links Road area of Burradoo in the Interwar period. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of the beauty of its setting and architectural form and in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a single storey high quality Interwar period house in a restrained Mediterranean style.

‘Greenloaning’—Interwar Old English style Peddle Thorpe and Walker designed house

33 Links Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item in Schedule 5 (Part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Property is contained within the proposed Links Road & Golf Course Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

May 2021: Links Road is a very pleasant thoroughfare especially as in this section it fronts Bowral Golf Course to the north. This site dates back to the 1917 Bowral New Golf Links Estate surveyed by George Sheaffe and many of the houses in this road date from the Interwar period. Single storey house designed by Peddle, Thorpe and Walker and master built by Alf Stephens circa 1935. Could be described as a fusion of Old English and Arts and Craft style. Constructed of brick with a prominent steep pitched hipped and gabled roof in terra cotta shingle. The gable to the street has been given the Old English style treatment of half timbering and the brickwork in this section is in elaborate basket weave brick work. Fenestration includes double hung windows in sets of three.



Internet Review

Four image at this site from 2007

<https://www.realestate.com.au/property/33-links-rd-burradoo-nsw-2576>



Above: From this site on 5/12/2020 <http://federationdetails.blogspot.com/2012/12/burradoo-nsw-heritage.html>

Peddle, Thorpe and Walker designed and master built by Alf Stephens circa 1935, this generously proportioned, elegant fusion of impressive detail includes circular driveway to stunning roof with glazed shingle tiles, drawing room with vaulted ceiling, dining room, library/den, 5/6 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. From this site on 5/12/2020 <http://federationdetails.blogspot.com/2012/12/burradoo-nsw-heritage.html>

Historical Notes from the Maureen and Bud Townsing, *A brief history of Alf Stephens & Sons*, February 2020. P 131

Biographical Notes on Alf Stephens & Sons 1886-1965. Dennis McManus. December 27 2021. Short Version

Alf Stephens and Sons was an important building firm that operated in Bowral in the Southern Highlands of NSW for 79 years over two generations - 1886 to 1965. The company had a big impact on Bowral and nearby towns and beyond in Canberra in a wide range of projects from cottages to mansions, schools, churches, commercial buildings and public buildings.

Major projects included: 1895 Bowral Courthouse, 1897 Berrima Gaol Governor's Residence, 1914 Empire Cinema in Bowral, 1919 Bowral Golf Club House, 1924 Ranelagh Hotel at Robertson, 1929 Church of England Grammar School in Canberra, 1930, St Johns Anglican Church in Moss Vale, 1930 Gibraltar Park Children's Home in Mittagong, 1933 Bowral Ambulance Station, 1934 Dormie House at Moss Vale, 1935 Bowral Hospital, 1935 Canberra Masonic Hall, 1938 Canberra Fire Station at Manuka and 10 two storey residences for staff, government contracts for hundreds of new houses in Canberra in the 1930s and finally 1965 Clubbe Hall at Frensham School in Mittagong.

The following notes draw heavily on Maureen and Bud Townsing's excellent book - *A brief history of Alf Stephens & Sons* 2020 pages 3-7. Copies of the book are available from Bud Townsing who can be contacted on 0429 030 195.

Alf Stephens Snr (1863-1924)

Alf Stephens Jnr. (1887-1973)

Alf Stephens Jnr was born 14 April 1887 at Elm Street, Jamieson Hill, Bowral. He attended Bowral Public School in Bendooley Street and was Dux in 1902 at the age of 15.

Alf Jnr. married Agnes Lily (nee Peel) at the old Methodist Church in Bowral on 22 July 1915. Lily had been an elementary school teacher before her marriage. They had a family of three children - Peggy (1916), John Victor (Jack) (1918) and Joan (1920).

Alfred Jnr. was involved in the work of the firm from when in 1903 the firm had a contract to build four railway stations on the Leura line. The family relocated there for the duration of this work. Another early job he was involved in required the cutting into sections and moving of the Upper Bowral Store (Mitchell's Store) in Merrigang Street, which had been bought by his father in 1896 for £116, into Bong Bong Street. Having moved the house into town in 1903, and lived in it for some years Alf Jnr. famously moved it out again in 1926 to Victoria Street, where it still stands.

Alf Jnr. would have worked with his father on many of the earlier projects. Like his father, he involved himself in the Methodist Church and public affairs. He became an alderman of Bowral Municipal Council and served as Mayor for two years in 1928 and 1929. He resigned in December 1929 in order to take a trip to England - in part to seek specialist medical attention for his son.

Again like his father, Alf Jnr. involved himself in the game of cricket. At Bowral Public School, Alf Jnr. captained the team in school competitions. After leaving School, he played with the Surveyors team. He became President of the Berrima District Association in 1919 and held this position until 1960 when he did not seek re-election. As well Alf Jnr. became captain of Bowral 1st Grade in 1921 in which capacity he also acted until his voluntary retirement in 1960. He involved himself with other district and regional cricket organisations throughout his life. Not without reason was Alf Jnr. widely called "The Skipper".

Inevitably, Alf Jnr. knew Don Bradman. Don's father, George, was employed by the Stephens firm. Don attended Bowral Public School, as had Alf about ten years earlier, and played with school teams before he attracted notice in the local senior teams. When in about 1925, Alf Jnr. and Lily built their "forever home" in Aitken Road, (which they called "*Grantham*" after the place where they had met), they had a concrete cricket pitch to the side of the house, where Bradman and the family and the local team could play.

During the years that Alf Jnr. and Norrie Stephens ran the firm it continued to grow and flourish.

Work by the firm in Canberra

In Canberra in 1928 the firm secured a major contract for the Church of England Grammar School. The *Robertson Mail* of 7/12/1928 reported: *The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone ...The school will be one of the most modern private*

schools in the Commonwealth. We congratulate Messrs. Alf. Stephens and Son, of Bowral, upon having secured the contract for the erection of the first section of the buildings, which will cost somewhere about £30,000. In the same year, 1928, the firm secured the contract for the Church of England Grammar School Headmaster's Residence.

A considerable volume of other work in Canberra followed including the building of hundreds of houses under government contract. So much so that an advertisement in the *Southern Mail* in May 1940 the firm could advise:

"Messr. Alf Stephens and Son, (sic) who as old established builders and merchants of Bowral, have a wealth of experience in the planning and erecting of new buildings and in the supply of all builder's requirements. Their experience is so wide that they are able to ensure a thoroughly reliable job. They are contractors to many Federal and State Departments and have also become known through their many outstanding homes and public buildings erected in this district. Located in Boolwey Street is their extensive and modernly equipped joinery department and timber yards where all the requirements of the building trade are met. During 1939 Alf Stephens and Son erected two houses per week in Canberra, beside a large volume of work in this district. These operations gave continuous employment to approximately 200 men in both centres of activity. All joinery work for these jobs was done in the Bowral yard and the firm is justly proud that no work is done outside for any of their building assignments. •

Alf Jnr. found time amidst all this to continue playing cricket and be involved in district cricket organisations. He involved himself in Rotary, and on visits to England in 1948 and 1953 spoke at meetings there in many towns. He received a particularly warm welcome in the town of Grantham to which parcels had been sent from Bowral for distribution to the aged and needy. Whilst In England on these occasions, Alf Jnr. also saw some of Don Bradman's most notable cricket matches.

The *Southern Highland News* of 29 July 1965 carried a report that, after 53 years, Alf Jnr. was retiring. Many of the tradesmen employed by the firm had more than 30 years of experience there. Mr Geoffrey Charles Plater took over as owner. Alf Jnr. died in October 1973 in Bowral, aged 86. Lily predeceased him in 1971. They were survived by two daughters Peggy and Joan, son Jack having died in 1944.

Heritage Significance Assessment

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(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its association with</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Peddle, Thorpe and Walker architects</i> <i>2. Alf Stephens and Sons, builders</i>
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because the beauty of its setting and architectural form as a result of it being designed by Peddle, Thorpe and Walker and master built by Alf Stephens and Sons.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	<i>Of significance because the item possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case a high quality Interwar residence in a fusion of Old English and Arts and Crafts style.</i>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

Greenloaning at 33 Links Road, Burradoo is significant because it illustrates the development of the Links Road area of Burradoo in the 1930s and for its association with its prominent architects Peddle, Thorpe and Walker architects and prominent builders Alf Stephens and Sons. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of the beauty of its setting and architectural form and for possessing a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case a high quality Interwar residence in a fusion of Old English and Arts and Crafts style.

‘Ambleside’—Interwar Old English style house

39 Links Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item in Schedule 5 (Part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Property is contained within the proposed Links Road & Golf Course Heritage Conservation Area.

Description



Internet Review

38 very good images at this site from 2010 and 2019

<https://www.realestate.com.au/property/39-links-rd-burradoo-nsw-2576>

Trove check on Ambleside

1954 Mr. V. M. Segal, J.P., of "Ambleside," Links Road, Burradoo, is leaving for Europe by air on April 28th to attend the Swiss Industries' Fair at Basle, returning via New York and San Francisco. The Southern Mail Fri 23 Apr 1954

Ryerson Index for Victor Myers Segal

SEGAL Victor Myers Death notice 18OCT1971 Death Sydney Morning Herald 19OCT1971

Victor Myers Segal from <https://www.geni.com/people/Victor-Segal/6000000176804139872>

Birthdate: September 24, 1900
Birthplace: London, Greater London, England, United Kingdom
Death: October 18, 1971 (71)
 Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
Place of Burial: Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
 Son of Borris Segal and Amelia (Amie) Myers
Immediate Family: Husband of Hilda Phyllis "Phyl" Murray
 Brother of Muriel Rose Segal; Kathleen Norah Segal and Geoffrey Norman Segal

Heritage Significance Assessment

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(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because the beauty of its setting and architectural form .</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	<i>Of significance because the item possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case a high quality Interwar residence in an Old English style.</i>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

Ambleside at 39 Links Road, Burradoo .is significant because it illustrates the development of the Links Road area of Burradoo in the 1930s. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of the beauty of its setting and architectural form and for possessing a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case a high quality Interwar residence in an Old English style.

‘Mt Eymard’—house including interiors, water tower and garden

502-508 Moss Vale Road, Burradoo

Description

April 2021: A two storey residence built in the Mediterranean Style in 1929 in an unusual V shape form with wings extending from a central hall. From 1947 to 1975 it was used as seminary and in 1955 changes were made including the building of colonnades to each of the wings. It is now used as the central building of a retirement village also called Mt Eymard. The lower floor includes a dining room and lounge room. The upper floor includes apartments.

Noticeable features of the building are its Spanish style terra cotta roof tiles which extend to the colonnade. The roofs are gabled and there are three feature gables to the north garden. One of these feature gables is at the centre of the building and the other two are equally spaced in the left and right wings. The walls are stuccoed in a distinctive flat swirl pattern and very well executed. The colonnade to both wings is supported on Doric columns.

Fenestration includes unusual 3 over 6 pane windows on the upper floor where the upper window appears to be fixed.

To the north of the house are the remnants of the former large formal garden.

To the south west is the original entrance to the house via a port cochere which at some later time enclosed.

Originally called New Morton in 1929 and then Mt Eymard in 1947





Above: Aerial image showing the Mt Eymard Retirement Village site with the original V-shaped 'New Morton' (later 'Mt Eymard') house and gardens in the centre surrounded by villas. (Source: Nearmap, image date 11 March 2023.)

Internet Review

8 images at this site including image below.

<https://www.villages.com.au/nsw/bowral/mt-eynard-retirement-community-4001>



Above: Mt Eymard (formerly New Morton) as it is now following extensions to the wings and colonnade in 1952

History

A full history for the site was prepared by Sally Darling and John Matthew in 2011, *Mt Eymard, The History of a Southern Highlands Icon at Bowral*. Although the book says Leslie Wilkinson designed the house in 1929 it was in fact designed by the owner's nephew **Verton Howard Bruce Smith**. At Wingecarribee Council there are excellent plans of the house titled "*Proposed residence called New Morton for H B Howard Smith Esq. Bruce Smith Jr, Architect, 19 O'Connell St Sydney 14 January 1928.*" There is also a plan for a Water Tower dated 20/12/1928 and a plan for Chauffer's Cottage dated 7/1/1929. Bruce Smith Jnr is the architect son of Arthur Bruce Smith (1851-1937) a long serving Australian politician and leading political opponent of the White Australia policy. Arthur Bruce Smith owned the substantial house *Anglewood* in Burradoo and later *Walden* in Bendooley Street, Bowral and he was the brother of Harold Bellingham Howard Smith who had *New Morton* built.

Clarification as to name - Verton Howard Bruce Smith. Verton's father's name was Arthur Bruce Smith. In earlier life he was sometimes called Bruce Smith Jnr. In 1936 he formally changed his name by deed poll to Verton Howard Bruce Smith (*NSW Government Gazette* of 28th February 1936). Sometimes written as Bruce Smith and sometimes Bruce-Smith. In this document his new deed poll name is used.

D. McManus notes: Verton Howard Bruce-Smith 1898-1945 was the son of Arthur Bruce Smith (1851-1937)

He studied Architecture at the University of Sydney.

In the 1920s his work in Bowral and Mittagong included:

a major residence *Mt Eymard* (1929) in Burradoo for his uncle Howard Smith now the centrepiece of a retirement village

- **The two storey classical design *Bowral Memorial Hall* (as in war memorial) rebuild (1923) of the ornate 1885 singlestorey Bowral School of Arts at 16-24 Bendooley Street, Bowral.**

a house *Aveley* (1929) at 3 Edward Street, Bowral

a house *Wychwood* (1927-28) at 38 Waverley Parade, Mittagong and

a house *Glencoe* (1928-30) at 12 Aitken Road, Bowral.

The Memorial Hall is LEP listed and the other 4 items are recommended for LEP listing in the 2021 Heritage Review

Below obituary from *The Southern Mail* 16 Nov 1945.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/118959668>

DEATH OF MR. V. BRUCE SMITH

The sudden death of Mr. Verton Bruce Smith at his home at Warrawee on Saturday came

as a great shock to many friends in Bowral, where he spent the whole of his early

life. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bruce-Smith and was born a

Anglewood, Burradoo, then the family home. He studied to become an architect

and practised in Sydney for some years. Mr. Bruce-Smith was architect for the Bowral residence of his uncle, the late (Harold Bellingham,) Howard Smith, which is a tribute to his skill. He was later assistant manager of the Colonial Mutual life Assurance Society for nine years, and a member of the Board of directors of the Howard Smith Shipping Company and the Crown Street Women's Hospital. His happy personality and his readiness to help any worthy cause endeared Mr. Bruce Smith to all who knew him in Bowral. He was a returned soldier from World War 1 and joined the services again in World War 2, reaching the rank of Major and acting as A.D.C. to General Sir Ivan Mackay. Mr. Bruce Smith married a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Finlay of Burradoo, who with

one daughter survives him. We extend to them and to his two sisters Mrs. A. S. Blomfield and Miss. Barbara Bruce Smith (both of Bowral) -our deep sympathy.

Mt Eymard is on the Australian Institute of Architects Notable Buildings List below but details not as accurate as the information in these notes.

HOWARD-SMITH	H Bellingham	Other	09NOV1935	Death	74	late of South Yarra, Vic, formerly of London	Sydney Morning Herald	11NOV1935
BRUCE SMITH	Death notice	14AUG1937	Death	86	late of Walden, , Bowral [poor image]	Sydney Morning Herald	16AUG1937	
BRUCE-SMITH	Verton Howard	Death notice	11NOV1945	Death	47	late of Moreton, Warrawee	Sydney Morning Herald	13NOV1945



Above: New Morton in c. 1947-1952. Image from Sally Darling and John Matthew, *Mt Eymard, The History of a Southern Highlands Icon at Bowral*. 2011 p. 26



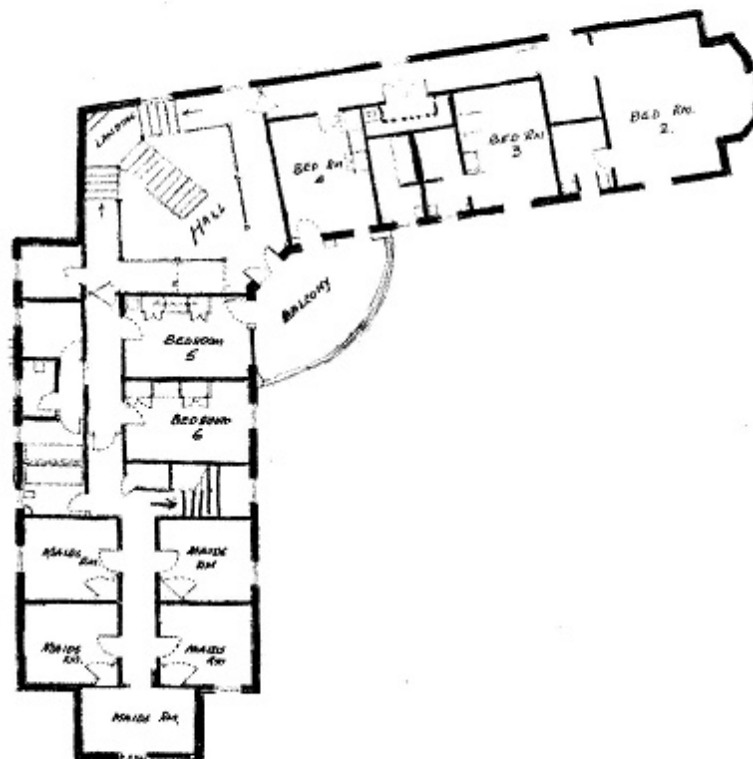
Above: Image 2021 shows the water tower near the western side of Mount Eymard house.

Mt Eymard, a History



New Morton Ground Floor Plan

Above: 1928 Ground Floor Plan above from Sally Darling and John Matthew, *Mt Eymard, The History of a Southern Highlands Icon at Bowral*. 2011 p. 15

Mt Eymard, a HistoryDATE 14th Nov 1928*New Morton First Floor Plan dated 14th November, 1928*

Above: 1928 First Floor Plan from Sally Darling and John Matthew, *Mt Eymard, The History of a Southern Highlands Icon at Bowral*. 2011 p. 16

Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
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(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the development of the Burradoo area in the 1920s and the later use of significant houses in the district in this case for a religious house, then as a conference centre and then as the centrepiece building for a retirement village.

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its association and use with earlier owners Harold Bellingham Howard Smith (1861-1935), who commissioned his architect nephew Verdon Howard Bruce Smith 1898-1945 to design New Morton, and family owners 1929-1937 Frank Keighley and family owners 1938 – 1947 The Blessed Sacred Congregation owners 1947-1975 Eymard Conference Centre owners 1976-1985</i>
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating achievement for its excellent design and execution in the Mediterranean style by architect Verdon Howard Bruce Smith 1898-1945 in 1929 and then colonnade additions by architect CC Stansfield in 1952. Mt Eymard is on the Australian Institute of Architects Significant Building Register in NSW and both architects are mentioned.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its association with the following communities: 1. The Blessed Sacred Congregation owners 1947-1975 2. Mt Eymard Retirement Village Community owners 1986 to the present.</i>
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	<i>Of significance because the item possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage this case a significant two storey house in the Mediterranean style and water tower.</i>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

Mt Eymard at 502-508 Moss Vale Road, Burradoo is significant to the history of the local area because it illustrates the development of the Burradoo area in the 1920s and the transition of a substantial house to institutional use and for its association with the following owners: Harold Bellingham Howard Smith (1861-1935) who commissioned New Morton to be built and family owners 1929-1937, Frank Keighley and family owners 1938 – 1947, The Blessed Sacred Congregation owners 1947-1975, Eymard Conference Centre owners 1976-1985 and Mt Eymard Retirement Village Community owners 1986 to the present. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic value in the local area because of its setting, garden, water tower, architectural form and some early interiors. It was designed by architect Verdon Howard Bruce Smith 1898-1945 in 1929 and the colonnade additions were by architect CC Stansfield in 1955. Mt Eymard is on the Australian Institute of Architects Significant Building Register in NSW. The item is rare in being a significant two storey building with garden and water tower all in a Mediterranean style.

‘Blairgowrie’—garden

540 Moss Vale Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item in Schedule 5 (Part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Description

An established garden on a 7166m² block of land featuring a range of species.



Above: Aerial photo of ‘Blairgowrie’ garden (Source: Nearmap, image date 22 May 2023.)



Above: Panoramic photo of 'Blairgowrie' garden showing numerous coniferous species (Source: Nearmap, image date 11 November 2018.)

Internet Review

No real estate information.

Heritage Significance Assessment

The proposed item has been assessed against the seven NSW Heritage Assessment Criteria. To be considered for local heritage listing, an item must meet one or more criteria on a local level. To understand more about the NSW Heritage Assessment Criteria, refer to the Heritage NSW publication *Assessing Heritage Significance* available online at <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/research-and-publications/publications-search/assessing-heritage-significance>.

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
	<i>(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)</i>
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the earlier development of Burradoo and in particular its gardens.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic value in the local area because of its garden.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a high quality early Southern Highlands garden.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

Blairgowrie Garden at 540 Moss Vale Road, Burradoo is significant because it illustrates the earlier development of Burradoo and in particular its gardens. It is of significance in demonstrating aesthetic value in the local area because of its garden and in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a high quality earlier Southern Highlands garden.

