

Statement of Heritage Impact

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1.0 THE HERITAGE ITEM

1.1 SITE DESCRIPTION

Freecity Rouse Hill Development Pty Ltd have commissioned Archaeological Management and Consulting Group (AMAC Group) to prepare a Statement of Heritage Impact Statement for the site known as 2-30 Tempus Street, Rouse Hill. This report forms supporting documentation to an SSDA application for a Build to Rent development.

The study site is located at the southern end of the Rouse Hill Town Centre precinct, and adjacent to the Rouse Hill metro station. The study site does not form an individually listed heritage item. It is situated in close vicinity to locally listed heritage Item #128 – ‘Windsor Road from Baulkham Hills to Box Hill’. Therefore, an assessment of the proposed development needs to consider whether construction will impact on the cultural heritage significance of nearby heritage items.

Guidelines published by the Heritage Council of NSW and guidelines outlined in the Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance (referred to as the *Burra Charter*) have been used to produce the Statement of Heritage Impact.¹

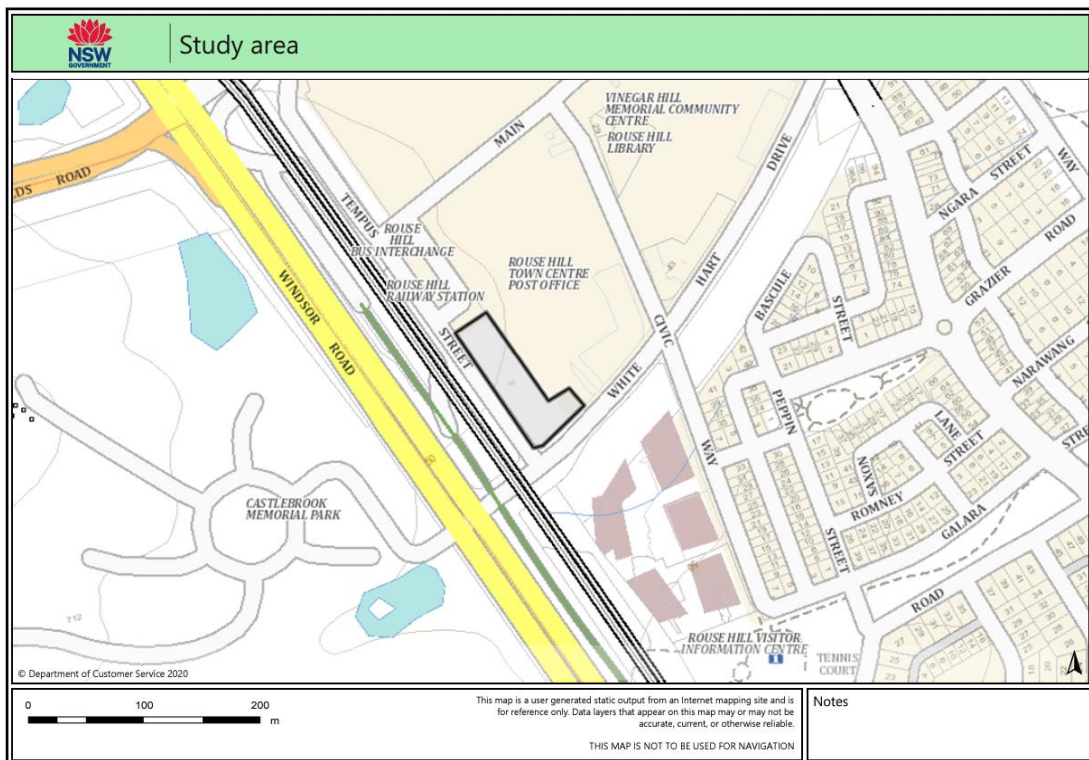


Figure 1.1 Site location outlined in black.
NSW Government, Sharing and Enabling Environmental Data (SEED), accessed 26/09/2024.

¹ Australia ICOMOS In. 2013; NSW Government 2023a; NSW Government 2023b; NSW Heritage Office 2001.