‘Greenlaw’—early cottage, including interiors

543 Moss Vale Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item in Schedule 5 (part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Heritage Survey 2009 Recommendation

List as a heritage item with the following statement of significance:

The house has significance as an early twentieth century residence in Burradoo. [Note: this date is likely not correct.]

Description

September 2020: A one and a half storey freestanding house that of unknown, but possibly early, date set on a 4310m² site. The site has an appropriate timber post and double rail and a side driveway accessing a rear garage to the right. The front garden is large and informally landscaped and features mature conifers in a picturesque setting. The façade presents a simple symmetrical elevation and is constructed of weatherboard. The roof is hipped and is clad in corrugated sheet metal and features brick chimneys. The verandah runs across the façade and is clad in corrugated sheet metal. The façade from the street is largely obscured by high vegetation. The front door is centrally located and marked by gabled porch. The building appears to be in good condition and is substantially intact. Alterations include sympathetic rear additions and possible extensions to the right side (north). Possible the corner section has been subdivided off. The internet site images from 2009, 2010 and 2011 shows that the house still has some early fittings including staircase, wall panelling and other joinery including early unpainted architraves.

May be an early building – as early as 1860s.



Internet Check September 2020: 30 photos including the above image at this site from 2009, 2010 and 2011 <https://www.realestate.com.au/property/543-moss-vale-rd-burradoo-nsw-2576>

Heritage Significance Assessment

The proposed item has been assessed against the seven NSW Heritage Assessment Criteria. To be considered for local heritage listing, an item must meet one or more criteria on a local level. To understand more about the NSW Heritage Assessment Criteria, refer to the Heritage NSW publication *Assessing Heritage Significance* available online at <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/research-and-publications/publications-search/assessing-heritage-significance>.

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site <i>(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)</i>
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area as illustrating the early development of Burradoo.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because the beauty of its setting and architectural form and because some of its early interior fittings have been conserved.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	<i>Of significance because the item possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage as some of its early interior fittings have been retained.</i>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

Greenlaw at 543 Moss Vale Road Burradoo is significant because it illustrates the early development of Burradoo. It is also significant in demonstrating aesthetic achievement for the beauty of its setting and architectural form and for possessing a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case early interior fittings.

‘Tregarthen’ (formerly ‘Thule’)—house including interiors and garden

96-98 Osborne Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item in Schedule 5 (Part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Description

This house is located in the south west section of a very large c.10 acre site on the corner of Osborne Road and Ranelagh Road, Burradoo. The circular gravel drive to the house is from Osborne Road and it has well made brick edging. The garden is extensive and mature and has a wilder section to the north.

The house is of painted brick with a tile roof and has a series of gabled sections as shown in the 2022 aerial image below. The house has a low pitch gabled roof with tiles and wide overhanging eaves supported by exposed timber rafters. Windows are mostly double hung and timber framed.

It is L shaped and the largest section running east west from the circular driveway area entrance with pergola to the north contains the living room and attached sun room, and three bedrooms. The section to the south contains the dining room, large very kitchen c. 1958 or earlier and fourth (staff) bedroom and furthest south a two car garage.

The interiors of the house are very intact and well cared for and the house has probably changed little in appearance in the Trenam family ownership from 1963.

There is an elevated water tank in the south west courtyard area of the house.



Above: Panoramic photo of ‘Tregarthen’ from the south showing the garden. Osborne Road is at top of frame and part of Ranelagh Road is just visible to the right (Source: Nearmap, image date 22 February 2018.)



Above: Tregarthen, September 2022. Circular drive and eastern elevation showing low pitched roof with large exposed timber supported eaves. Gabled section to the left houses the Kitchen and chimney and the gabled section to the right houses the Living Room and chimney. Dining Room is located between the two.



Above: Tregarthen, September 2022. Fireplace recess in the Living Room



Above: Tregarthen, September 2022. Two small glass windows to the right of the fireplace in the Living Room. To the left is a coat of arms of the University of Cambridge and to the right Emmanuel College at Cambridge. In 1891 as a scholar Carslaw entered Emmanuel College, Cambridge (B.A., fourth wrangler, 1894; M.A., 1898; Sc.D., 1908). he became a fellow of Emmanuel College in 1899-1905,



Above: Tregarthen, September 2022. Dining Room showing the now painted timbered ceiling and post 1958 bay window.

Notes on the garden 2022 from Charlotte Webb OAM, Heritage Landscape Specialist

I supplied lots of plants to the garden in the 1980's when they did some renovating. I supplied quite large plants including some unusual camellias and maplesThere are a number of other significant trees including some rare to the district such as the *Cryptomeria japonica elegans* (Japanese cedar) near the gate. Only a couple of examples bigger than this one including at the Robertson Hotel and Bidura in Bowral.

History

Historical Summary

Professor Horatio Scott Carslaw (1870-1954) bought the site in 1915 and built the house - architect and date uncertain but likely to be on or before 1920. Carslaw died 1954 and the house was sold to Alf and Norrie Stephens in 1955. Plans were prepared by J B Suttor for extensions for Norrie Stephens 1958 and this work was carried out in 1960. Norrie Stephens and his wife Cathleen lived there from about 1960. In 1963 Norrie Stephens sold to the Trenam family and it is now owned by their son Granville Trenam (b. c1931).

Fuller history based on research by Historian Linda Emery, Heritage Officer Sarah Farnese and Dennis McManus

The land on which Thule stands is part of a 335 acre Crown Grant to James Sheppard of Mt Pleasant, Berrima in 1854. It passed through several hands until in November 1881, the property was purchased by politician the Hon John Lackey who undertook a subdivision known as the Holly Park Estate. Lackey held considerable property in the area, including the Austermere Estate in Moss Vale.

In July 1885, Lackey sold Lots 4 to 7, Section 4 of the Holly Park Estate, amounting to a little over 15 acres, to Henry Hill Osborne for £309. Born in 1831, he was the son of Henry and Sarah Osborne of Marshall Mount, Albion Park. The family had large landholdings in the Illawarra, Kangaroo Valley and the Southern Highlands. Osborne Road is named for the family. Henry Osborne died in 1891 and the land passed to his children who retained it until January 1915 when it was purchased for £500 by Professor Horatio Scott Carslaw, who held the Chair of Pure and Applied Mathematics at the University of Sydney. The sale price indicates that the land was still vacant.

Professor Carslaw was no stranger to Bowral when he acquired the land. In February 1907 he married at St Simon & St Jude's Church to widow Ethel Maude Cruickshank née Clarke. Ethel was the widow of George A. Cruickshank MP, Member for Gwydir (1853-1904) who died in Bowral, and the daughter of Sir William Clarke of Rupertswood, Sunbury, Victoria.

The Bowral Free Press of Wed 13 Apr 1904 recorded the Death of Mr. G. A. Cruickshank as follows: It is with feelings of very sincere regret that we have to record in this issue the death of Mr. George Alexander Cruickshank, who passed away very peacefully at his late residence, Gwydir," Bowral, yesterday (Tuesday) morning at about 5 o'clock.

The late Mr. Cruickshank had attained the age of 49 years. He had made his home of late in Bowral, having several years ago purchased from the executors of the Harrison estate, the property which he afterwards called Gwydir," as a tribute to the electorate which he had represented for so many years, both in the State and Federal parliaments.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/218681077/george-alexander-cruickshank>

Tragically Ethel died 4 months after her marriage to Carslaw on 3 June in 1907 at age 39. In some reports of her death it mentioned that she had lived for some years at Gwydir in Bowral. This is the house below in 1930 from the BDHS Image Site.



Above: George A. Cruickshank MP was the federal member for Gwydir from 1901-1903 and he died in Bowral in 1904. The BDHS image site says that the house built by George Cruickshank in Bendooley Street.

Cruickshank was MLA for the Gwydir electorate from 1901-1903 and he died on Bowral in 1903. The house was later sold to the Brennan family.

The prominent architect Frederick Moorhouse drew up plans for additions to a house called Gwydyr in 1915 for a Mrs Justice J. Brennan. The house was destroyed by fire in 1954. BDHS Image Site.

Ethel was buried in the churchyard of St Jukes Church in Bendooley Street, Bowral and Carslaw had a memorial tablet to her erected in the church. Prior to Ethel's death it appears that the Carslaw couple used the Gwydyr house. After the death of his wife, Professor Carslaw rented *Loughan* (7 Railway Road Burradoo) for the summer months in 1908. (*Robertson Advocate*, 22 September 1908 p.2). His name also appears in the local press in support of the hospital and school suggesting a firm connection to the area. (*The Scrutineer*, 10 February 1912, 8 February 1913; *Robertson Advocate* 10 April 1914.)

Surviving rate books for A Riding of the Nattai Shire, which at that time included Burradoo, do not indicate when the house was built, giving only the unimproved value of the land. (BDHS, Rate Books 1914-1922, Nattai Shire Council, Mittagong). However, in September 1920 the house was complete, when Professor Carslaw applied to Nattai Shire for permission to erect poles and wires to connect electricity to his residence from the service to *Laurel Park* on the opposite side of Osborne Road. (*Robertson Advocate*, 3 September 1920 p.2).

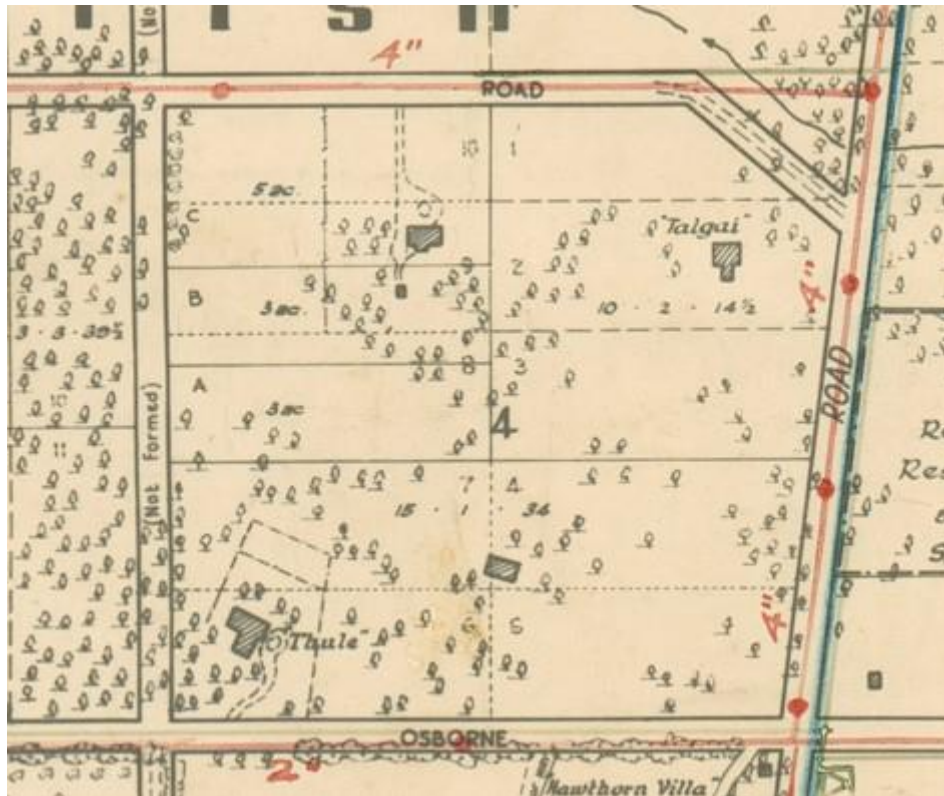
Thule became the country residence of Professor Carslaw, although he appears to have leased the house to Ben Marshall Osborne in 1921. (Will of Ben Marshall Osborne, NSW Govt Gazette, 24 Mar 1922 p.1940).

There is a record of Ben Osborne and his family staying in *Thule* in 1922. The explanation probably is that Carslaw allowed the Osborne family to stay there and again suggest an early date for the house and if so 1922 or earlier.

Death of Mr. Ben M. Osborne. Mr. Ben Marshall Osborne, the well known grazier, and owner of Redbank Station, in the Harden district, died suddenly about midnight, on Tuesday last week, as the result of a paralytic seizure a few hours previously. Mr. Osborne and his family have been spending the summer months at "Thule," Burradoo, and on Tuesday afternoon he was motoring with some children. Immediately after, arriving at a friend's with the car he had a sudden seizure, and his brother, Dr. John King Osborne, and Dr. Harbison were telephoned for. He was removed to the Berrima District Hospital, but did not rally. The deceased, who was 45 years of age, was the second son of the late Mr. Benjamin Marshall Osborne, of "Hopewood," Bowral, and was one of the best

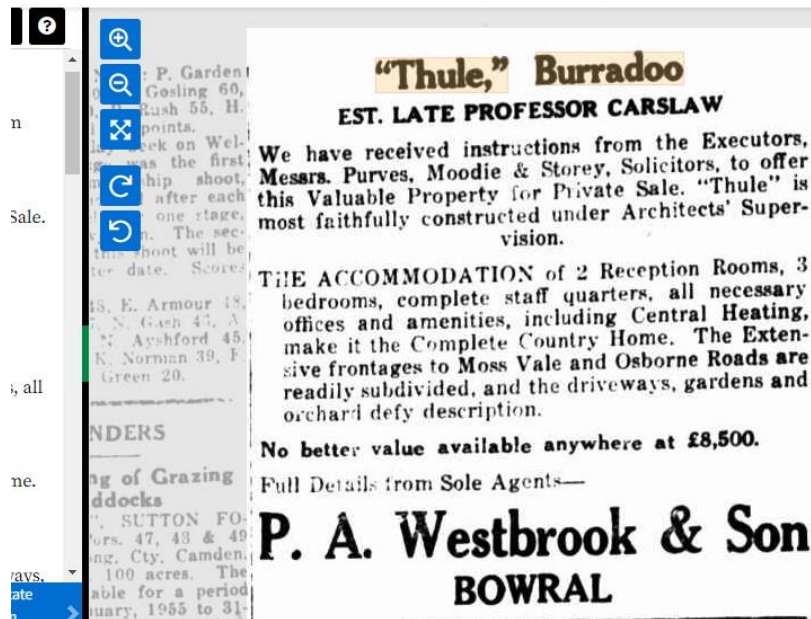
known and most popular pastoralists in the State. He was also a keen sportsman, being a familiar figure on many picnic race courses, where he ran horses of his own. (The Nowra Leader Fri 27 Jan 1922. Page 7).

After he retired from the University of Sydney in 1934 he moved permanently to Burradoo. In 1937 he purchased a three-acre block adjoining his land, bringing his landholding to a total of 18½ acres. He was a keen gardener and grew ornamental plants and fruit trees. (*Southern Mail*, 19 November 1954). It seems likely that some of the trees on the property date to his period of ownership. In the 1930s he employed John Walker Dobbie as his gardener/caretaker who lived on the property with his wife Maggie, possibly in a cottage shown on the 1950 map of Burradoo. Professor Carslaw died at Burradoo in November 1954 and was buried with his wife in the cemetery at St Jude's Bowral.



Above: Section of a Local Government Department Map from 1951 showing Thule in the bottom left corner.

The Southern Mail (Bowral, NSW: 1889 - 1954) / Fri 3 Dec 1954 / Page 8 / Advertising



"Thule," Burradoo
EST. LATE PROFESSOR CARSLAW

We have received instructions from the Executors, Messrs. Purves, Moodie & Storey, Solicitors, to offer this Valuable Property for Private Sale. "Thule" is most faithfully constructed under Architects' Supervision.

THE ACCOMMODATION of 2 Reception Rooms, 3 bedrooms, complete staff quarters, all necessary offices and amenities, including Central Heating, make it the Complete Country Home. The Extensive frontages to Moss Vale and Osborne Roads are readily subdivided, and the driveways, gardens and orchard defy description.

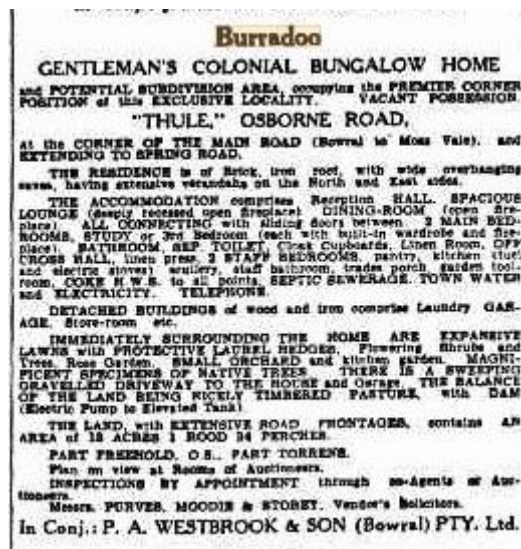
No better value available anywhere at £8,500.

Full Details from Sole Agents—
P. A. Westbrook & Son
BOWRAL

In 1955 builders Alfred and Norris Stephens purchased the property from the executors of Professor Carslaw's estate.

The Stephens undertook a subdivision of the land into eight lots, leaving Thule on 9½ acres. NSW Land Registry, DP39039). Norrie Stephens and his second wife Cathleen became the owners of Thule (Lot 1 DP39039) and undertook an extension, completed by 1960 when they moved into the house. The garden was clearly a feature of the property, as it was opened by the Stephens for the Bowral Branch of the Arts Council of NSW in 1962.

The advertisement Sydney Morning Herald 26 Sep 1963 for the sale of Thule by Norrie Stephens



Burradoo
GENTLEMAN'S COLONIAL BUNGALOW HOME
and POTENTIAL SUBDIVISION AREA, occupying the PREMIER CORNER POSITION of this EXCLUSIVE LOCALITY. VACANT POSSESSION.

"THULE," OSBORNE ROAD,
at the CORNER OF THE MAIN ROAD (Bowral to Moss Vale), and EXTENDING TO SPRING ROAD.

THE RESIDENCE is of Brick, iron roof, with wide overhanging eaves, having extensive verandahs on the North and East sides.

THE ACCOMMODATION comprises: RECEPTION HALL, SPACIOUS LOUNGE (deeply recessed open fireplace), DINING-ROOM (open fireplace), ALL CONNECTING with sliding doors between, 3 MAIN BED-ROOMS, STUDY or 3rd Bedroom (each with built-in wardrobe and fireplace), BATHROOM, SEP. TOILET, Coat Cupboards, Linen Room, OFFICE, CLOSET, HALL, linen press, 3 STAFF BEDROOMS, pantry, kitchen (stove and electric sink), laundry, staff bathroom, trades porch, garden tool-room, COME H.W.B. to all points, SEPTIC SEWERAGE, TOWN WATER and ELECTRICITY. TELEPHONE.

DETACHED BUILDINGS of wood and iron comprise laundry, GARAGE, Store-room, etc.

IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING THE HOME ARE EXTENSIVE LAWNS with PROTECTIVE LARCH HEDGES, flowering shrubs and trees, Rose Garden, SMALL ORCHARD and kitchen garden. MAGNIFICENT SPECIMENS OF NATIVE TREES. THERE IS A SWEEPING GRAVELLED DRIVEWAY TO THE HOME and ORCHARD. THE BALANCE OF THE LAND BEING RICKLY TIMBERED PASTURE, with DAM (Electric Pump to Elevated Tank).

THE LAND, with EXTENSIVE ROAD FRONTAGES, contains AN AREA of 18 ACRES & 100 SQ. PERCHES.

PART FREEHOLD, O.S. PART TORRENT.

Plan on view at Rooms of Auctioneers.

INSPECTIONS BY APPOINTMENT through an Agent or Auctioneers.

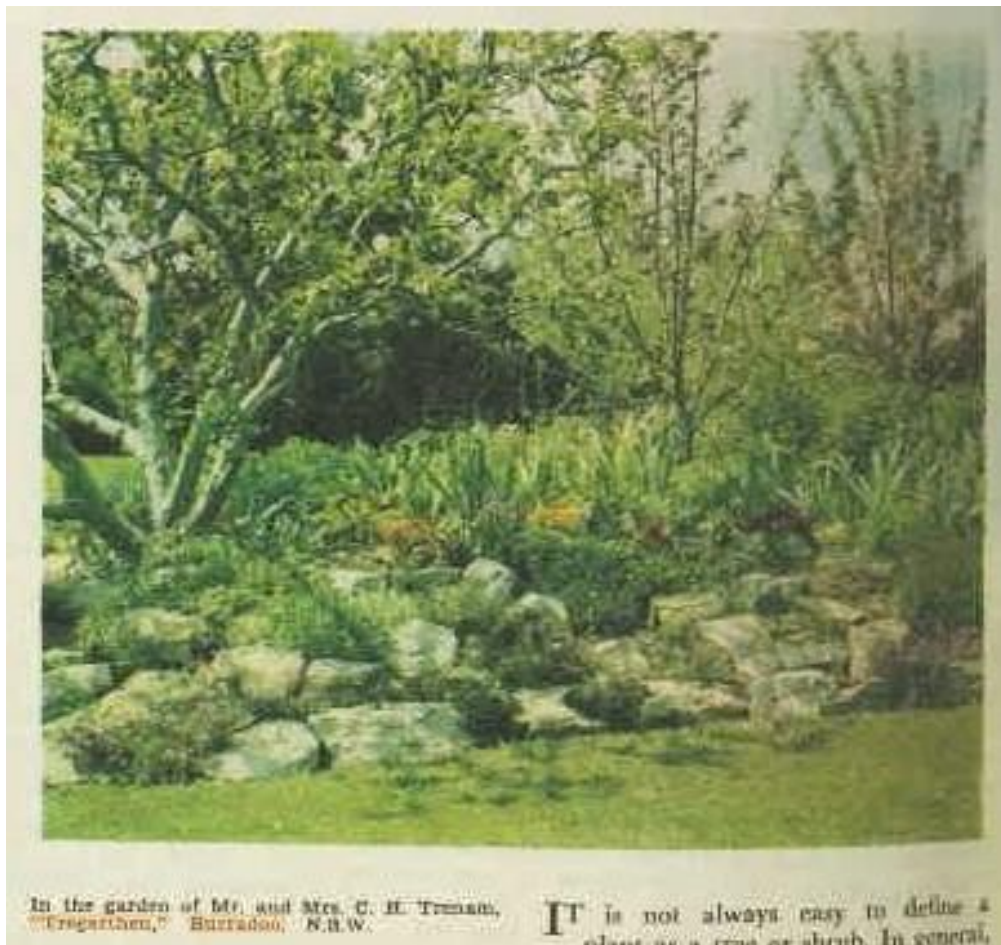
Messrs. PURVES, MOODIE & STOREY, Vendor's Solicitors.

In Conj.: P. A. WESTBROOK & SON (Bowral) PTY. Ltd.

In 1963 the house was sold to Amy Trenam, wife of Cecil Howard Trenam. English-born, the Trenams first came to Australia in 1937. Cecil Trenam became a director of the successful electrical appliance company H G Palmer in 1950. The company was the largest retailer of electrical goods in Australia, capitalising on the post-World War II boom. However in the mid-1960s, the company went into liquidation, becoming Australia's largest corporate collapse to that time.

The Trenams renamed the house Tregarthen and continued to care for and develop the garden which twice featured in the *Australian Women's Weekly*. Tregarthen has remained in the ownership of the Trenam family, having passed to Cecil and Amy's son Granville after the death of his parents, Amy in 1980 and Cecil in 1987. In 1988, the property was subdivided into two parcels with the house on just

under 3 acres and the second lot of 6½ acres remaining undeveloped. (NSW Land Registry, Deposited Plan 785250).



Above: Australian Women's Weekly, 3 June 1964

LAND DEALINGS

Old Systems Title

DATE	BOOK	NO	FROM	TO	AMOUNT
335 Acres					
11 May 1854			The Crown	James Sheppard	
8 Jul 1868	109	144	James Sheppard	James Neich	£335
8 Dec 1869	117	299	James Neich	John Piggott	£450
25 Nov 1881	234	902	John Piggott	John Lackey	£970.13.0
Lots 4-7 Sec 4 15 acres					
8 Jul 1885	317	884	John Lackey	Henry Hill Osborne	£309.2.6
20 Jan 1915	1049	191	Beneficiaries of Henry Hill Osborne	Horatio Scott Carslaw	£500
26 May 1955	2336	405	Executors of H.S. Carslaw	Alfred and Norris Stephens	£8,000
Lot 1 DP39039					

9½ acres					
4 Sep 1963	2670	551	Norris & Cathleen Stephens	Amy Trenam	£15,750

Who designed Thule for Professor Carslaw?

If architect Leslie Wilkinson stayed with Carslaw in 1919 presumably a house was complete by then. Professor Carslaw had the electricity connected in 1920. The advertisement for its sale says it was 'architect supervised' which leads to the tantalising question of whether Wilkinson was that architect.

The house design definitely suggests an architect design but the date and architect not clear as at September 9 2022.

Wilkinson seemed possible for the following reasons:

1. Wilkinson arrived in Sydney on 19 August 1918 and joined the Faculty of Science (in 1920 he became head of first faculty of Architecture.) so he would have known Professor Carslaw.
2. We know Wilkinson stayed with Carslaw in Bowral/Burradoo in 1919 but where not known.
3. In 1933 he did design a house for another academic friend– Professor of Engineering, Cyril Spooner at 7 Boambillie Avenue, Vaucluse.
4. The large fireplace recess with Adam style decoration to the fire surround has a Georgian flavour which Wilkinson is said to have favoured although no images of similar fireplace surrounds attributed to Wilkinson have been viewed.

However the suggestion of Wilkinson as the architect is problematic because the house lacks a number of Wilkinson signatures:

1. The windows in Thule are mostly double hung and single pane over single pane – Wilkinson was strong on the value of small pane windows and almost always 6 over 6.
2. Thule has elegant and now painted “double trim” timber lined ceilings to both the living room and the dining room. Wilkinson did use timber ceilings and one example is 7 Boambillie Avenue, Vaucluse but these have much larger timber sections.
3. The chimneys are not similar to the designs Wilkinson used in his Burradoo houses.

The wide overhanging eaves supported by heavy timber brackets suggest the work of a different architect to Wilkinson. Three possibilities are Edwin Orchard, Frederick Moorcroft and James Peddle all of whom doing work in the local area during and shortly after WWI.

Carslaw's principal residence was in Edgecliff until he retired in 1934 but his obituary in the Southern Mail says he had acquired Thule “some years before”.

Alf and Norrie Stephens bought the house in 1955 from Professor Carslaw's estate which was valued for probate at 55,579 pounds.

We have the plans prepared for N A Stephens for extensions to Thule at 98 Osbourne Road, Burradoo now called Tregarthen. Linda Emery has found that Amy and Cecil Trenam bought the house from Norrie Stephens and his second wife Cathleen in September 1963 for 15,750 pounds. Alf Jnr and Norris Stephens paid 8,000 pounds for it in 1955 which suggests they bought it as an investment. It then became the home of Norrie Stephens in about 1960 after they moved from Rathane.

Ryerson Index checks

CARSLAW	Ethel Maude	Death notice	03JUN1907	Death	29	late of Sydney	Sydney Morning Herald	05JUN1907
CARSLAW	Horatio Scott	Death notice	10NOV1954	Death		late of Thule, Burradoo	Sydney Morning Herald	12NOV1954
TRENAM	Amy Vivian	Death notice	07AUG1989	Death	88	late of Burradoo	Sydney Morning Herald	10AUG1989
TRENAM	Cecil Howard	Death notice	05DEC1987	Death	85	late of Burradoo	Sydney Morning Herald	08DEC1987

Below Architect J B Suttor possibly the son of John Bligh Suttor (1883 –1960)

SUTTOR	John Bligh	Death notice	21MAY1976	Death		late of Wahroonga	Sydney Morning Herald	24MAY1976
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Biography of Professor Horatio Scott Carslaw (1870-1954), mathematician.

by J. C. Jaeger <https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/carslaw-horatio-scott-5518>

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Horatio Scott Carslaw (1870-1954), mathematician, was born on 12 February 1870 at Helensburgh, Dumbartonshire, Scotland, fifth son of Dr William Henderson Carslaw, Free Church minister, and his wife Elizabeth, née Lockhead. He was educated at Glasgow Academy and the University of Glasgow (M.A., 1891). That year as a scholar he entered Emmanuel College, Cambridge (B.A., fourth wrangler, 1894; M.A., 1898; Sc.D., 1908). In 1896 he became assistant to Professor William Jack at Glasgow and next year studied at the universities of Rome, Palermo, and Göttingen. A fellow of Emmanuel College in 1899-1905, he continued to teach at Glasgow until he was appointed to the chair of pure and applied mathematics at the University of Sydney in 1903 in succession to T. T. Gurney. On 12 February 1907 at Bowral he married a widow Ethel Maude Cruickshank, daughter of Sir William Clarke, but she died on 3 June the same year.

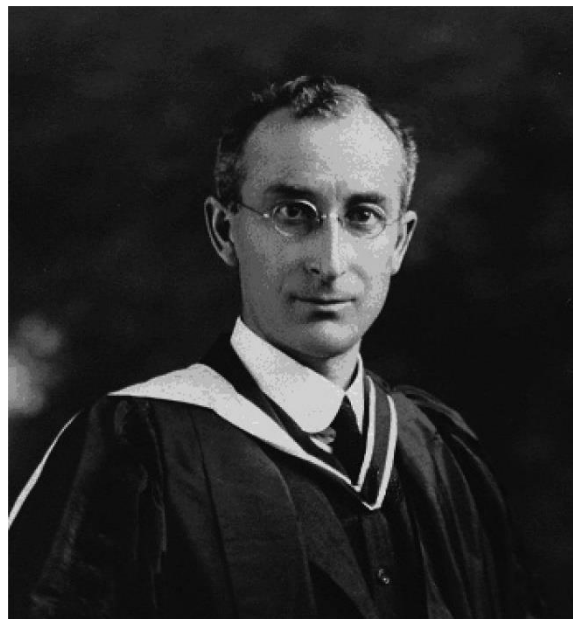
Admirably fitted by inclination to cope with his neglected and run-down department, he described himself as 'a teacher who enjoyed teaching'. He faced a complete lack of suitable mathematics textbooks in English, and a further limitation was the importance attached to Euclidean geometry with its difficulties in the theory of parallels. Partly to interest schoolteachers, he wrote *The Elements of Non-Euclidean Plane Geometry and Trigonometry* (London, 1916).

In Glasgow Carslaw had been inspector of mathematics in secondary schools. In Sydney there was no inspection of schools offering secondary courses or co-ordination of standards and syllabuses, and the final examination was entirely in the hands of the university. He was also concerned both with the general nature of the schools' curriculum and with their relation to the university. While seeking quality in the curriculum, he deplored specialisation at the school level. He became involved in the exchanges between the university and Peter Board between 1907 and 1912 and came to accept Board's suggested leaving certificate, and to welcome the principal features of A. C. Carmichael's University (Amendment) Act, 1912. Indeed, in a situation of recurrent tension, Carslaw's ultimate appreciation of the merits of the government's intentions, and his moderating influence in university circles helped to prevent a serious confrontation. He was a member of the first board of examiners established under the Act, and was chief examiner in mathematics for the next thirty years.

Carslaw's most important and enduring work in mathematics was on the theory of conduction of heat. He extended Fourier's great work of 1822 and made the discussion of trigonometric series more rigorous in his book *Introduction to the Theory of Fourier's Series and Integrals and the Mathematical Theory of the Conduction of Heat* (London, 1906). As a first step he had to supply a satisfactory treatment in English of real variable theory and the integral calculus. In 1921 the book was enlarged into two, one on Fourier series and one on conduction of heat. The latter was expanded with J. C. Jaeger into *Conduction of Heat in Solids* (Oxford, 1947; 2nd edition 1959); during work on it they produced *Operational Methods in Applied Mathematics* (Oxford, 1941; 2nd edition 1948), which was a successful attempt to replace the controversial Heaviside operational methods, of which he much disapproved as lacking in rigour, by an integral transform approach. In all he wrote ten books and some seventy papers.

In 1921 Carslaw attended the Second Congress of the Universities of the Empire at Oxford. He contributed many articles to the *Sydney Morning Herald* on such subjects as the need for a closer association with English universities, the development of progressive income tax schedules, and on Lewis Carroll. A fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, he joined the Royal Society of New South Wales in 1903. He was awarded honorary doctorates—of science by the University of Adelaide in 1926 and of laws by the University of Glasgow in 1928.

Although rather shy Carslaw enjoyed company, was a member of the Australian Club and had a large circle of friends, both at home and overseas, with whom he had a prodigious correspondence. This, coupled with sabbatical leaves spent at Emmanuel, kept him in touch with developments overseas and assisted in placing students in whose welfare he took a keen interest. In his earlier days he enjoyed sailing with his close friend (Sir) Alexander MacCormick and, later, gardening and country life. In 1935 Carslaw retired to his house at Burradoo where he produced much of his most important work until stopped by failing eyesight. He died there on 11 November 1954 and was buried in the Anglican section of Bowral cemetery. His estate was valued for probate at £55,579.



Above: Horatio Scott Carslaw (1870-1954), mathematician

Notes on Edith Maud Cruickshank who married Professor Carslaw in Bowral in 1907. An interesting connection with the Bradman/Cricket story is that Edith Maud Cruickshank who married Professor Carslaw was the daughter of Sir William Clarke of Rupertswood in Sunbury, where it is said the Ashes were burnt, placed in the urn and presented to the captain of the English cricket team in 1882 by some Melbourne ladies. Edith would have been one of the ladies at the famous cricket match played at Rupertswood, and ends up in Bowral.



Above: Rupertswood, Sunbury home of Ethel Maude Carslaw's father Sir William Clarke. From <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rupertswood>



Above: 1907 Grave for Ethel Maude in Bowral General Cemetery. The headstone has an inscription to Professor Carslaw who was buried here 47 years later in 1954.

Obituary for Professor Carslaw in the The Southern Mail 19/11/1954.

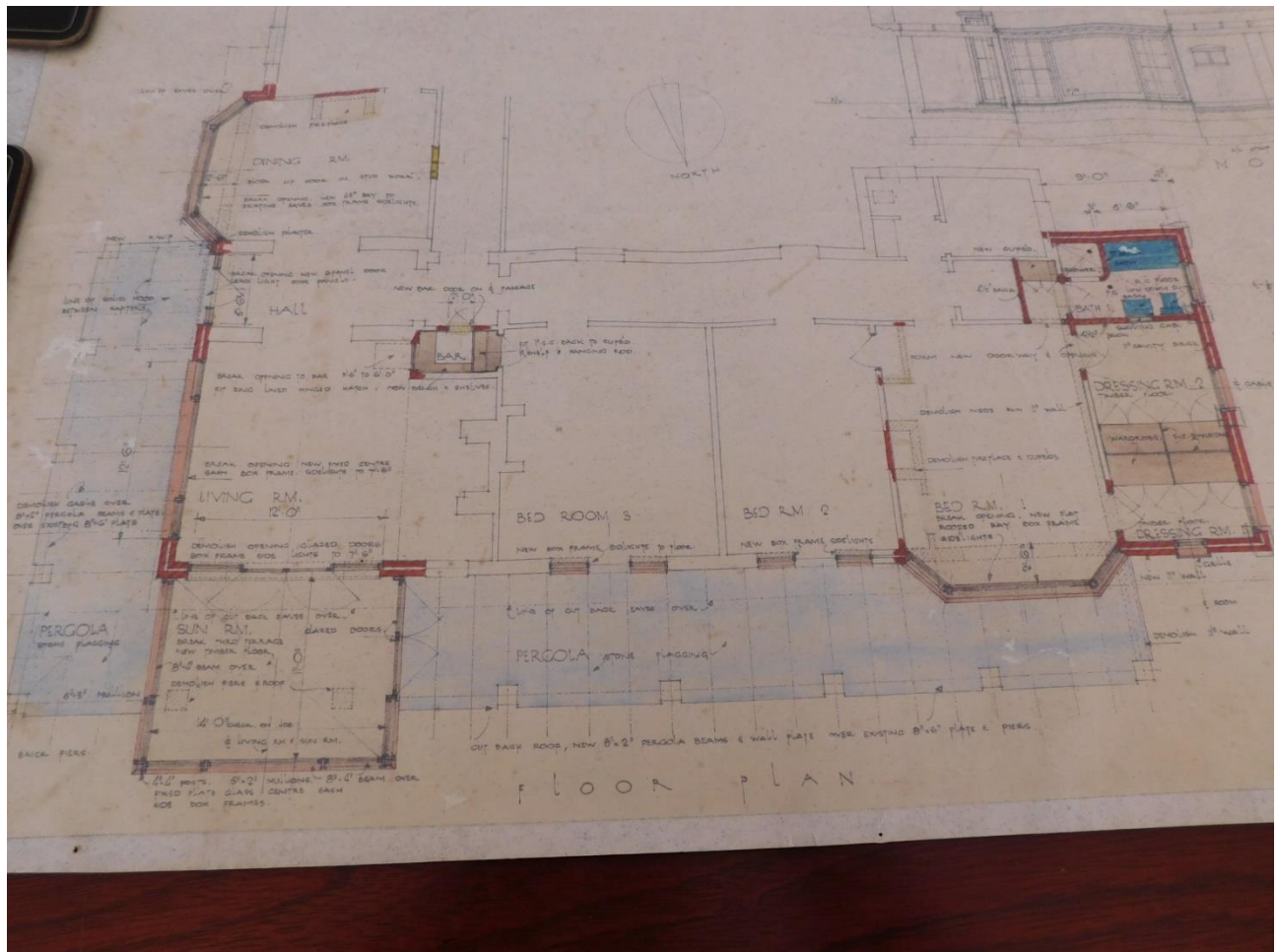
THE LATE PROFESSOR CARSLAW

The death occurred at his residence 'Thule', Burradoo, on Sunday last of Professor Horatio Scott Carslaw, Sc.D., LL.D. He was born at Helensburgh, Scotland, in 1870 and was educated at the universities of Glasgow, Cambridge, Palermo, Rome and Gottingen. He was a Fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and in 1903 was appointed professor of mathematics at the University of Sydney.

He occupied that position until about 20 years ago when he retired to live in a residence he had acquired some years before.

The late Professor Carslaw published many books on mathematical subjects and a number of original papers. For many years text books in schools on trigonometry were written by him.

A keen gardener, he followed this hobby at his Burradoo residence. He was married in 1907 to Ethel Maud, second daughter of Sir William Clarke but she died in the same year.



Above: Plan prepared by J B Suttor and Partner of 79 Pitt Street dated 14 March 1958 and titled *Alterations and Additions to Residence Thule, Osbourne Road for N A Stephens Esquire (brother to Alf Stephens Jnr). Norris (Norrie) Albert Stephens 1899-1966.*

Plan shows the original house as a simple L shaped house with main elevation to the north. In the corner of the L is the Living Room with large recessed fireplace. Across a hall to the south is a Dining Room. Alongside the Living Room and all facing north are three bedrooms. The 1968 plans included the following proposed work shown generally in red on the plan: A new large bay windows to the Dining Room and Bedroom 3, a new north facing flat roofed sun room off the Living Room and a new bathroom and dressing rooms to the west off Bedroom 3. The 1968 plans also has new pergolas and paving to the east and north and new attached two car garage to the south. What the plan does not show are the large kitchen to the south of the Dining Room and across the hall from the kitchen a fourth bedroom (likely to be for staff as mentioned in the 1954 advertisement.) .

Notes on Norris (Norrie) Albert Stephens (1899-1966) of the renown Bowral Building form of Alf Stephens and Sons. His first wife Margaret (Meg) Forbes Stephens (nee Honor) (1908-1952). His second wife was Cathleen Marion Stephens (c.1901-1980)

By 1896/97 Alf Stephens Snr. and Elizabeth had seven children - Alfred Jnr. born 1887, Jessie in 1891, Annie in 1893, Ethel Grace 1896, Norris (Norrie) Albert 1899 and Phyllis 1904.

In 1917, Alf Stephens Snr. retired and went to live at Manly with Elizabeth and youngest daughter Phyllis. By the time he left, he had long since involved his sons in the workings of the business. He directed that Alf Stephens Jnr. (then aged 30) take over, and that brother Norris (Norrie) Stephens (the aged 18) be brought in when he turned 21. The name of the firm from 1921 was therefore Alf Stephens & Sons (in the plural). The business was relocated from Elm Street to Boolwey Street after Alf Jnr. took over.

During the years that Alf Jnr. and Norrie Stephens ran the firm (1917-1965) it continued to grow and flourish. Major projects in the Southern Highlands included Dormie House at Moss Vale Golf Course, the four storey Ranelagh House (now Robertson Hotel) at Robertson, the former Berrima and District Ambulance Station in Bong Bong Street, Bowral and a major rebuild of the Empire Cinema also in Bong Bong Street, Bowral

Norrie (Norris Albert) Stephens died on the 14th March 1966 at Terrigal aged 67.

His wife Mrs. Margaret Forbes (Meg) Stephens died 11th May 1952. The Southern Mail of Friday 16 May 1952 reported: The sad news is that Mrs. Margaret Forbes (Meg) Stephens had died suddenly in a private hospital in Sydney, came as a great shock to her many friends in this district. She entered hospital on Friday for treatment but passed away suddenly in the early hours of Sunday morning. She was 44 years of age and was the daughter of Mr and Mrs H. M. Honor of Bowral. The deepest sympathy is extended to her husband, Mr. Norrie Stephens, daughter Barbara, and her parents in their sad loss.

STEPHENS	Margaret Forbes	Death notice	11MAY1952	Death 44 late of Bowral	Sydney Morning Herald	12MAY1952
STEPHENS	Norris Albert	Death notice	14MAR1966	Death at Terrigal, formerly of Bowral	Sydney Morning Herald	19MAR1966

[https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/118729405?searchTerm=Norrie Stephens](https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/118729405?searchTerm=Norrie%20Stephens)

STEPHENS	Cathleen Marion	Death notice	07APR1980	Death 79 at Bowral	Sydney Morning Herald	12APR1980
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The Southern Mail (Bowral, NSW : 1889 - 1954) Fri 26 Sep 1952 report of an inquiry into Bowral Council wanting to take over Burradoo.

Norris Alfred Stephens deposed he was a master builder residing on the corner of Moss Vale Road and Yean Street, Burradoo. (This house is Rathane at 1-5 Yean Street, Burradoo). He had lived in Links Road, Burradoo (No.15), from about 1932 to 1943. He paid rates something over £100 and a higher

fire insurance premium than people in the Municipality. He would like to enjoy the privileges of the people of Bowral. He was president of the Horse Show Society of which about 70 to 80 per cent of supporters came from the Shire area. The Society used Loseby Park in Bowral Municipality. A large percentage of the homes in Burradoo were of a very high standard and the Council should try to preserve that standard and therefore not allow subdivisions into small allotments for smaller and cheaper types of residences. A Town Planning Scheme should be in operation. Burradoo was sandwiched between Wingecarribee Shire and Bowral Municipality and he could see no reason why the Municipality should not provide all the essential services and control the area. Cross-examined by Mr. Hall, witness said he had moved to Burradoo from Bowral in the past two weeks. He knew there was no garbage service there and that the fire insurance premium would be higher. He regarded garbage service as desirable. He thought Bowral Council the most desirable body to plan and control the Planning Scheme of Burradoo. He would be satisfied if it were satisfactorily controlled by the Shire.

Houses where Norrie Stephens lived

We do not have a complete list of the houses where he lived but know of the following:

1932-1943 he and his first wife Meg were living at No 15 Links Road, Burradoo now called *Renaire*.

They then moved to Bowral in the years 1943 to 1952, location unknown.

1952 Norrie was at Rathane at 1-5 Yean Street, Burradoo. His wife Meg died in this year. He and second wife Cathleen then stayed at Rathane until 1960.

Thule from 1960 to 1963 when he sold to the Trenams.

Unknown house in Terrigal where Norrie died in 1966 at age 67. Cathleen died in Bowral in 1980 at age 79.

Heritage Significance Assessment

The proposed item has been assessed against the seven NSW Heritage Assessment Criteria. To be considered for local heritage listing, an item must meet one or more criteria on a local level. To understand more about the NSW Heritage Assessment Criteria, refer to the Heritage NSW publication *Assessing Heritage Significance* available online at <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/research-and-publications/publications-search/assessing-heritage-significance>.

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site (no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the development of the western section of Burradoo in the early 20th Century.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its association with: 1. Its first owner Professor Horatio Scott Carslaw (1870-1954), eminent mathematician and Professor of Mathematics at the University of Sydney 1903-1934. 2. Prominent Bowral builders and second owners Alf. Stephens Jnr. (1887-1973) and Norris (Norrie) Albert Stephens (1899-1966) from 1954 and for its use as a residence by Norrie Stephens and second wife Cathleen Marion Stephens (c.1901-1980) from 1960-1963 and then 3. Ownership by Amy Vivian Trenam (c.1901-1989) and Cecil Howard Trenam (c.1902-1987) from 1963 to 1989 and then by their son, the current owner as at 2022, Granville Trenam (born c.1931)</i>
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic value in the local area because of its mature garden setting and architectural form.</i>

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	<i>Of significance because the item possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case being located on a very large remaining parcel of land being some 9.5 acres.</i>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a well designed single storey brick interwar house.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

Tregarthen (formerly Thule) at 96-98 Osborne Road, Burradoo is of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the development of the western section of Burradoo in the early 20th Century and for its association with: 1. Its first owner Professor Horatio Scott Carslaw (1870-1954), eminent mathematician and Professor of Mathematics at the University of Sydney 1903-1934. 2. Prominent Bowral builders and second owners Alf. Stephens Jnr. (1887-1973) and Norris (Norrie) Albert Stephens (1899-1966) from 1954 and for its use as a residence by Norrie Stephens and second wife Cathleen Marion Stephens (c.1901-1980) from 1960-1963 and then 3. Ownership by Amy Vivian Trenam (c.1901-1989) and Cecil Howard Trenam (c.1902-1987) from 1963 to 1989 and then later by their son, the current owner as at 2022, Granville Trenam (born c.1931). It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic value in the local area because of its mature garden setting and architectural form and the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a well designed single storey brick interwar house and for possessing a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case being located on a very large remaining parcel of land being some 9.5 acres.

‘Burradoo Park’—Victorian Georgian sandstone homestead 8 Railway Parade, Burradoo

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item in Schedule 5 (part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Heritage Survey 2009 Recommendation

List as a heritage item with the following statement of significance:

Part of an original grant to Surveyor General John Oxley in 1823. Built by convict labour under the supervision of James Meehan, the Deputy Surveyor General c.1830. McLeans were principals of the firm Burradoo Park Pty Ltd which specialized in raising Welsh Mountain Ponies on the property. Burradoo Park was home of the McLean family since 1921 and the birthplace of some of the finest ponies to have been bred in this country. The most famous was the celebrated grandson of Greylight, Burradoo Red. The property has historic significance as a substantial early rural holding. The house has significance as an early Victorian Sandstone Homestead.

Description

October 2020: To get to this site need to cross railway line south of Burradoo Station and then drive east to a property labelled Burradoo Park and numbered No 8. You cannot see the house from the from gate which is much further in on high rise. Image below from 2009 report.



Heritage Survey 2009 Description

2009 report said: A one storey freestanding house that dates from the Victorian period set on a large site in a rural setting that has retained its context. The building is in a rural setting. The site has rural fences of painted brick and timber picket approximately 0.9 metres high and a parking area. The site also features subsidiary buildings, sheds and a garage which are of a recent date and are set well behind the cottage. The front garden is large. The façade presents a simple roughly symmetrical elevation and is constructed of dressed and dimensioned sandstone. The roof is hipped with a steep pitch and has closed eaves. The roof is clad in galvanized corrugated sheet metal and features brick chimneys with later terracotta pots. The verandah runs across the façade and returns the corner and has a hipped straight profile. It is clad in galvanized corrugated sheet metal and features timber posts. Fenestration comprises vertically proportioned French doors. The building appears to be in excellent condition and is highly intact.

A beautiful Georgian proportioned building with excellent setting. Appears to demonstrate many features of mid nineteenth century Georgian rural architecture in an Australian landscape setting.

Recommended to list.

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No information found.

History

Heritage Survey 2009 History

A Parramatta man, Mr W.H. Matthews, has bought Burradoo Park, Bowral. He paid \$43,000 for the 128 acres and homestead. At the auction in Moss Vale C.W.A. rooms, Mr Matthews had stiff competition from other would-be buyers. About twenty people had shown interest in acquiring the property. Mr Matthews' intentions with the property are not known. The property was first taken up in 1816 and Oxley was given the grant in 1823. The sandstone house was built, largely by convicts, 140 years ago. The property had been in the McLean family since 1921 and had been lived in until Miss Jean McLean left through illness about six weeks ago. Miss McLean and her sister, Mrs Lorna Howlett, were principals of the firm Burradoo Park Pty Ltd which specialized in raising Welsh Mountain Ponies on the property. The sisters will continue raising the ponies on their new property Inca, Robertson Road, Moss Vale (opposite Throsby Park) (Sydney Herald News, 19 October, 1967)

From Vault Cover in Swa of Par Cemetery – Sacred to the memoir of Captain D.H. Sullivan who died at his home Burradoo Park 11.9.1886 aged 56 years. Also of Mrs Sullivan aged 56 years: died 26.7.1895 at her home, Burradoo Park.

Part of an original grant to Surveyor General John Oxley in 1823 the gracious old sandstone homestead on Burradoo Park was built by convict labour under the supervision of James Meehan, the Deputy Surveyor General and although 140 years old, the stonework is still in perfect order. Burradoo Park has been the home of the McLean family since 1921 and the birthplace of some of the finest ponies to have been bred in this country. The most famous of course was the celebrated grandson of Greyhound (imp.), Burradoo Red, whose show record and influence as a sire is without parallel. (Sydney Herald News, 28.9.1967)

Linda Emery *Pictorial History of the Southern Highlands*. 2008. Very concise history of Burradoo and image of Burradoo Railway Station 1900 at page 80. It notes that "Burradoo Park, owned by Captain Daniel Sullivan from about the 1870s, is possibly the oldest house in Burradoo and it is for this property that the area is named, with Sullivan Road taking the Captain's name."

Statement of Significance from the 2009 Report: Part of an original grant to Surveyor General John Oxley in 1823. Built by convict labour under the supervision of James Meehan, the Deputy Surveyor General c.1830. McLeans were principals of the firm Burradoo Park Pty Ltd which specialized in raising Welsh Mountain Ponies on the property. Burradoo Park was home of the McLean

family since 1921 and the birthplace of some of the finest ponies to have been bred in this country. The most famous was the celebrated grandson of Greylight, Burradoo Red. The property has historic significance as a substantial early rural holding. The house has significance as an early Victorian Sandstone Homestead



Above: Burradoo Park 1907. Used with permission from Historic Photographs (<http://www.historicphotographs.com.au/searcher.asp?terms=burradoo&force=1&sitemode=2&country=2®ion=1&place=&startYear=0&endYear=0>, originally accessed June 2021 and currently not available online).

Historical research from Linda Emery, June 2021

Burradoo Park 8 Railway Avenue, Burradoo

The land on which the house stands was part of the original grant to John Oxley. Henry Molesworth Oxley leased 179 acres to William and James Shelley of Bowral on 10 May 1861. The lease was for 99 years at a rental of £55 per annum. At some time between 1866 and 1875, the property changed hands, but no registered assignment of the lease has been found. The new lessee was Marcus Travers, a retired English Solicitor, squatter and grazier, who arrived in NSW in 1866. He was appointed a JP in NSW in 1875.

Land Dealings

10 May 1861	H M Oxley	William & James Shelley	Bk 144 No 302	£55 per annum
	Wm & James Shelley	Marcus Travers	?	
9 June 1880	Marcus Travers	Daniel Henry & Mary Sullivan	Bk 203 No 588	£1,160
11 Dec 1903	Ada Sullivan Corbett (inherited from her sister Mary Sullivan)	Francis Carroll Haddock	Bk 750 No 23	£2,162.10.0
20 Sep 1920	Rosina Haddock (wife of Francis Haddock)	Charlotte Blythe	Bk 1200 No 675	£950

27 Apr 1922	Charlotte Blythe & Washington Soul Pattinson	Stephen Norman McLean	Bk 1260 No 829	£1,150
9 Nov 1967	McLean and Burradoo Park Pty Ltd	William Henry Matthews	Bk 2862 No 940	\$43,000

Marcus Travers

Born in Islington London to John Ingram Travers and Maria nee Lindsay in 1823. In 1840 he was articled to Attorney Samuel Amory in 1840 and became a solicitor. By 1861 he was living on the island of Jersey in the Channel Islands and stated he was a retired solicitor. He married in Abergavenny, Wales in 1865 to Adeline Blair Ouchterlony and soon after the couple sailed for NSW where he joined his brother Roderick, a squatter and grazier, who had several large stations in NSW and Queensland, including Moreton Downs, Aramac and Peak Downs. They operated a partnership, Travers and Gibson. Marcus and Adeline Travers spent 14 years in Australia, where five of their seven children were born.

Marcus Travers was a man of means, styled a gentleman, and almost certainly built the house at Burradoo Park in the mid-1870s. From the time of his arrival in NSW in 1866 he and his wife lived at Peak Downs station in Queensland, until he is listed as a Justice of the Peace in Burradoo in 1875.

In 1880, he sold Burradoo Park, with its furnishings and effects, to Mary and Daniel Sullivan and the family returned to England. They later spent several years in Florida in the US. Marcus Travers died in 1898 in Walmar, Kent, England.

Mary and Daniel Henry Sullivan, Ada Sullivan Corbett

Captain Daniel Sullivan and his wife Mary nee Reed purchased Burradoo Park in 1880. Mary Sullivan paid for the property using her own funds which was detailed in the land title. Joining her sister at Burradoo Park was Ada Sullivan Corbett nee Reed whose husband Waties Corbett was an officer in the Royal Navy. The sisters conducted a school for young ladies teaching languages, music, drawing and painting. After the death of Daniel Sullivan in 1886 and Mary Sullivan in 1895, Ada continued the school until she moved to Bowral with her only child Betty and niece Constance Scott Reed. Ada inherited Burradoo Park from her sister Mary and sold the property in 1903 to Francis Carroll Haddock. Corbett Gardens in Bowral is named for Ada Corbett whose idea of establishing a public garden in the town led to it becoming a park in 1911.

Francis and Rosina Haddock

Irish-born Francis Haddock of Mosman purchased Burradoo Park as a country residence in 1903. He leased the property at various times. When he died in 1920 the property passed to his wife Rosina who sold it in September 1920 to Charlotte Blythe. After a brief ownership, Charlotte Blythe sold the property to Stephen Norman McLean in April 1922.

McLean Family

Stephen McLean, his wife Caroline and later his family held Burradoo Park for 45 years, establishing a renowned Welsh Mountain Pony stud where they bred some of the finest ponies in Australia. Burradoo Park was sold in 1967 to William Henry Matthews.



Above: Image from BDHS. Circa 1920s. Corbett Gardens with its Band Stand was first proposed in 1910 by Mrs Ada Corbett, on land known as Denmead's Paddock. At Mrs Corbett's suggestion, the land was acquired by Council which established a group of Trustees to manage the project in 1911. By 1914 the gardens had been established and the Rotunda was built for Council by Alf Stephens and Sons, as a place for Band recitals. On the recommendation of the Minister for Lands, Mr Niels Neilson, the gardens were named after Mrs Ada Corbett.

Ryerson Check

CORBETT	Ada Sullivan	Death notice	14OCT1943	Death	at Norfolk Island Hospital	Sydney Morning Herald	30OCT1943
HADDOCK	Francis	Death notice	07JUN1920	Death 72	late of Mosman	Sydney Morning Herald	08JUN1920
HADDOCK	Rosina Mary	Death notice	24SEP1928	Death 78	at Mosman	Sydney Morning Herald	26SEP1928
BLYTHE	Charlotte	Death notice	08OCT1941	Death	at Springwood	Sydney Morning Herald	09OCT1941
McLEAN	Stephen Norman	Death notice	28SEP1955	Death	at Shellharbour, late of Snowy Waters, Cooma	Sydney Morning Herald	01OCT1955
McLEAN	Caroline Mary	Death notice	29MAR1965	Death	at Burradoo	Sydney Morning Herald	30MAR1965

Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
	<i>(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)</i>
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the very early 19th Century development of the Bowral and Burradoo area. The property gave its name to Burradoo. The house dates from the 1870s.</i>

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	<p><i>Of significance because of its association in the local area with the following lessees and owners</i></p> <p><i>Marcus Travers, a retired English Solicitor, squatter and grazier, who arrived in NSW in 1866. He was appointed a JP in NSW in 1875. Born in Islington London to John Ingram Travers and Maria nee Lindsay in 1823. In 1840 he was articled to Attorney Samuel Amory in 1840 and became a solicitor. By 1861 he was living on the island of Jersey in the Channel Islands and stated he was a retired solicitor. He married in Abergavenny, Wales in 1865 to Adeline Blair Ouchterlony and soon after the couple sailed for NSW where he joined his brother Roderick, a squatter and grazier, who had several large stations in NSW and Queensland, including Moreton Downs, Aramac and Peak Downs. They operated a partnership, Travers and Gibson. Marcus and Adeline Travers spent 14 years in Australia, where five of their seven children were born. Marcus Travers was a man of means, styled a gentleman, and almost certainly built the house at Burradoo Park in the mid-1870s. From the time of his arrival in NSW in 1866 he and his wife lived at Peak Downs station in Queensland, until he is listed as a Justice of the Peace in Burradoo in 1875. In 1880 Travers sold Burradoo Park, with its furnishings and effects, to Mary and Daniel Sullivan and the family returned to England. They later spent several years in Florida in the US. Marcus Travers died in 1898 in Walmar, Kent, England</i></p> <p><i>Captain Daniel Sullivan (d.1886) and his wife Mary (d.1895) nee Reed purchased Burradoo Park in 1880. Mary Sullivan paid for the property using her own funds. Joining her sister at Burradoo Park was Ada Sullivan Corbett (d.1943) nee Reed whose husband Waties Corbett was an officer in the Royal Navy. The sisters conducted a school for young ladies teaching languages, music, drawing and painting. After the death of Daniel Sullivan in 1886 and Mary Sullivan in 1895, Ada continued the school until she moved to Bowral with her only child Betty and niece Constance Scott Reed. Ada inherited Burradoo Park from her sister Mary and sold the property in 1903 to Francis Carroll Haddock. Corbett Gardens in Bowral is named for Ada Corbett whose idea of establishing a public garden in the town led to it becoming a park in 1911. Ada died on Norfolk Island in 1943.</i></p> <p><i>Francis Carroll Haddock (c.1848-1920) and Rosina Haddock (c.1850-1928). Irish-born Francis Haddock of Mosman purchased Burradoo Park as a country residence in 1903. When he died in 1920 the property passed to his wife Rosina who sold it in September 1920 to Charlotte Blythe d.1941.</i></p> <p><i>After a brief ownership, Charlotte Blythe sold the property to Stephen Norman McLean (d. 1955) in April 1922. Stephen Norman McLean, his wife Caroline Mary (d.1965) and later his family held Burradoo Park for 45 years, establishing a renowned Welsh Mountain Pony stud where they bred some of the finest ponies in Australia. Burradoo Park was sold in 1967 to William Henry Matthews.</i></p>
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<p><i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of the beauty of its semi rural setting on the edge of Burradoo and its simple architectural form.</i></p>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
(f) RARITY	<i>Of significance because the item possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case a Georgian style rural residence built in the 1870s, possibly the oldest residence in Burradoo.</i>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

Burradoo Park at 8 Railway Parade, Burradoo is significant because it illustrates the earliest development of the Burradoo area in the 1870s and for giving its name to the locality. It is also significant because of its association with the following lessees and owners 1. Marcus Travers d.1898, a retired English Solicitor, squatter and grazier, who arrived in NSW in 1866 and who almost certainly built the house at Burradoo Park in the mid-1870s; 2. Captain Daniel Henry Sullivan d.1886 and his wife Mary nee Reed d.1895 who purchased in 1880; joining them was Ada Sullivan Corbett d. 1943 after whom the 1911 Corbett Gardens in Bowral is named. 3. Stephen Norman McLean d.1955 and his family held Burradoo Park for 45 years, establishing a renowned Welsh Mountain Pony stud where they bred some of the finest ponies in Australia. Burradoo Park is also of significant in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of the beauty of its semi rural setting on the edge of Burradoo and its simple architectural form and for possessing a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case Georgian style rural residence built in the 1870s, possibly the oldest residence in Burradoo.

‘Elvo’ (within Oxley College) including interiors, immediate garden and oak tree

11-29 Railway Parade, Burradoo

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item in Schedule 5 (part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Heritage Survey 2009 Recommendation

List as a heritage item with the following statement of significance:

The former Elvo garden and house are significant as one of the early group of country retreats which were established in the 1880's in the Southern Highlands. The property also illustrates the changing role of many of the country retreats which were purchased by the Roman Catholic Church or by other institutions such as private schools in the years following World War I. The garden itself is associated with the well known professional gardener of the late Victorian period, Ernest Burchell. The planting layout still displays the skilful manipulation of spaces which characterised the work of Burchell. Although some of the original planting has been lost, some common features of the period still remain. These features include the entry drive terminating a circular focus at the front of the house. This drive is emphasised by a laurel hedge on one side which creates privacy for the lawn area adjacent to the house. [Statement of Significance from Wingecarribee Heritage Study 1993 by JRC Planning Services.]

Description

Heritage Survey 2009 Description

A two storey freestanding mansion that dates from the Victorian period set on a large site in Burradoo which is a low density residential area to the south of Bowral. . The site features several large education buildings which are of recent date and some early out buildings. The grounds are extensive and landscaped with the remains of carriage loop and some early plantings around the house including oak, chestnut and conifers. The façade presents a symmetrical elevation and is constructed of rendered masonry with ashlar markings. The roof is hipped and is clad in terracotta tile with corbelled brick chimneys.

The two storey verandah has a broken back profile to the main roof and runs across the south, east and northern facades. It has timber columns, cast iron balustrade and timber boarded valance. The front door is centrally located and is 4 panelled with fanlights and sidelight.

Fenestration comprises French doors and double hung windows with louvred timber shutters. The building appears to be in excellent condition. College buildings surrounding the house compromise the setting to some extent but not substantially.



Gardens: The Heritage Study for Wingecarribee Shire Council by JRC Planning Services, 1993 states: "Remnants of Victorian period garden contain good mature specimens of *Quercus*, *Aesculus* and *Ulmus* species amongst others. Formal drive to circular turn around in front of building bordered by a laurel hedge on one side and standard rose plantings on the other with a central lawn in front of the house. The southern boundary has mature plantings of *Abies* species with shrub under storey bedding that strongly defines the edge.

The entry to the drive is flanked by full crown specimens of *Quercus* and *Aesculus* with understorey bedding. The plantings around the buildings consist of hydrangea clump plantings around the foundation and a wisteria arbour at the entry steps. A formal rose and lavender garden is sited on the lawn area. A recent planting of *Platanus* defines the lawn edge."



***Above:** Image from the BDHS image library. 1914. View of the grounds and garden at Elvo, Burradoo, the country house of Arthur Wigram Allen. The house is now the Administration Centre of Oxley College.*

Note on October 2020 Inspection Report: We were invited into downstairs area. An important house that needs to be listed with a garden curtilage.

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site plan at this site <https://www.oxley.nsw.edu.au/about/the-college/>

History

Historical Notes from the 2009 Report:

Located a short distance from the Burradoo Railway Station Elvo was built in the 1880s by Sydney lawyer, Septimus Alfred Stephen, as a holiday home for his family. No expense was spared in erecting the two storey dwelling, with its well proportioned rooms, French windows and cedar joinery. The building is reputed to have been built as a result of winnings at the horse track, as Stephen was a keen punter. It was not thought at the time that his profession could provide him with an income to substantiate the building of such an elegant home.

In her book *My Grandfather's House*, Stephen's granddaughter, Helen Rutledge, clearly recalls her holidays at Elvo. Travelling by train they were met at the station by Mrs Chapman (post mistress/station mistress) who would weigh the children both upon arrival and before departure, to make sure that their holiday had benefited them. Arthur Wigram Allen of the legal firm, Allen Allen and Hemsle, purchased the property in 1911, and his family were to enjoy their country residence during the next few years. The Allen family were keen photographers, and their photographic collection of the Elvo property and its activities have been well recorded and are featured herein. Lady Margaret Griffin (nee Allen) in her book, *I can Hear the Horses*, recalls her visits to Elvo as a young girl. At that time the property comprised forty-five acres near a river that had a natural bathing pool in the paddocks. Margaret's love of horses was a great attraction at Elvo, where she was allowed to be involved with the management of them. The Allen family traditionally visited Elvo for the summer season and the climax of these visits was the Moss Vale Show in March where Margaret entered horse riding competitions. Every race that could be attempted was done so with great enthusiasm. Elvo also had a quarter size polo ground that was a popular pastime. The property has been used as a private dwelling, a guest house and for religious instruction and retreats by the De La Salle Brothers. It is now owned by Oxley College and operates as a private, co-educational school, with an enrolment of over four hundred day students. (Southern Highland News, Monday March 23, 1998, p9)

Originally Oxley College was going to be a boys' school. At a public meeting in October 1979 around 40 parents pledged to contribute \$2000 each if and when the project materialized. Later the idea of co-education was agreed upon, and an independent, non-denominational school based on Christian principles was planned. The former De La Salle novitiate property at Burradoo became available for sale, and while it was considered perfect for the school's requirement, the cost of the total property made acquisition difficult. Gradually a plan evolved to purchase the central part of containing the building and to assist De La Salle to have the zoning of the remainder changed to permit sale for residential purposes. An interim board of governors was formed, and Mrs J.M. Oxley (the last survivor of the family of the surveyor and explorer John Oxley) was approached to take the name Oxley College. She agreed, and also granted use of the family's coat of arms as the badge for the new college. A substantial interest-free loan from an anonymous body allowed the governors to buy the property. Oxley College Limited was formed, a payment of \$20,000 for preliminary expenses was guaranteed and the company was incorporated on January 12, 1982. In June that year the Minister for Education announced a capital grant of \$606,600 and the purchase of the property enabled possession from July 11, 1982. A condition of the grant was that \$75,000 be raised by the college towards the project. In July 1982 the board announced that David Wright would be the first headmaster. He was to remain head until 1993, and the school's library is named in his honour. There has been considerable building work at the school since its formation. The latest project is the imposing physical education centre of "the shed" as it is affectionately referred to by staff and students. The centre provides classrooms as well as large open spaces for physical activities. It can seat more than 1500 people for speech days, and will be used for music and drama productions. The head's office and administration offices remain in Elvo, the original building, a gracious two-storey structure that was built around the mid 1880's for solicitor Septimus Stephen (reputedly with the winnings from a Melbourne Cup bet). Elvo (an anagram of "love") was later used as a holiday retreat by Stephen's son Colin and his family. After the death of Septimus Stephen in 1901 the property was put up for sale but was on the market until 1911 when it was sold to Arthur Wigram Allen. It is interesting to note that one of his daughters writes in her autobiography, "I can Hear Horses", of having a Miss Winifred West as a governess (Miss ___est) later established Frensham). In 1920 the property was sold to John Garvan (founder of the MLC Assurance Co. Ltd). It remained in his family until the mid 1950's when Mr and Mrs George Williams acquire it and converted it into a guesthouse. In 1959 the De La Salle Catholic order bought the property and it was used as a juniorate and a novitiate until 1979 when the order was withdrawn to Sydney. Until 1982, then it was purchased by Oxley College Limited, it remained unused. The current head Christopher Welsh took up his position in July 1995, after being head at Northholm Grammar School at Arcadia, north of Sydney, for 10 years. He says he was attracted to Oxley because it was a school of similar size and values and as he had worked in the Highlands (at Frensham) when Oxley was being established.

A march-past of about three hundred boys was a feature of the opening and dedication of new buildings at De La Salle Juniorate at Burradoo on Sunday by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Wollongong, Dr Tomas McCabe. The boys made an imposing spectacle in the march – past and came from seven schools in the Sydney area conducted by the Order, one at Katoomba and one at Cootamundra. The new buildings comprise classrooms and other amenities and with equipment cost 70,000 pounds. The builders were A.C. Herbert Pty of Bowral. The buildings are in brick and are built to the high standard of modern schools. The De La Salle Juniorate was established at Burradoo in 1959 in nearby existing buildings. With the addition of the new buildings 80 students, who contemplate joining the Brotherhood can be accommodated. (Sydney Herald News, 16.4.1964)

The school has relatively small numbers and Mr Welsh is keen to keep it that way. "We don't want an industrial model of education – students are not products. We need to be aware that it's the uniqueness of each child that matters. Independent schools are about choice. I believe the benefit of having a smaller school is that you know your people and that it offers each student more opportunities. "We have a high standard of academic record but also we are proud of our cultural and sporting programmes and community service. Oxley is of course named after John Oxley, the pioneering surveyor, and all the houses are named after pioneers. In a sense we like to encourage the students to see themselves in the same way, to tread the pioneer path through their own lives, to have a spiritedness, to have a sense of verve and energy about having a go, to stretch themselves. I would

hate to think people thought we encourage a mindless conformity. We try to enable the students to see that education can be enjoyable and challenging, and also teach them to cope with life's disappointments". The college's anniversary celebrations will include a dinner on the evening of May 9th. The new PE centre will be officially opened at Foundation Day on May 10 and celebrations on that day will include musical and sporting activities in the college grounds. On May 11 founding head Dr David Wright (now living in Tasmania) will speak at a special church service in the Hoskins Hall. Other celebrations will continue throughout the remainder of the day.

The Heritage Study for Wingecarribee Shire Council by JRC Planning Services, 1993 states:

"Built as a country retreat named Elvo, for Sir John Lackey in the 1880's. One of the professional gardeners of this period, Ernest Henry Burchell, worked at Elvo in 1886 establishing the garden. It was then bought by Mr Arthur Wigram Allen, a Sydney solicitor, in 1912. It had forty-five acres of rough grassland and a river, with a natural bathing pool, ran through the paddock not far from the house. Although Mr Allen's doctor had advised him that the country air would be good for his asthma he never liked the place and seldom went there. He sold it in 1919, it became the De La Salle Seminary in 1959 and part of Oxley College when that opened in 1982. Some trees of the original garden remain.

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Elvo

In 1882, Septimus Alfred Stephen purchased land in Burradoo where he built his fine country house, Elvo (an anagram of 'love') in about 1884. Described as 'clever, lively, energetic and handsome', Stephen was the son of Sir Alfred Stephen, Chief Justice of New South Wales from 1844 to 1873 and later lieutenant-governor. Septimus Stephen also had a distinguished career in the law as a partner in the firm established by his brother Montague Consett Stephen in 1850 and still in existence today as Malletsons. Fond of horseracing and gambling, Stephen seemed to find no incongruity in also sitting on the Sydney Diocesan Synod and St Andrews Cathedral Chapter. He served in both the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council before moving to London in 1896, where he pursued business interests until his death in 1901.

The house continued to be used as a summer holiday home by the Stephen family until it was sold in 1911 to Arthur Wigram Allen of another well-known legal firm, Allen, Allen and Hemsley. Allen made substantial improvements to the house and garden but spent little time there and in 1920, Elvo was sold once more. Sir John Garvan of the MLC Assurance Company and his siblings all held a one-sixth share in the house which remained in the family until 1953. The Garvan Institute of Medical Research at St Vincent's Hospital was named in memory of the family through a significant gift from John's sister Helena. The organisation is one of Australia's most prestigious research centres and a world leader in gene-based medical research. The Institute recently opened a state-of-the-art facility at Moss Vale, the 'mouse house', to accommodate up to 40,000 mice for use in medical research.

Elvo was run as a guesthouse for a few years but in 1959 was purchased by the De La Salle Brothers for use as a Juniorate and later a Novitiate. After the last group of novices completed their training in 1977, the property was cared for by a group of retired brothers from the order until it was sold in 1982 for use as a private co-educational secondary school, Oxley College.



ABOVE & BELOW: The Elvo Polo Team in 1915 during the residence of Arthur Wigram Allen. Elvo at Burradoo is now a school administration building for Oxley College. (Mitchell Library SLNSW)

Above: Linda Emery *Pictorial History of the Southern Highlands*. 2008. Very concise history and images of Elvo at page 81.

Notes from Wiki on Septimus Alfred Stephen

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Septimus_Stephen

Septimus Alfred Stephen (8 May 1842 – 28 August 1901), generally referred to as S. A. Stephen, was an Australian politician, solicitor and founding member of the law firm Stephen, Jaques and Stephen.[1]

The Stephen family is a prominent legal dynasty in Australia.[2] He was born in Sydney, the seventh son of Sir Alfred Stephen KCMG CB (1802–1894), who would later become Chief Justice of NSW and Lieutenant-Governor of NSW,[3] and his second wife Eleanor Martha née Pickard.

He was educated at Rev. W. H. Savigny's school and in 1858 became a solicitor's clerk, serving his articles with his brother Montagu Consett Stephen. He qualified as a solicitor in 1864 and went into partnership with his brother as Stephen and Stephen, later to become Stephen, Jaques and Stephen.[4] In 1882 he was elected to the New South Wales Legislative Assembly for Canterbury,[5] serving until his appointment to the Legislative Council in 1887. He was severely affected by the 1890s drought, which damaged many of his investments in Queensland. He left the Legislative Council in 1900 and died at Woodhay in Hampshire the following year.[6]

Notes on Arthur Wigram Allen 1862-1941 from

<https://sydneylivingmuseums.com.au/stories/edwardian-summer-sydney-through-lens-arthur-wigram-allen>

Arthur Wigram Allen was born in 1862 into a large family of wealthy Sydney solicitors. One of 11 children and third in a line of six boys he attended Sydney Grammar School before moving to Melbourne in 1880 to study law at Trinity College at the University of Melbourne. In 1885 after the sudden death of his two elder brothers Arthur assumed control of the families Sydney firm and many business interests.

Allen married Ethel Lamb in 1891 and they went on to have four children: Ethel Joyce, born in 1893, Arthur Denis Wigram in 1894, Ellice Margaret in 1896 and Marcia Maria in 1905.

Fascinated by the new inventions of the era, he became interested in photography, purchasing the latest cameras. He soon proved to be a talented amateur photographer, capturing images of his family and friends, the city and its surrounds.

Arthur died in 1941, aged 79; his photographs, taken from the 1890s through to 1934, provide a detailed photographic record of a changing society and the emergence of the great city of Sydney.

A man of extraordinary vitality, Allen was fascinated by the times in which he lived, and tried to photograph everything he saw: family and friends; visiting ships and theatrical celebrities; bush picnics; the first mixed bathing on Sydney beaches; dramatic shipwrecks; processions, pageants and mass celebrations; coal miners; domestic life and fashion; house interiors; and sporting events. These photographs, contained in 51 albums, are now held by the Mitchell Library, State Library of New South Wales, and provide a view of the dramatic changes that took place in Edwardian Sydney.

Arthur Allen's photographs span 1890 to 1934, but the Edwardian Summer exhibition and book concentrate on those depicting the Edwardian years, a brief, often-overlooked but important period in Australia's history. The photographs, most of them never published before, form an unrivalled personal pictorial record of these rapidly changing times.



Above: image taken 1912 from Arthur Wigram Allen Collection online at SLNSW. Arthur Allen at Elvo is on the right in the picture.

Bio on Garvan, Sir John Joseph (1873–1927)

From <https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/garvan-sir-john-joseph-6284>

by Bede Nairn

This article was published in the Australian Dictionary of Biography, Volume 8 , 1981, online in 2006

Sir John Joseph Garvan (1873-1927) financier, was born on 17 January 1873 at Hill End, New South Wales, eldest son of the six sons and six daughters of James Patrick Garvan, insurance entrepreneur and politician, and his wife Mary Genevieve, née Glissan. Educated at Sydney Boys' High School and St Ignatius College, Riverview, Sydney, he spent some of his early life on St Helena, a family property near Byron Bay. Garvan followed his father into the insurance business. In 1897 he became general manager and a director of the Citizen's Life Assurance Co. Ltd, and in 1899 was appointed managing director. He helped the Australian Widows' Fund and the Mutual Life Association of Australasia by amalgamating them with the C.L.A. to form the Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Co. Ltd in 1908.

At a time when theoretical training in economics and allied subjects was meagre, Garvan proved a skilful, prudent and successful businessman, excelling in financial management. He kept the expenses of the M.L.C. low and strengthened policy reserves; his control helped to turn the company into one of the main insurance groups in Australia. In the early 1900s he perceived a weakening of values in real estate and began the process whereby those assets were changed into public securities—by 1915 real estate represented only 0.43 per cent of company assets. At his instigation a branch was established at Montreal, Canada, in 1913.

In World War I, and after, Garvan concentrated on public service, although he continued to participate in major company decisions. With a strong faith in the gold standard, in 1914 he was appointed to the Federal Finance Council which organized war loans and, through the treasurer, advised the government on war finances. The first war loan was for £5 million and the M.L.C.

contributed £1 million. Garvan became a member of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia's Note Issue Department in 1920, and next year was chairman of the inquiry into the break of railways gauge. He resigned from the royal commission into the incidence of Federal taxation in 1921. On his return from overseas the same year he criticized presciently the financial terms of the treaty of Versailles. In 1924 he became a director of the Commonwealth Bank and was elected chairman, rendering expert service as it assumed central bank functions. Ill health caused his resignation in 1926, and he was knighted next year.

'Retiring almost to the point of shyness', Garvan was tall and well built. He was a benefactor of several charities, including the St Vincent de Paul Society. Like his father, he was a keen sportsman, especially interested in tennis and polo. Sometime vice-president of the New South Wales Polo Association, in the 1900s he played a reliable game at full back and was a member of a team that twice won the Countess of Dudley Cup; he donated the J. J. Garvan Cup which is still played for. He had a string of racehorses, including Braehead and The Pied Piper, but they had little success.

Garvan died of coronary vascular disease on 18 July 1927 at his home in Darling Point and was buried in the Catholic section of South Head cemetery. He was unmarried. His estate was sworn for probate at £156,558. The prime minister, S. M. (Viscount) Bruce, described him as 'an outstanding figure in the business life of Australia, and one of its leading financial authorities'.

There are many early and later images of Elvo at this Facebook site including two below

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=2281345308552822>



Above: 2018 image of 'Elvo' with the oak tree at left, courtesy of Oxley College.



Above: 1913 image from the State Library of NSW.

Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
	<i>(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)</i>
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the development of the Burradoo area in the Late 19th Century.</i>

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	<p><i>Of significance because of its association in the local area with the following</i></p> <p><i>1. Septimus Alfred Stephen 1842-1901 who built the house in c. 1884. A lawyer and son of Sir Alfred Stephen, Chief Justice of NSW from 1844-1873 and later lieutenant governor. Septimus served on as both MLC and MLA before moving to London in 1896 where he died in 1901</i></p> <p><i>The Stephen Family 1884-1911.</i></p> <p><i>Professional gardener of the late Victorian period, Ernest Burchell.</i></p> <p><i>Arthur Wigram Allen, lawyer and prolific photographer, owner 1911-1920</i></p> <p><i>Sir John Garvan 1873-1927) of the of MLC Assurance., owner 1920-1953 . The Garvan Institute is named after him.</i></p> <p><i>Guesthouse use c.1953-1959</i></p> <p><i>De La Salle Bothers Juniorate to 1977 and then for retired brothers to 1982</i></p> <p><i>Oxley Collage a private co-educational school 1982 to the present 2021.</i></p>
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<p><i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because the beauty of its setting, garden associated with the late Victorian gardener Ernest Burchell and architectural form and because of the quality of the building including some interiors rooms.</i></p>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	<p><i>Of significance because of its association with the Catholic community through its former use as De La Salle Bothers Juniorate to 1977 and to the wider community through its use as a private co-educational school 1982 to the present 2021.</i></p>
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	<p><i>Of significance because the item possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case an elaborate two storey verandah which still has some of the 1884 detail.</i></p>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made to the original 1884 Elvo including the roof profile and verandahs.

Statement of Heritage Significance

Elvo at 11-29 Railway Parade, Burradoo is significant because it illustrates the development of the Burradoo area in the late 19th Century and for its association with the following owners: 1. Septimus Alfred Stephen 1842-1901 who built Elvo in c. 1884; a lawyer and son of Sir Alfred Stephen, Chief Justice of NSW from 1844-1873 and later lieutenant governor; he served on as both MLC and MLA before moving to London in 1896 where he died in 1901. 2. Arthur Wigram Allen, lawyer and prolific photographer, owner 1911-1920. 3. Sir John Garvan 1873-1927. The important Garvan Institute is named after him. 4. The De La Salle Bothers who used it as a Juniorate to 1977 and then for retired

brothers to 1982. 5 . Oxley Collage a private co-educational school 1982 to the present 2021. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement for the beauty of its setting, garden associated with the late Victorian gardener Ernest Burchell and architectural form and because of the quality of the building including some interiors rooms and for possessing a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case an elaborate two storey verandah which still has some of the 1884 detail.

‘Polo Cottage’—Prefabricated timber shingle house (one of four Polo Club cottages) and garden

1 Riversdale Avenue

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item in Schedule 5 (part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Heritage Survey 2009 Recommendation

List as a heritage item with the following statement of significance:

The house has significance as an early Victorian residence / cottage. WRONG DATE The site has significance for its association with Burradoo Polo Club

Description

October 2020: A one storey freestanding cottage that dates from the Federation period set on a large 2022 m² corner site to Hurlingham Avenue in a town setting that has retained its context. The building is setback from the street and has a chinnoiserie style wooden fence to match verandah balustrade and a right side driveway accessing a three car garage. The garden is large and provides a picturesque setting for the house.

The façade presents a projecting bay asymmetrical elevation with decorative timber battening to the gable. The building is timber framed and has vertically hung timber shingle cladding.

The roof is gabled and clad in new unglazed terracotta tiles and features corbelled brick chimneys. The verandah is offset, has a broken back profile and is clad in unglazed terra cotta tiles and features timber turned columns, timber balustrade and valance. The front door is offset and is 3 panelled and glazed.

Fenestration comprises vertically proportioned double hung timber windows with some leadlight. The building appears to be in very good condition and is highly intact. Garden is very good.



Internet Review

1 image only at this site taken of the Hurlingham fontage.

<https://www.realestate.com.au/property/1-riversdale-ave-burradoo-nsw-2576>

History

Heritage Survey 2009 History

The Heritage Study for Wingecarribee Shire Council by JRC Planning Services, 1993 states: "Built as Polo Club Managers/Workers Cottage"

Extract from 26 page HIS for Ostler's Lodge at 603 Moss Vale Road Burradoo by Chris and Charlotte Webb June 2009.

3.3 History of Ostler's Lodge at 603 Moss Vale Road Burradoo

Ostler's Lodge was built by Charles Arthur Moresby Billyard between 1888 – 1891 as part of the Bowral and Moss Vale Club. A newspaper article of the time describes the purpose of the club as follows: The club buildings and grounds ... have been built and laid out for the distinct purpose of promoting social intercourse, and providing means of recreation for residents and visitors.

The idea was initiated by Mr CAM Billyard, and was warmly taken up by the Hon. Bruce Smith, Hon. John Lackey, Mr P.H. Throsby.

Mr CAM Billyard was the original promoter of the club, and about 9 months ago we met to consider how we could contrive to establish an institution of this kind, and his experience with the Picnic Race Club of Bong Bong furnished him with the key of the plan to start on, and resolved to form a recreation club, to afford amusements to its members, for cricket, lawn tennis, bowls, archery, with a club house, in which readings, concerts, theatrical performances could be enjoyed.⁹

The opening of the Bowral and Moss Vale Club caused much excitement in the district. It was opened on 21 February 1891 by the Governor and Lady Jersey.

The Club grounds are very nicely laid out – there is a carriage drive into the area of about 12 acres, nicely cleared land, with cricket enclosure railed in with white posts, a fine lawn tennis plot with asphalt floors, a nicely-rolled plot for archery with targets and high bank at each end to stay the flight of arrows beyond bounds; there is a good wicket to cricket ground. ¹⁰

Ostler's Lodge is one of four houses built for accommodation for patrons and visitors to the Bowral and Moss Vale Club opened in 1891 by Governor Jersey. All four houses are small scale shingle clad cottages. The cottages were erected along the central entrance driveway into the Hurlingham Estate, now called Riversdale Avenue. These cottages are known today as Ostler's Lodge (the subject of this report), Club Cottage (1 Riversdale Ave), Gwandalan (5 Riversdale Ave), and No 17 Riversdale Ave. The original club house, to the north of Riversdale Avenue, is now known as 'Werrington'. See Figure 1 for all the houses along Riversdale Avenue constructed by Billyard.



Above: Ostler's Lodge 603 Moss Vale Rd. LEP listed.



Above: from 2009: Gwandalan 5 Riversdale Ave. LEP listed



Above: from 2009: Club House 1 Riversdale Ave. NOT LEP listed.



Above: from 2009: 17 Riversdale Ave. LEP listed.



Above: The Club House 'Werrington'. 5-7 Werrington St. LEP listed.

Outside the grounds, along the carriage drive, there are at present four nice villa residences erected, of pretty design, economical construction, which are let as private residences to visitors or others of the district, and several others are contemplated to be erected. There is no doubt that the locality will soon be studded with many other houses of elegant construction – right at the railway line, where a platform will be erected for the convenience of residents, and so a beautiful Chatham village will be formed, and the Club grounds will become a favourable resort under distinguished patronage of Lord Jersey and the elite of the district. (The Scrutineer 24/2/1981 p 2.)

The Polo Cottages

The four shingle clad cottages along Riversdale Avenue have been variously described as the 'Polo Cottages' in reference to the polo fields in the area. The Statement of Significance for Ostler's Lodge describes it as "... historically associated with Riversdale House (now part of Chevalier College) due to its use as a Polo Club Cottage." ¹² Research undertaken for this report has **not** shown there were any polo fields associated with Riversdale House or the Bowral and Moss Vale Club. The cottages were constructed by CAM Billyard between 1888 – 91 as accommodation for the

Bowral and Moss Vale Club, which contained facilities for archery, cricket, golf and tennis. No reference has been found to polo fields on the site during this period. Polo fields were later constructed on the northern side of Riversdale Avenue at Werrington between the house and Moss Vale Road during the 1930s – 40s when the property was owned by Mr & Mrs Peter Lawrence. The polo fields became the home ground for the Burradoo Polocrosse Club in 1946. The Burradoo Polocrosse Club, which is the oldest continually operating polocrosse club in the world, now has its home ground at 'Wyeera' Kangaloon Road Bowral, the site of the annual Bong Bong Picnic race meetings.

Prefabricated Cottages

It is understood the four cottages were prefabricated houses imported from north east America or Canada¹³. The style is similar to contemporary buildings of North East America. However the style is also similar to John Horbury Hunt's designs of the time. It is possible Hunt was involved in part or wholly for the design of the cottages. Hunt was working for the owner at the time the cottages were erected. Charles Billyard had engaged J.H. Hunt to design a ballroom extension for Riversdale. At the same time Hunt was also designing for Alick Osborne a new residence 'Hamilton House' (now Tudor House) at Moss Vale, only a few kilometres away. Alick Osborne was the brother of Henry Hill Osborne who originally commissioned Hunt to design Riversdale.

A general identifying element in prefabricated houses was the chimney, the design for which did not necessarily ship with the buildings. Although the chimney is not typical of the massive bulk and scale of most Hunt buildings, detailed ornamental brick chimneys were often featured in his designs.

The similarity in the detailed design of the chimneys for Ostler's Lodge, Club Cottage, Gwandalan and Werrington indicate these buildings were probably built at the same time by the same bricklayer. The chimney for the house at 17 Riversdale Avenue, however, differs from the other four houses. Figure 3 shows each of the chimneys for the Billyard houses, along with the Riversdale chimney designed for Osborne in 1875.

The shingle clad walls for each of the four cottages are identical, with three rows of scalloped sawn and dressed shingles at the base, the mid line and the top of the window casements. This is similar, although not the same, as the shingle cladding for Riversdale House where only two rows of scalloped shingles follow a similar arrangement. Due to time constraints in preparing this report, it has not been possible to confirm the origin of the cottages or any association with Hunt.

Heritage Significance Assessment

The proposed item has been assessed against the seven NSW Heritage Assessment Criteria. To be considered for local heritage listing, an item must meet one or more criteria on a local level. To understand more about the NSW Heritage Assessment Criteria, refer to the Heritage NSW publication *Assessing Heritage Significance* available online at <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/research-and-publications/publications-search/assessing-heritage-significance>.

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
	<i>(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)</i>
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the late 19th Century development of Burradoo and in particular it being one of four cottages built for accommodation for patrons and visitors to the Bowral and Moss Vale Club opened in 1891 by the NSW Governor, Lord Jersey. All four houses are small scale shingle clad cottages. The cottages were erected along the central entrance driveway into the Hurlingham Estate, now called Riversdale Avenue. These cottages are known today as Ostler's Lodge (603 Moss Vale Road) , Club Cottage (1 Riversdale Ave), Gwandalan (5 Riversdale Ave), and No 17 Riversdale Ave. The original club house, to the north of Riversdale Avenue, is now known as 'Werrington'.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its association in the local area with Charles Arthur Moresby Billyard the original promoter of the Bowral and Moss Vale Club and prominent local supporters the Hon. Bruce Smith, Hon. John Lackey, Mr P.H. Throsby.</i>
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of the beauty of its setting, garden and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	<i>Of significance for its potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the local area's history because of the unresolved issue as to whether this house and related nearby houses were imported prefabricated from North America or designed possibly by Horbury Hunt and built here.</i>
(f) RARITY	<i>Of significance because the item possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case in this case a fine example of a Federation style house with walls clad in timber shingle and possibly prefabricated from North America.</i>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

1 Riversdale Ave, Burradoo is significant because it illustrates the late 19th Century development of Burradoo and in being one of four cottages built for patrons and visitors of Bowral and Moss Vale Club opened in 1891. The cottages were erected along the central entrance driveway into the Hurlingham Estate, now called Riversdale Avenue. These cottages are known today as Ostler's Lodge (603 Moss Vale Road) , Club Cottage (1 Riversdale Ave), Gwandalan (5 Riversdale Ave), and No 17 Riversdale Ave. The original club house, to the north of Riversdale Avenue, is now known as 'Werrington'. 1 Riversdale Ave is significant for its association with Charles Arthur Moresby Billyard, the original promoter of the Bowral and Moss Vale Club, and prominent supporters the Hon. Bruce Smith, the Hon. John Lackey and Mr P.H. Throsby. It is also significant for the beauty of its setting, garden and architectural form and for possessing a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case a Federation style house with walls clad in vertical timber shingle. It is also significant for its potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the local area's history because of the unresolved issue as to whether this house and related nearby houses were imported prefabricated from North America or designed possibly by Horbury Hunt and built here

‘Kyeema’/‘The Foldgarth’—Victorian weatherboard house 15 Sunninghill Ave, Burradoo

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item in Schedule 5 (part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Heritage Survey 2009 Recommendation

List as a heritage item with the following statement of significance:

The property has historic significance as a substantial early rural holding.

Description

September 2020: A one storey late Victorian era freestanding house on a large 4714 m2 corner site to Foldgarth Way that has been subdivided in the past. The building is setback from the street. The site has a contributing front fence of square timber pickets and a gravel driveway to the left accessing a rear garage. The front garden is landscaped and has two mature radiata pines and deciduous exotic trees which provide a picturesque setting. The façade presents a simple elevation and is constructed of weatherboard. The roof is gabled and hipped and is clad in corrugated sheet metal and has brick chimneys. The verandah runs across the façade and returns the eastern corner is partially infilled and has a hipped low pitch profile. It is clad in corrugated sheet metal and features timber posts and is unadorned. The front door is centrally located. Fenestration comprises vertically proportioned double hung timber windows. The building appears to be in excellent condition and is substantially intact. Alterations include sympathetic rear additions, verandah infill and front door. Very good private street planting in this area which provides an excellent setting.





Internet Review

Some images from c. 2005 site.

<https://www.propertyvalue.com.au/property/15-sunninghill-avenue-burradoo-nsw-2576/1645784>



Above: Rear view image above from 2005. Source: <https://www.propertyvalue.com.au/property/15-sunninghill-avenue-burradoo-nsw-2576/1645784>

Heritage Significance Assessment

The proposed item has been assessed against the seven NSW Heritage Assessment Criteria. To be considered for local heritage listing, an item must meet one or more criteria on a local level. To understand more about the NSW Heritage Assessment Criteria, refer to the Heritage NSW publication *Assessing Heritage Significance* available online at <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/research-and-publications/publications-search/assessing-heritage-significance>.

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site (no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the late 19th Century development of the Burradoo area.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of the beauty of its setting and simple architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a late 19th century weatherboard cottage with later additions.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations and later additions have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

Foldgarth at 15 Sunninghill Road, Burradoo is significant because it illustrates the late 19th Century development of the Burradoo area. It is also significant in demonstrating aesthetic achievement for the beauty of its setting and simple architectural form and in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a late 19th century weatherboard cottage with later additions.

'Landers'—house and garden

6 The Avenue, Burradoo

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item in Schedule 5 (part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Heritage Survey 2009 Recommendation

List as a heritage item with the following statement of significance:

The house has significance as an early Victorian residence / cottage. [Note from Community Heritage Study 2021-23: date not correct.]

Description

October 2020: A single storey freestanding cottage that dates from the Federation period set on a large 3589m² site in a setting that has retained its context. The building is setback from the street. The site has an appropriate front fence of timber post and rail and a driveway to the right. The front garden is informally landscaped and features mature conifers creating a picturesque setting. The façade is constructed of dichromatic face brick. The roof is hipped and gabled and clad in corrugated sheetmetal and features corbelled brick chimneys and timber finials to gables. The verandah runs across the façade and returns the corner to the left and has timber posts and is unadorned. The verandah roof is in the same plane and material as the main roof. The façade is partially obscured from the street by vegetation. The building appears to be in very good condition and is substantially intact. Original land for Landers has been subdivided but curtilage retains integrity of the house and immediate setting.



Internet Review

<https://www.realestate.com.au/property/6-the-avenue-burradoo-nsw-2576>

WSC DA Tracker for a new house in 2012 at No 4 shows that this land contained the tennis court from Landers - LUA 12/0733 has an air photo showing the subdivision and also photos of the early extensive garden. It also shows No 6 to have a very large foot print.

History

Nil

Heritage Significance Assessment

The proposed item has been assessed against the seven NSW Heritage Assessment Criteria. To be considered for local heritage listing, an item must meet one or more criteria on a local level. To understand more about the NSW Heritage Assessment Criteria, refer to the Heritage NSW publication *Assessing Heritage Significance* available online at <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/research-and-publications/publications-search/assessing-heritage-significance>.

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site (no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the early development of Burradoo at the turn of the 19th/20th centuries.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of the beauty of its setting and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a high quality single storey Federation style residence.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

Landers at 6 the Avenue, Burradoo is significant as it illustrates the early development of Burradoo at the turn of the 19th/20th centuries. It is also significant in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of the beauty of its setting, garden and architectural form and for demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a high quality single storey Federation style residence.

‘Rathane’ including interiors, outbuildings and garden

1-5 Yean Street, Burradoo

Recommendation

Include as a new heritage item in Schedule 5 (Part 1 Heritage items) of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010.

Description

The original site for this house was bounded by Moss Vale Road, Yean Street, Nerang Street and Burradoo Road as shown in the 1951 map below and was over 7 acres in size. In 1968 two lots of one acre each were subdivided off facing Burradoo Road and they now contain two post-1968 houses. The current site is still over 5 acres and prominently located in Burradoo. The formal long gravel drive to the house commences at the corner of Yean Street and Moss Vale Road and has elegant wrought iron gates. The house and a separate small hipped roof weatherboard cottage to the south can also be accessed more directly from Nerang Street. The house and estate is mostly obscured from its street frontage and a clearer understanding is provided by the internet site and the Google Earth images below. The Interwar designed house is of two storeys. It has a hipped and gabled roof clad in terracotta tile and the gables have infill of timber shingle. The roof on the southern elevation has two large mansard windows. The house has several plain finished face brick chimneys. The estate includes separate garaging and tennis court and various other outbuildings.



Above: ‘Rathane’ from real estate photos (Source: <https://www.domain.com.au/property-profile/1-5-yeen-street-burradoo-nsw-2576>).

Internet Review

34 images of the house, interiors, garden and outbuildings at this site from 2012, 2014 and 2021

<https://www.domain.com.au/property-profile/1-5-yeen-street-burradoo-nsw-2576>

Rathane 2014 from this site shows the southern elevation <https://www.domain.com.au/property-profile/1-5-yeon-street-burradoo-nsw-2576>



Above: Rathane from this site May 2021 shows the northern elevation which looks on to an extensive garden which extends to Yeon Street. <https://www.domain.com.au/property-profile/1-5-yeon-street-burradoo-nsw-2576>



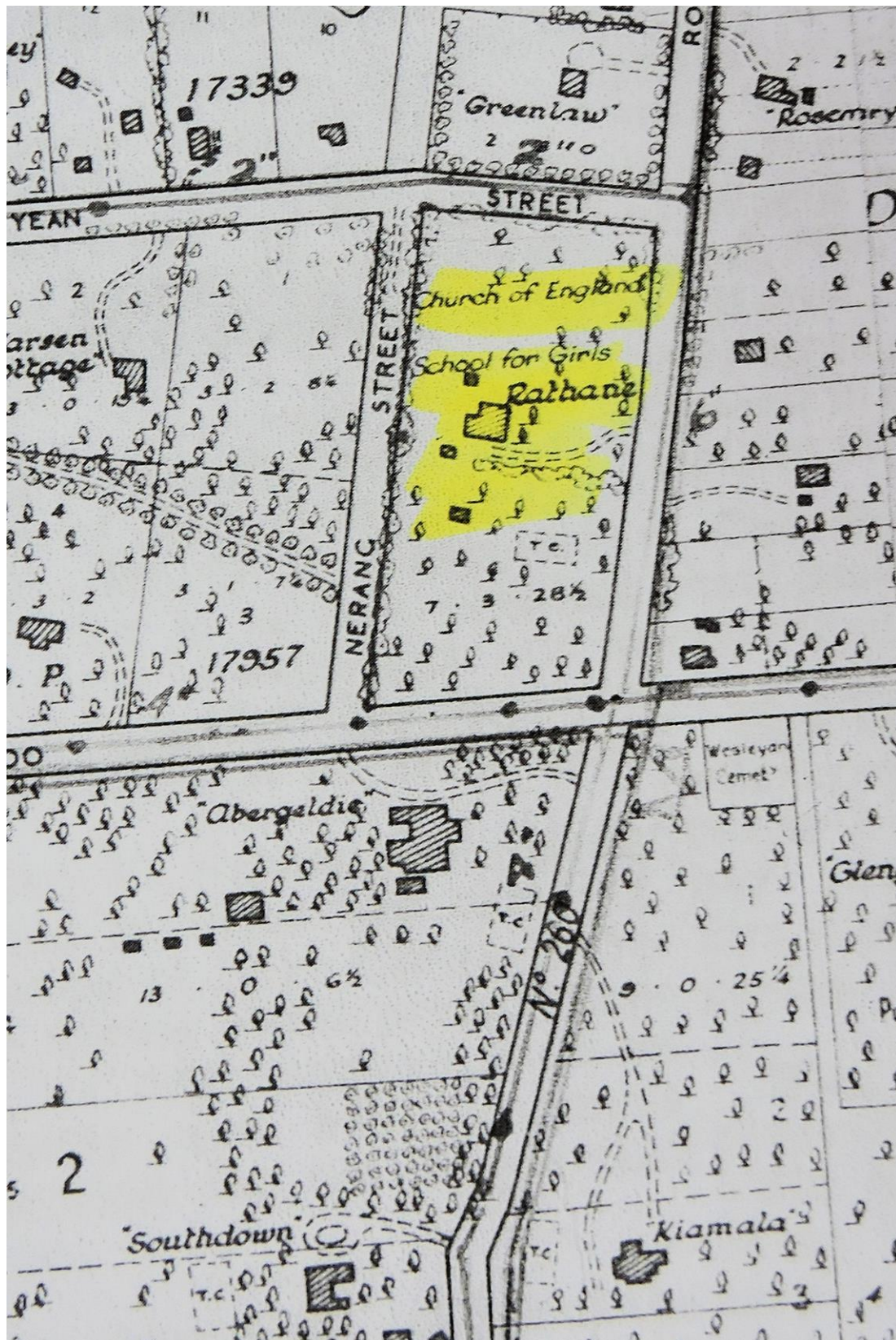
Above: Rathane Interior May 2021 from this site <https://www.domain.com.au/property-profile/1-5-yeon-street-burradoo-nsw-2576>



Above wider setting of Rathane from Google Earth. February 2016



Above: Rathane from Google Earth. February 2016. Shows main house elaborate roof and mansard to the north, garages to the west, cottage and tennis court to the south.



Above. Extract from a 1951 Map at the BDHS. Note that the map wrongly ascribes Rathane as a Church of England School for Girls. Note also the location of nearby Abergeldie and Southdown, both LEP listed, and Greenlaw proposed for LEP listing under the 2021 Heritage Review.

History

Research by Bud Townsing Rathane 1-5 Yean St Burradoo. First called Killeigh, then Culrain, and later Rathane

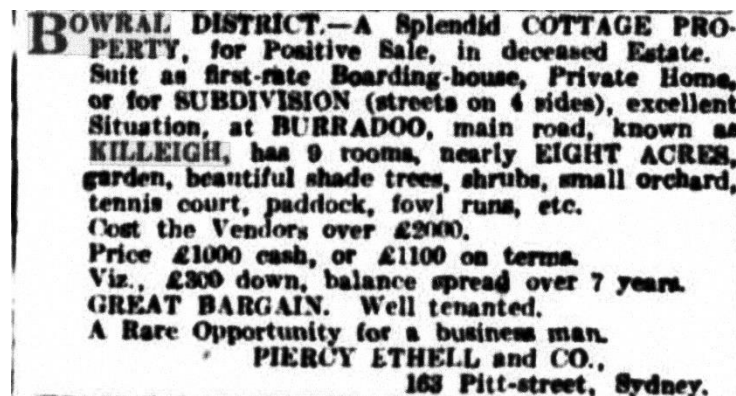
Property Dealings

William Henry Johnson of Burradoo bought 7 acres 3 roods and 27 ½ perches of land from Edward Carter in October 1891. The Certificate of Title is Vol. 1031 Folio 246. The land was bounded by Nerang Street, Yean Street, Bong Bong Road and Boundary Street (now Burradoo Road).

William Henry Johnston died in June 1911. He was a retired Inspector of Schools. He died intestate (without a will), leaving a widow and nine children, all over 21. It took a number of years to sort out the estate. The probate papers indicate that on the land was a weatherboard cottage known as Killeigh. Johnson took out a mortgage in September 1891 and this may have been to build Killeigh.

In May 1913 title passed by transmission to Charles Atherton Johnson and Herbert Arthur Johnson.

Killeigh was then put up for sale, with this advertisement appearing in the Sydney Morning Herald of 30 July 1913.



A contract of sale for £900 was entered into with F. A. MacArthur Onslow in October 1914 but this did not proceed and in December 1914 the land was sold to Margaret Machardy, a widow, of Bowral. A new certificate of title was issued Vol.2822 Folio 111.

In 1913 Margaret Machardy, Ronald Machardy and Mary Eliza (Polly) Machardy were living at Club Cottage Burradoo. Margaret Machardy died in November 1916 at Culrain Burradoo. Margaret Machardy's late husband was Malcom Charles Machardy died at Culrain Lodge Invershine Scotland in 1891 and this appears to be the reason for naming the property Culrain.

The title passed by transmission to Ronald Machardy, esquire, and his sister Mary Eliza Machardy, spinster, both of Bowral on 11 February 1918. On the same day they granted a mortgage to Alfred Consett Stephen and Colin Campbell Stephen, of Sydney, solicitors.

Ronald Machardy died in 1923 at Culrain. He left his entire estate, £6,000, to his sister Polly Machardy. I do not have the details of his estate. The property passed to Polly Machardy the surviving joint tenant on 1 April 1925. The mortgage was discharged on 1 April 1925. A new title was issued Vol. 4588 Folio 230.

On 1 September 1933 Polly Machardy sold to Reginald John Nelson Whiteman a medical practitioner of Sydney. The Sun Newspaper of 24 September 1933 records in the "Susan Says Some More" society column: "Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Whiteman have just purchased the charming old home of Miss Polly Machardy. I believe that it is the doctor's intention to remodel the old home, which has a very lovely old garden." This suggests that Rathane replaced the original Culrain. On 2 December 1938 Dr Whiteman was granted permission to erect a cottage on his property, this may have been for Rathane.

Polly Machardy continued to live in a house called Culrain in Burradoo. When Polly died in 1948 she lived at a house called Culrain on the Bowral Moss Vale Road. When it was sold in 1950 it was described as: "Being on the Bowral Moss Vale Road ... between Links and Burradoo Roads ... an attractive modern weatherboard bungalow. It was on 3 acres of land on the opposite side of the road to Rathane!

Dr Whiteman was well off, Rathane was a weekender, and he did not require a mortgage. The earliest reference to the property being called Rathane is 1934. The 1934 Electoral Roll for Bowral shows the following people living at Rathane. Ambrose George Baxter, gardener, Eric George Baxter, gardener, and May Ferguson Baxter, home duties.

Dr Whiteman on 21 April 1949 sold Rathane to Mary McDonnell, Cecily McColgan and Elvira Pedemonte all of Sydney, spinsters, as joint tenants. They granted a mortgage to the Commonwealth Bank. On 30 January 1952 Cecily McColgan ceased to be a joint tenant and was replaced by Elizabeth Storck of Woolwich.

The 1937 Electoral shows Mary McDonnell, Elvira Cristina Pedemonte and Cecily Clare McColgan's address as the Marist Convent Woolwich, the profession shown for Elvira was home duties, and Mary and Cecily were teachers. The 1954 Electoral Roll shows that Elizabeth Mary Storck's address was the Marist Convent Woolwich and she was also a teacher.

On the 28th April 1952 Rathane was sold to Margaret Forbes Stephens the wife of Norris (Norrie) Albert Stephens, Company Director. Norrie was the brother of Alf Stephens junior and was actively involved in the Bowral building firm of Alf Stephens & Sons from 1921.

Rathane was transferred by transmission to Norris Stephens on 3 February 1953. On 6 May 1958 Norris sold Rathane to Alan Spence of Burradoo, Shoe Store proprietor, and his wife Margaret Katherine Spence as joint tenants. Margaret Spence became the sole proprietor of Rathane on 6 December 1965.

A new certificate of title, Vol. 10805 Folio 244 was issued on 30 May 1968. At this time the land was divided into three lots. Lot 1 Rathane to the north was 5 acres 3 roods and 29 perches. Lots 2 and 3, of one acre each, fronted Burradoo Road.

Further notes on the 6 owners of Rathane from 1891

1. William Henry Johnson

William Henry Johnson 1836-1911, retired Inspector of Schools, owner from 1891 when called Killeigh. William was born at Quarry Mont House, Queens County, Ireland on 24 June 1836. He died intestate in 1911 (without a will), leaving a widow and nine children, all over 21. It took a number of years to sort out the estate.

2. The Macardy Family

The Macardy family from 1914-1933 who owned the property as Culrain. In 1913 Margaret Machardy, Ronald Machardy and Mary Eliza (Polly) Machardy were living at Club Cottage Burradoo. Margaret died in November 1916 at Culrain Burradoo. Margaret's late husband was Malcom Charles Machardy who died at Culrain Lodge Invershine Scotland in 1891 and this appears to be the reason for naming the property Culrain. The title passed to Ronald and his sister Polly, spinster, both of Bowral on 11 February 1918.

Ronald Machardy died in 1923 at Culrain and left his entire estate, £6,000, to his sister Polly and the property passed to Polly in 1925. On 1 September 1933 Polly sold to Reginald John Nelson Whiteman but continued to live in another house called Culrain in Burradoo. When Polly died in 1948 she had been living in a house also called Culrain on the Bowral-Moss Vale Road. When sold in 1950 it was described as: "Being on the Bowral Moss Vale Road ... between Links and Burradoo Roads ... an attractive modern weatherboard bungalow. It was on 3 acres of land on the opposite side of the road to Rathane.

Polly's obituary in The Southern Mail of 13 August 1948 gives some indication of her life:

The death on Saturday at the Berrima District Hospital of Miss Mary Eliza (Polly) Machardy, of Burradoo, will be regretted by a large number of friends in this district. She had resided at Burradoo for over 40 years, and first took up residence there with her mother and brother, both of whom predeceased her many years ago. Born in Scotland, Miss Machardy came to Australia when a child. She will always be remembered in Bowral for the active part she played in charitable organisations.

She was a member of Bowral branch of the Red Cross Society for a long period of years, occupied the position of president for four years, and was a vice-president at the time

of her death. In World War 1, as a member of this organisation, she rendered valuable service at the Red Cross Convalescent Home at Burradoo and was actively associated with other organisations conducted at the time.

World War 2 saw Miss Machardy again actively associated with the work of the Red Cross and other organisations. Few people have conferred upon them the honor of receiving from the Returned Servicemen's League its Certificate of Merit, which is awarded only to those civilians who render outstanding service to the League. Made from cards placed on wreaths at the Cenotaph in Sydney, these certificates are highly prized, and Miss Machardy was, some years back, on the recommendation of the Bowral R.S.L., the recipient of one of them. Her work for the League will never be forgotten by the men for whom she worked so hard. It was typical of her that she left instructions that flowers sent to her funeral should be placed on the Soldiers' Memorial, and this was done.

The Berrima District Hospital was another organisation to which Miss Machardy devoted many long hours. At the time of her death she was president of the Bowral Hospital Aids and has been an active worker with them since their inception. Prior to this she had also taken a very active part in the Hospital Auxiliary. Miss Machardy made it a regular practice, when visiting the hospital, to speak to any returned soldier patients, and her cheery manner and comforting words were greatly appreciated. It could be said of Miss Machardy that she devoted the greater part of her spare time to working for the welfare of others. She was a great lover of flowers and enjoyed showing the beauties of her garden to her friends. Her work with the many organisations with which she was connected, and her genial nature, made her numerous friends in the district. Her greatest pleasure in life was helping others, and she leaves behind her a record of self-sacrifice

and service. A number of ex-servicemen was amongst those who attended the funeral service in St. Jude's Church, Bowral, on Monday morning, which preceded cremation of the remains at Northern Suburbs crematorium.

3. Dr. Reginald John Nelson Whiteman and Gladys Whiteman

Dr. Reginald John Nelson Whiteman 1882-1953, Specialist and Gladys Whiteman (nee Todman) (d.1963) owners from 1933- 1949 and who named it Rathane. Reginald John Nelson Whiteman he served in WWI as a medical officer joining on 1 July 1916 aged 34. He was already a GP and then living in Strathfield. He served with the rank of Captain and embarked on 2 December 1916 on HMAT Orsova. His wife is recorded as Mrs G (for Gladys) Whiteman on the war file and her address given is Australian Bank of Commerce, Head Office, London. Her father G F Todman (d.1924) of Strathfield was a Director of this bank.

By September 1919 The Sydney Morning Herald reported that DR. R. J. W. WHITEMAN resumed his practice at Wyoming at 175 Macquarie-"[The Sydney Morning Herald Sat](#)

In May 1933 The News Adelaide noted that DR R. J. Whiteman, a Macquarie Street. Sydney, specialist, is on his way to Colombo by the OronsayHe is on a holiday trip. In September 1933 he buys Culrain From Polly Machardy. January 1935 The West Australian reported Dr. R. J. Whiteman, ear, nose and throat specialist, of Macquarie-street. Sydney, as travelling to England and the Continent with his wife and child. They will spend about nine months abroad, during which Dr. Whiteman will study the latest developments in his

branch of medical work.

The Whitemans definitely lived a social life as indicated by this May 15 1937 report in the Sydney Morning Herald Mrs. R. J. Whiteman, wife of Dr. R. J. Whiteman, of Edgecliff, will motor to Bowral today with her school-girl daughter Pat. They will spend a few days at their country home, and will return to town on Thursday, when Mrs. Whiteman will entertain at a cocktail party at Elizabeth Bay House. They will re- turn to Bowral on the following day for the remainder of the school vacation. [The Sydney Morning Herald Sat 15 May 1937](#) In c. 1935 Dr R. J. Whiteman was a vice president of Bowral Golf Club and c. 1935 he donated a telephone for the new pro shop at the club. The club commissioned the pro shop cost on the basis that it cost no more than 50 pounds. Electricity was not installed in pro shop until 1938.

The Southern Mail of 2 December 1938 reported that Nattai Shire had approved of an application from Dr. Whiteman for permission to erect a cottage on his property and this is understood to mean the hipped roof weatherboard cottage to the south of the main house.



Above: Image: On 12 August 1939 Dr Whitman was in the social pages of the Australian Women's Weekly.

From 1939 - 1953 Dr Whiteman was Chairman of the The Medical Benevolent Association of NSW, established in 1896, a charity run by Doctors for Doctors and their families which provides counselling and short-term financial assistance through times of crisis, illness, accident, mental health conditions, grief and loss of income to help Doctors and their families in NSW and ACT to recover and return to independence and wherever possible their vocation. <https://www.mbansw.org.au/about-mbansw/history/chairmen-past>

On 13 November 1942 Dr Whiteman advertised in the Southern Mail for a married couple for his house in Burradoo – “man gardener, wife cook-housekeeper. Apply local National Service: or 61 Darling Point Road, Darling Point, Sydney.” In October 1948 the Bowral Hospital board acknowledged gifts fromlinen, measuring glass, and two electric inhalers from Dr. Whiteman.

IN 1948 Dr Whiteman commenced to sell Rathane and the 15 October issue of the Southern Mail had a larger Real Estate advertisement for two auctions – one for Rathane in Sydney and one for its Library and some contents contents below:

FIRST AUCTION: AUCTION SALE of MOST VALUABLE PROPERTY

Under instructions from Dr. R. J. Whiteman, 'RATHANE,' the well-planned and faithfully constructed residence. Moss Vale Road, standing in about 7 ½ acres of land, completely surrounded, by roads and close to Bowral Golf Links The grounds are very beautifully laid out in driveways and shrubs and gar dens and are most suitable for subdivision of some of the most valuable blocks of land in the district. Accommodation: On ground floor, two- reception rooms, beautifully appointed library with best Queensland maple. Staff dining room, bedroom and bathroom, kitchen and all offices. All conveniences, including central heating. On the first floor, four bedrooms, three bathrooms. Detached are married couple's weatherboard cottage of four rooms; double brick garage; additional garage space; loose-box; and many outbuildings. THE MAIN FEATURES OF THIS .PROPERTY ARE ITS MOST SHELTERED POSITION. THE EXCELLENCY OF THE CONSTRUCTION, THE GLORIOUS GROUNDS AND GARDENS, MAKING THE WHOLE PROPERTY THE LAST WORD TO COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE. VACANT POSSESSION.

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Under favoured instructions from Dr. R. J. WHITEMAN, The whole, of his VALUABLE LIBRARY comprising some 600 volumes of well-kept books of Biography, Travel, History, and a great number of novels by the best authors, most of them being in practically new condition and to be sold in small lots. Also a lot of good, useful Furniture.

P. A. WESTBROOK AND SON GENERAL AUCTIONEERS, BOWRAL. Phone 14 (2 lines)

4. Marist Sisters, Woolwich

Use by the French based Marist Order in Woolwich from 1949-1952 as St Anne's School for Girls as an extension of an existing Marist Sisters school established during WWII in nearby Mittagong

In 1950 and 1951 Rathane was run as Saint Anne's School for Girls by the Marist Convent Woolwich presumably by McDonnell, Pedemonte and McColgan.

Origins of the Marist Family from <http://www.mscw.nsw.edu.au/history/>

Marist Sisters, Marist Brothers, Marist Lay movement, Marist Fathers and the Marist Missionary Sisters form the Society of Mary, and the plan for this Society started in Lyon in 1816, when the first Marists signed a pledge at Fourviere in France.

As early as 1824 the Marist Sisters, with Jeanne-Marie Chavoin as Foundress, began their apostolic work that involved life after the French Revolution.

The Congregation of Marist Sisters spread to other countries, and underlying their educational and apostolic work was the desire of these early Marists to bring the presence of Mary among all with whom they worked. In 1908 a group of Sisters – French, English and Irish – came to Sydney to begin what we now have, the Marist Sisters' College here at Woolwich.

World War II

Both primary and secondary education continued at the College until 1942. In 1942 the College was evacuated to St Anne's, Mittagong because the war in the Pacific presented a growing danger. In 1943 only 7 Sisters and 30 pupils remained at Woolwich. In 1944 the Junior boarders returned with an enrolment of 105. A modern Science lab was built during this year. In 1945 peace was declared and the students from Mittagong returned to Woolwich. However, the novices did not return, as a new Novitiate was opened at Merrylands in 1946.

There is a very good record of St Anne's at Rathane in this book *When We Are Weak, Then We Are Strong. A history of the Marist Sisters in Australia 1907 – 1984*. The following extracts are from Chapter 7 Wartime Evacuation (1941-1951) at pages 80/82

https://andrewmurraysm.files.wordpress.com/2020/06/mcbride_maristsistersaustralia.pdf

Mittagong/ Bowral

What might be termed a "postscript" to the Mittagong experience was the Mittagong/ Bowral attempt at a new form of ministry, that of providing an educational opportunity for students with learning difficulties, those held back in their education by illness or unusual circumstances such as immigration. There is little evidence to explain why such a venture was undertaken. Was it just a reluctance to let go of Mittagong, or a far sighted attempt to assist a group of special children? Schools providing for such children had been introduced by the New South Wales Department of Education in 1940. 162 Mittagong provided a boarding opportunity in a Catholic situation not otherwise available and thereby opened up new possibilities for parents. Whatever the reasons for the Marist Sisters launching into such a difficult teaching area, stemming obviously from their concern for these students, a school was set up on the site of St Anne's, recently vacated by the students in their return to Woolwich.

The new school began in 1945 and showed little promise in the first year with an initial enrolment of three in March and only seven by December. Numbers did grow and by 1951 there were 42 students. Sr Tarcisius was appointed superior of Mittagong, though due to illness, she was replaced by Sr Cecily. In time the whole arrangement at Mittagong proved unsuitable for such a group of students. Also, chaplains were no longer available as those who had come to Mittagong had all been missionaries from the Pacific and now had to return to their missions.

By 1948 a search had begun for a new house and eventually one was found at Bowral, quite a short distance from Mittagong in the Southern Highlands. It had previously been the home of a Sydney doctor and was named "Rathane". Its great advantage was proximity to the seminary of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers (Mt Eymard in Moss Vale Road, Burradoo) which meant it was now possible for the sisters to attend daily Mass. The sale was finalised in March, 1949 and the school moved to this new location. There was some lack of sleeping space so one of the dormitory buildings was brought from Mittagong.

During the few years the school remained open there was a great movement of sisters who were working with the children. Partly this was due to some "catch up" of sending sisters from Australia to the missions previously prevented by war. It seems likely that it also may have been due to the realisation that undertaking such a school required special training which the sisters lacked. Special education is now recognized as requiring intensive training but in those first post-war years that was not the case and the sisters had to learn the hard way. What can be said to their great credit was that the children in their care were happy in this rural setting, some coming later to Woolwich to finish their schooling. In time the school was inspected and approved by officers of the Department of Education of New South Wales.

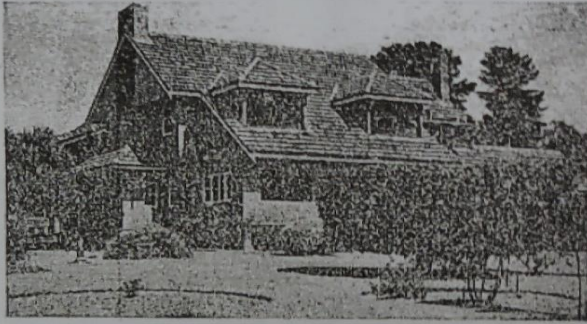
In 1951 the Superior General of the Marist Sisters, Mother Marie-Joseph, who had previously spent time in Australia, came on Visitation to Oceania. She visited Bowral and while there a decision was made to close the school. The reasons given for the closure were: insufficient pupil enrollment for the school to survive financially, the inadequacy of staff and the unsuitability of the house "Rathane". Though a beautiful house in a delightful setting it had become necessary, due to lack of room, for some of the sisters to sleep in the outhouses instead of a proper convent! It seems the superior general apparently did not like this situation. This is a good example of the old monastic notions still being strong even in these postwar early years of the 1950's.

Was this whole notion of providing education for children with special needs impractical and better never attempted? This still may be debated but what it did do was to focus the attention of the congregation on special educational problems within Australia. Bowral may be deemed by some to have been a failure, but it was an attempt to put into practice what was at the time a

dimension of education lacking a great deal of research. It was also the opportunity for the sisters to give the children unconditional acceptance in a healthy and picturesque environment.

The Farmer and Settler (Sydney, NSW : 1906 - 1957) Friday
9 December 1949

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Individual attention is given to pupils who require it.
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Phone : Bowral 310.

Above. 9 December 1949 Advertisement for Saint Annes courtesy BDHS

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“RATHANE” — BURRADOO

One of the most attractive prestige properties in the Bowral-Burradoo area is being offered for sale.

‘Rathane’ is a superb residence set in 5.9 acres of parkland, occupying the corner of Moss Vale Road and Yean Street.

The glorious gardens include a tennis court, horse paddocks and stables. The house has a double garage and

there are many useful outbuildings as well as a four-roomed cottage, two garden studios and a separate 15 squares entertaining games room, complete with sauna and spa.

The residence is made of solid brick with a tiled roof and is a two storey building.

The ground floor comprises a large entrance hall, drawing room and library, panelled in French polished maple, with many built-in plate glass bookcases, and featuring a beamed ceiling and large open fireplace.

Connected to the dining room by a double door is a large sitting room and both these rooms have French windows to an enclosed sunroom with a northerly aspect.

The large kitchen has both gas and electric long range stove and many cupboards including a pantry and ser-

very. There is a guest cloak room and toilet facilities and spirit cupboard and also a laundry.


Also on the ground floor are staff quarters of two rooms, bathroom and toilet.


The first floor contains five bedrooms, three bathrooms and three toilets.

The main bedroom has an enclosed sun porch and built-in wardrobe, as does the second bedroom. The third, fourth and fifth bedrooms have built-in wardrobes. Each of the three bathrooms has a shower recess.

All rooms are heated by an oil burning unit which also supplies hot water to all points.

Agents for the sale of this beautiful property are Raine and Horne, 292 Bong Bong Street, Bowral, phone 61 4444.





Neighbourhood watch.

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Above: A March 1987 advertisement for Rathane courtesy Berrima District Historical Society

Memories of an ex-pupil

The following is a letter from the Berrima District Historical Society file for Rathane from an ex pupil of the school which gives a very good description the house and site when St Anne's School in 1951.

"I am hoping that SKS can help me located where a boarding school was back in 1951 in Bowral.

As a nine year old, I was sent to a boarding school run by the Marist Sisters in Bowral. I was only there a year, when at the end of that year the Mother House in France closed the school.

I am trying to locate exactly where this boarding school was. It was not built originally as a school. The main building was once a home and from memory it had been the home of a Dr. White (sic. Whiteman) and his family. It was two story, built from memory from very thin red bricks. Around the entrance was climbing ivy, clinging to the brickwork and the architecture was from memory, Elizabethan. There was a long drive up to the home with red crushed stone and on either side of the drive were tall pine trees. There were large wrought iron gates at the entrance, which was on a corner. From a deep seated memory I believe one of the streets began with a Y.

It was only a Primary School, classes where only from third class to sixth class. The school building itself was built in timber and was out the back of the main building, near a very long wooden fence that seemed to go for ever up and down the property, beyond this fence was a road. Everywhere there were tall pine trees, in the school building there were only two class rooms, third and fourth class shared a class room and so did fifth and sixth.

The rooms in the home, were very large, the room on the left when you walked in the front entrance, was used as the chapel, on the right was the parlor, which was where the head nun St Julian had her desk. At the back of the building were two refectories and the kitchen and a back enclosed verandah. The floors were all timber, and just along the hall was a lovely stair case, which took you to the upstairs level, where there were two very large bedrooms, which were our dormitories. At least seven single beds were in each room and at the end of each long dormitory, was a door out into an attic. These small rooms had two beds in each, and a window, which from down stairs when you looked up, were in the roof. There was no glass on these windows, just wooden shutters. I slept in one of these attics and I can tell you it was very cold out there in the winter, the Eiderdowns we were issued in the winter, were very much welcomed.

There were other smaller bedrooms upstairs, and at least three large bathrooms. Some of the nuns slept in the main house, however there was a cottage on the property where most of the nuns slept. I suppose back when it was a family home, the cottage would have been where the servants slept. The land on this property was extensive, up the back paddock, we had a very old horse called Taffy. We were allowed to ride him around the top paddock on Saturdays. He was also used to pull the sulky, which took us to the station when we went home for school holidays. My memory of the year that I spent at Bowral, was the smell of the pine needles and the chill blains many of the children suffered from in the winter and the thin layer of ice on the ground in the morning, when we went out to play before going to class."

5. Norrie & Margaret Stephens

5. Norris (Norrie) Albert Stephens 1899-1966. His wife Margaret (Meg) Forbes Stephens (nee Honor) (1908-1952) owners of Rathane from September 1952-1958

On the 28th April 1952 Rathane was sold to Margaret Forbes Stephens the wife of Norris (Norrie) Albert Stephens, Company Director. Norrie was the brother of Alf Stephens junior and was actively involved in the Bowral building firm of Alf Stephens & Sons from 1921.

By 1896/97 Alf Stephens Snr, builder, and his wife Elizabeth had seven children - Alfred Jnr. born 1887, Jessie in 1891, Annie in 1893, Ethel Grace 1896, Norris (Norrie) Albert 1899 and Phyllis 1904.

In 1917, Alf Stephens Snr. retired and went to live at Manly with Elizabeth and youngest daughter Phyllis. By the time he left, he had long since involved his sons in the workings of the business. He directed that Alf Stephens Jnr. (then aged 30) take over, and that brother Norris (Norrie) Stephens (the aged 18) be brought in when he turned 21. The name of the firm from 1921 was therefore Alf

Stephens & Sons (in the plural). The business was relocated from Elm Street to Boolwey Street after Alf Jnr. took over.

During the years that Alf Jnr. and Norrie Stephens ran the firm (1917-1965) it continued to grow and flourish. Major projects in the Southern Highlands included Dormie House at Moss Vale Golf Course, the four storey Ranelagh House (now Robertson Hotel) at Robertson, the former Berrima and District Ambulance Station in Bong Bong Street, Bowral and a major rebuild of the Empire Cinema also in Bong Bong Street, Bowral

In 1952 Norrie appeared before an Inquiry into the proposal by Bowral Council to take over Burradoo from the surrounding Shire. His views on Burradoo are of historic interest. In his deposition he reveals that he has just moved to Rathane. (From 1932-1943 he was living at nearby No 15 Links Road, Burradoo now called Renaire. He then moved to Bowral in the years 1943 to 1952, location unknown and then to Rathane.)

Norris Alfred Stephens deposed he was a master builder residing on the corner of Moss Vale Road and Yean Street, Burradoo. He had lived in Links Road, Burradoo, from about 1932 to 1943. He paid rates something over £100 and a higher fire insurance premium than people in the Municipality. He would like to enjoy the privileges of the people of Bowral. He was president of the Horse Show Society of which about 70 to 80 per cent of supporters came from the Shire area. The Society used Loseby Park in Bowral Municipality. A large percentage of the homes in Burradoo were of a very high standard and the Council should try to preserve that standard and therefore not allow subdivisions into small allotments for smaller and cheaper types of residences. A Town Planning Scheme should be in operation. Burradoo was sandwiched between Wingecarribee Shire and Bowral Municipality and he could see no reason why the Municipality should not provide all the essential services and control the area. Cross-examined by Mr. Hall, witness said he had moved to Burradoo from Bowral in the past two weeks. He knew there was no garbage service there and that the fire insurance premium would be higher. He regarded garbage service as desirable. He thought Bowral Council the most desirable body to plan and control the Planning Scheme of Burradoo. He would be satisfied if it were satisfactorily controlled by the Shire.

The 1954 Electoral Roll shows Norris living at Rathane, Yean Street, Burradoo.

Norrie died on the 14th March 1966 at Terrigal aged 67.

His wife Mrs. Margaret Forbes (Meg) Stephens died 11th May 1952. The Southern Mail of Friday 16 May 1952 reported: The sad news is that Mrs. Margaret Forbes (Meg) Stephens had died suddenly in a private hospital in Sydney, came as a great shock to her many friends in this district. She entered hospital on Friday for treatment but passed away suddenly in the early hours of Sunday morning. She was 44 years of age and was the daughter of Mr and Mrs H. M. Honor of Bowral. The deepest sympathy is extended to her husband, Mr. Norrie Stephens, daughter Barbara, and her parents in their sad loss.

Alan & Margaret Spence

6. Alan William (Bill) Spence (d. 1965) Shoe Store proprietor and his wife Margaret Katherine Spence (1919-2008) owners from 1958.

Ryerson Index check

JOHNSON	William Henry	Death notice	23JUN1911	Death	75 late of Bowral	Sydney Morning Herald	30JUN1911
MACHARDY	Mary Eliza (Polly)	Death notice	07AUG1948	Death	at District Hospital Bowral, late of Culrain Bowral	Sydney Morning Herald	09AUG1948

SPENCE	Alan William (Bill)	Death notice	27MAR1965	Death	late of Burradoo	Sydney Morning Herald	29MAR1965
SPENCE (nee GILLESPIE)	Margaret Katherine	Death notice	13JUN2008	Death	89	Sydney Morning Herald	18JUN2008

Heritage Significance Assessment

The proposed item has been assessed against the seven NSW Heritage Assessment Criteria. To be considered for local heritage listing, an item must meet one or more criteria on a local level. To understand more about the NSW Heritage Assessment Criteria, refer to the Heritage NSW publication *Assessing Heritage Significance* available online at <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/research-and-publications/publications-search/assessing-heritage-significance>.

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site (no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the development of Burradoo from the late 19th Century and the interwar and early post war period.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its association in the local area with the following owners – William Henry Johnson 1836-1911, retired Inspector of Schools, owner from 1891 when called Killeigh; the Macardy family from 1914 who owned the property as Culrain and in particular Mary Eliza (Polly) Machardy (d.1948); Dr. Reginald John Nelson Whiteman 1882-1953, Specialist and Gladys Whiteman (d.1963) owners from 1933- 1949 and who named it Rathane; use by the French based Marist Sisters from 1949-1952 as St Anne's School for Girls; Norris (Norrie) and Margaret (Meg) Forbes Stephens from September 1952-1958 and Alan William (Bill) Spence (d. 1965) Shoe Store proprietor and his wife Margaret Katherine Spence (1919-2008) owners from 1958.</i>
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic value in the local area because of its setting, garden, architectural form and interiors.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	<i>Of significance because the item possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case a relatively intact early Burradoo estate.</i>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a two storey Interwar House and estate.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

Rathane and its site at 1-5 Yean Street Burradoo is of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the development of Burradoo from the late 19th Century and the interwar and early post war period and for its association with the following owners – William Henry Johnson 1836-1911, retired Inspector of Schools, owner of an earlier house on the site from c. 1891 when called *Killeigh*; the Macardy family from 1914 and in particular Mary Eliza (Polly) Machardy (d.1948); Dr. Reginald John Nelson Whiteman 1882-1953, Specialist and Gladys Whiteman (d.1963) owners

from 1933- 1949 and who named it *Rathane*; use by the French based Marist sisters from 1949-1952 as St Anne's School for Girls; Norrie and Margaret Stephens from September 1952-1958 and Alan William (Bill) Spence (d. 1965) Shoe Store proprietor and his wife Margaret Katherine Spence (1919-2008) owners from 1958. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic value in the local area because of its setting, garden, architectural form and interiors. Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a two storey Interwar House and for possessing a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case a relatively intact early Burradoo estate.

Part B: Not Recommended Heritage Places



21 Links Road, Burradoo Not In Bowral HCA. Record in Proposed HCA only

Recommendation

Record only. Do not list as a heritage item.

Description

May 2021: Links Road is a very pleasant thoroughfare especially as in this section it fronts Bowral Golf Course to the north. This site dates back to the 1917 Bowral New Golf Links Estate surveyed by George Sheaffe and many of the houses in this road date from the Interwar period. Age of this two storey brick house uncertain but probably not Interwar period.



Internet Review

Notes at this site from 2012

[http://house.speakingsame.com/p.php?q=Burradoo&sta=nsw&id=355081&address=21+Links+Road %2C+Burradoo](http://house.speakingsame.com/p.php?q=Burradoo&sta=nsw&id=355081&address=21+Links+Road+%2C+Burradoo)

DECEASED ESTATE - OPPOSITE BOWRAL GOLF COURSE

A contemporary architect designed home on over an acre of park-like grounds featuring established gardens, mature trees and shrubs. North facing, this property is in an excellent street overlooking Bowral Golf Course.

The home features a sunken formal lounge with 18 ft. ceilings, open fireplace and French doors to a private courtyard, and the kitchen has Corian benchtops, Ilve stove and walk-in pantry. There is also

gas hydronic central heating, reverse cycle air conditioners and back to base security.

Lot/Plan No: 12/DP570902





Above: MAY 2021 21 good images at this 2012 site. 3 Images above from this site
<https://www.realestate.com.au/property/21-links-rd-burradoo-nsw-2576>

‘Airlie’

25 Links Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

Record only. Do not list as a heritage item.

Property is contained within the proposed Links Road & Golf Course Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

Links Road is a very pleasant thoroughfare especially as in this section it fronts Bowral Golf Course to the north. This site dates back to the 1917



Bowral New Golf Links Estate surveyed by George Sheaffe and many of the houses in this road date from the Interwar period.

Internet Review

May 2021

9 good images and one plan at this site from 2018

<https://www.realestate.com.au/property/25-links-rd-burradoo-nsw-2576>

Site shows the house below unpainted in 2018 and had no pergola at the front.

Images and notes on this site from 2019

[http://house.speakingsame.com/p.php?q=Burradoo&sta=nsw&id=849666&address=25+Links+Road %2C+Burradoo](http://house.speakingsame.com/p.php?q=Burradoo&sta=nsw&id=849666&address=25+Links+Road+%2C+Burradoo)

Stunning period residence in an exclusive enclave**25 Links Road, Burradoo**

Elegant, Classic home situated in exclusive Burradoo. Positioned on 3 quarters of an acre of Stunning Park like grounds overlooking Bowral Golf Course. Double brick and Tile construction with oversized rooms and high ceilings. Ready for the discerning buyer to take to the next level.

- Formal lounge room, north facing patio beyond French doors
- Huge formal dining and family room awash with natural light
- Established gardens with fruit trees, magnolias and camellias
- Large gas kitchen with a walk-in pantry and casual meals area
- Spacious master bedroom with a shower ensuite
- Two additional generous bedrooms including a potential study
- Immaculate family bathroom, built-in robes, two fireplaces
- Ducted gas heating, high ceilings throughout, alarm system
- Double lock-up garage, tool shed, garden shed, water tanks
- Guest suite or potential for dual living opportunity

Photo below from c 2019 website and this site and shows the house as unpainted brick

[http://house.speakingsame.com/p.php?q=Burradoo&sta=nsw&id=849666&address=25+Links+Road %2C+Burradoo](http://house.speakingsame.com/p.php?q=Burradoo&sta=nsw&id=849666&address=25+Links+Road+%2C+Burradoo)



2-storey brick veneer house

31 Links Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

Record only. Do not list as a heritage item.

Property is contained within the proposed Links Road & Golf Course Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

May 2021: Links Road is a very pleasant thoroughfare especially as in this section it fronts Bowral Golf Course to the north. This site dates back to the 1917 Bowral New Golf Links Estate surveyed by George Sheaffe and many of the houses in this road date from the Interwar period.



Internet Review

May 2021. 4 images and notes from c. 2006 at this site

[http://house.speakingsame.com/p.php?q=Burradoo&sta=nsw&id=1006605&address=31+Links+Road %2C+Burradoo](http://house.speakingsame.com/p.php?q=Burradoo&sta=nsw&id=1006605&address=31+Links+Road+%2C+Burradoo)

DRESS CIRCLE LOCATION

This well established two storey brick veneer and terracotta tiled residence is ideally positioned on a 6700m² block in one of the most picturesque and prestigious locations in the Southern Highlands. Recent renovations include a gourmet kitchen with caesarstone bench tops. three luxuriously tiled bathrooms, separate lounge and family rooms, four bedrooms and a study, Outstanding gardens and landscaping an northerly country views compliment this excellent property. There is also a subdivision potential to Council approval.

New house

35 Links Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

Record only. Do not list as a heritage item.

Property is contained within the proposed Links Road & Golf Course Heritage Conservation Area.



Internet Review

May 2021. Vacant site in 2016 when for sale.

<https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-residential+land-nsw-burradoo-201394418>

35 Links Road, Burradoo – Land for sale.

A beautiful large parcel of vacant land 8,858 sqm (2.21 acres) in desirable Links Road Burradoo with a northerly outlook over Bowral Golf Course.

With an unusually wide frontage (70 metres) to the street, it's the perfect block to showcase a substantial home.

Zoned: R2 (low density residential)

House

37 Links Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

Record only. Do not list as a heritage item.

Property is contained within the proposed Links Road & Golf Course Heritage Conservation Area.

Description



Internet Review

May 2021: no info found.

House

37A Links Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

Record only. Do not list as a heritage item.

Property is contained within the proposed Links Road & Golf Course Heritage Conservation Area.

Description



Internet Review

May 2021: no info found.

Split-level house 41 Links Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

Record only. Do not list as a heritage item.

Property is contained within the proposed Links Road & Golf Course Heritage Conservation Area.

Description



Internet Review

May 2021. Many images and some notes at this site

<https://www.dijones.com.au/property/house-nsw-burradoo-1p43893/>

Located in a private enclave on one of Burradoo's finest, blue-ribbon avenues, behind tall hedges and timber security gates, this fabulous split level family home on almost an acre, extensively renovated in 2018, offers some surprising features to satisfy a growing family's needs. It's within walking distance of Bowral's cafés, boutiques and galleries, and offers excellent work-from-home facilities in the dedicated home office or studio, rewarded with a stroll over the road for a few holes of golf.

The double-door entry opens to a vestibule, formal living and sitting area with gas log fire, broad hearth and expansive floor-to-ceiling windows. Move through to the private master bedroom with ensuite and extensive built-in 'robes.

On the mezzanine level, there's a formal dining area with American oak timber floorboards and state-of-the-art kitchen with Electrolux induction cooktop, 600 mm- and 900 mm-wide ovens plus convection microwave, vast Caesarstone benchtop, breakfast bar and soft-close doors and drawers.

The adjacent casual living area looks out through windows on three sides to the rear low-maintenance garden with established deciduous shade trees and level play areas.

On the upper level, each of the other three bedrooms opens out to the stunning timber morning balcony which spans the front of the home – a perfect summer al fresco retreat.

Loads of storage throughout including built in 'robes in each of the four bedrooms plus corridor storage.

House

43 Links Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

Record only. Do not list as a heritage item.

Property is contained within the proposed Links Road & Golf Course Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

Internet Review

<https://www.propertyvalue.com.au/property/43-links-road-burradoo-nsw-2576/1571512>



Small cottage

539 Moss Vale Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

Record only. Do not list as a heritage item.

Description

October 2020: There is high well designed not so old ashlar marked rendered brick wall across the front boundary of this small cottage. Driveway to left to a carport and at rear a garage.. Gabled roof symmetrical cottage. Iron roof. The cottage has a timber post supported veranda and in front of that a pergola with wisteria which extends almost to the front wall. Very romantic small garden setting with a huge silver birch in the front. Likely to be a rare surviving very early Burradoo Cottage,

More information required. Linda to look

Internet Review

Tiny cottage no info poor shot at this site <https://www.realestate.com.au/property/539-moss-vale-rd-burradoo-nsw-2576>



'Kiamala'—Interwar home

546 Moss Vale Road, Burradoo

Recommendation

Record only. Do not list as a heritage item at this time. Further research required.

Description

Expansive Interwar house built on the site of an earlier 1884 property that burned down in 1933.

Internet Review

8 images site, floor and site plan and notes at this site from 2018

<https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-house-nsw-burradoo-128716138>

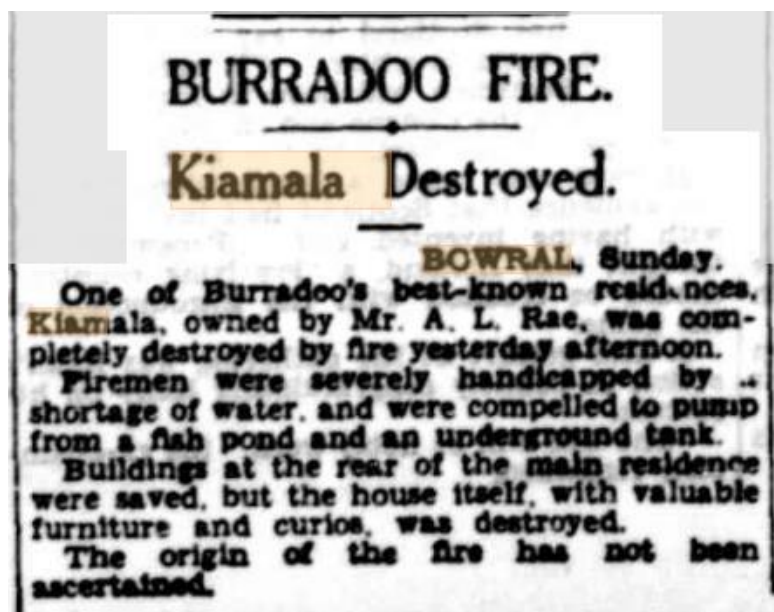
Historic family home on majestic 4,740sqm estate

546 Moss Vale Road, Burradoo

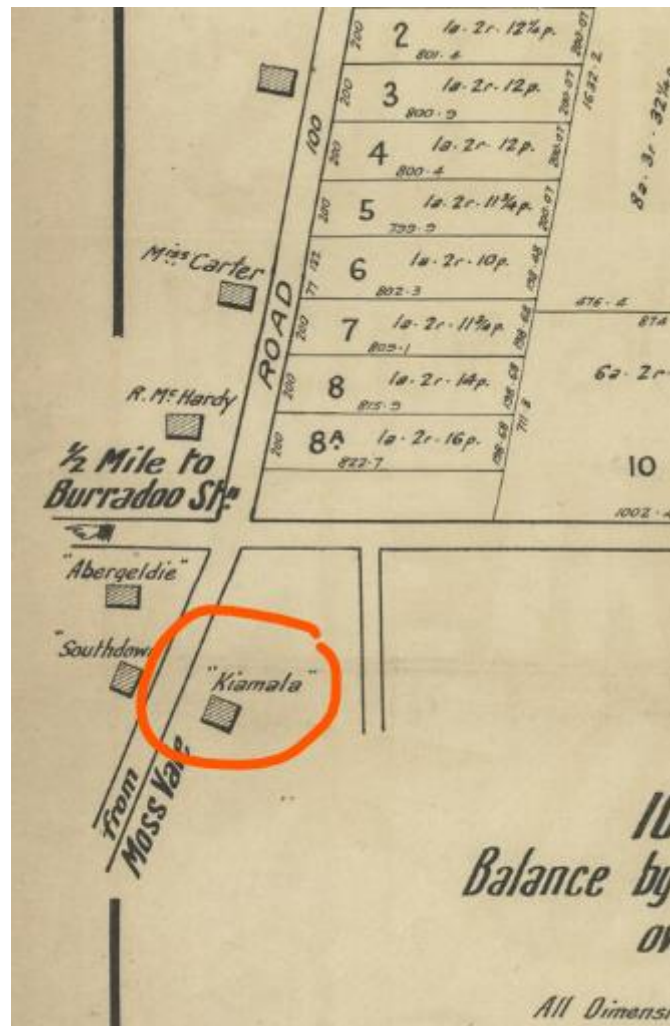
'Kiamala' circa 1884 is one of the original homesteads in the Southern Highlands, situated in exclusive Burradoo on a magnificent 4,740sqm estate. This stunning property has been fully restored to its former glory and only moments to shops, cafés and the heart of Bowral. - Stunning private gardens and alfresco entertaining area

- A perfect layout with gracious formal living and casual spaces
- Generous sized bedrooms with immaculate bathrooms
- Sunny interiors enhanced with 12 foot high ceilings
- Beautifully appointed timber kitchen featuring stainless gas stove
- Central heating and cooling with 3 fireplaces
- Separate self-contained cottage with rental income opportunity
- Solid double brick and tile construction
- Accessed by private driveway with abundant parking

History



Above: Newspaper notification of the destruction by fire of the original 'Kiamala' (1933 'BURRADOO FIRE.', *The Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW : 1842 - 1954), 11 September, p. 12. , viewed 21 Jun 2023, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article17006168>).



Above: Extract from subdivision plan for the Golf Links Estate (Links Road) in 1917 indicating the location of the original 'Kiamala'. (Source: Bowral Subdivision Plans, State Library of NSW <https://collection.sl.nsw.gov.au/record/74VvqrQdzRLd/OeoZAKmx2JM6M>.)

‘Yokefleet’

87 Osborne Road, Burradoo.

Recommendation

Record only. Do not list as a heritage item.

Description

May 2021: Accessible by battle axe private lane to left only an therefore not seen. Modern house appears to be on the street front and Yokefleet behind.

Garden has been diminished.

Internet Review

23 images, plan and notes at this site from 2020. Image and notes below from this site.

<https://www.realestate.com.au/property-house-nsw-burradoo-134601570>





'Yokefleet', the original stables for the historic estate 'Laurel Park', have been sympathetically restored to the highest standard and in keeping with the heritage of the building, circa 1886.

The architectural update has enhanced this exquisite French-style farmhouse, creating a home of timeless charm in one of the Southern Highland's most exclusive locations.

Superbly positioned on a level one-acre parcel (subject to registration of subdivision) with impressively landscaped gardens, alfresco courtyard and enormous barn with additional storage/accommodation and bathroom facilities, this remarkable country estate is sure to impress.