1.1.1 Heritage Listings

Listing Type	Item Name and Document Details	Listing Number
Local heritage conservation area – The Hills Local Environmental Plan 2019	Not located within a heritage conservation area.	
Local heritage item – The Hills Local Environmental Plan 2019	Not listed as a local heritage item	
State Heritage Register	Not listed as a State heritage item	
Commonwealth Heritage List	Not listed	
National Heritage List	Not listed	

1.1.2 Site and its Context

The study site is located on the corner of Tempus Street and White Hart Drive, in the southern corner of the Rouse Hill Town Centre. The study site presently forms undeveloped green space which was intentionally landscaped as part of the wider town centre development in the 2010s (see Section 1.2). The following local and state heritage listed items are located next to, or within wider visual context of the study area and included on the Hills Shire LEP 2019:

- ‘Windsor Road from Baulkham Hills to Box Hill’ – Road reserve (LEP #I28)
- ‘Mungerie’ – 2 Civic Way, Rouse Hill (LEP#I183)
- ‘Royal Oak Inn’ – 2 Commercial Road (SHR#00698; LEP#I185)
- ‘Queens Arm Inn site’ – 1 Resolution Place (archaeological item LEP #A24)

The following local and state heritage listed items are located next to, or within wider visual context of the study area and included on the Blacktown LEP 2015:

- ‘Place – Battle of Vinegar Hill’ 712 – 746 Windsor Road (LEP #I32)
- ‘Merrivale House and gardens’ (SHR#00091; LEP #I31).

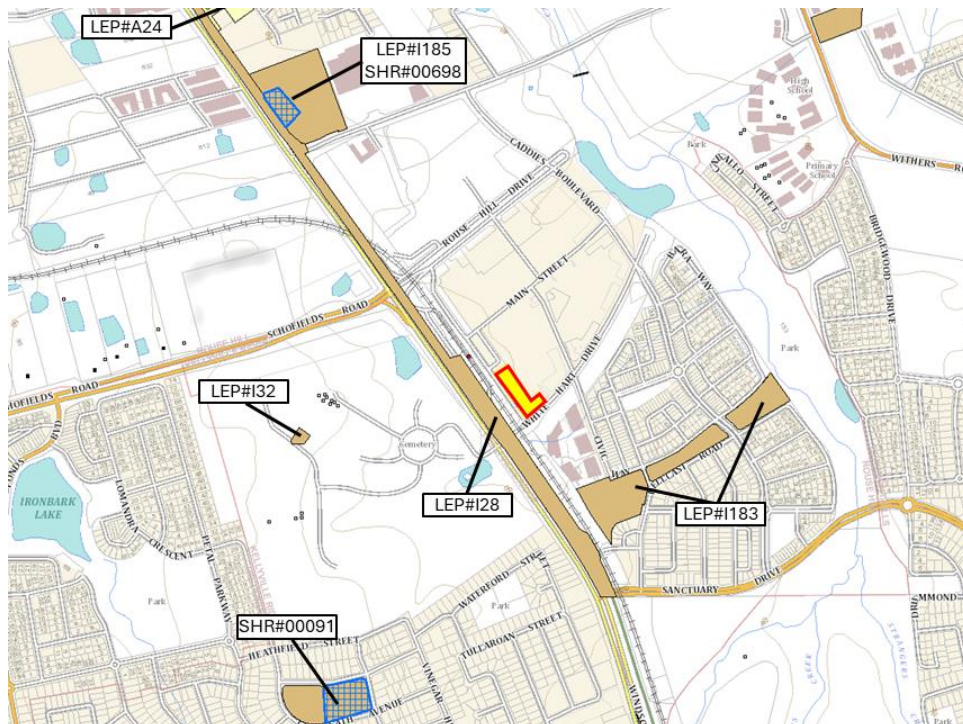


Figure 1.2 Heritage Items in proximity to study site (red outline).
Brown: Local heritage item (LEP listed); Blue hatching: State Heritage listed (SHR). NSW Planning Portal Spatial Viewer, accessed 26/09/2024.

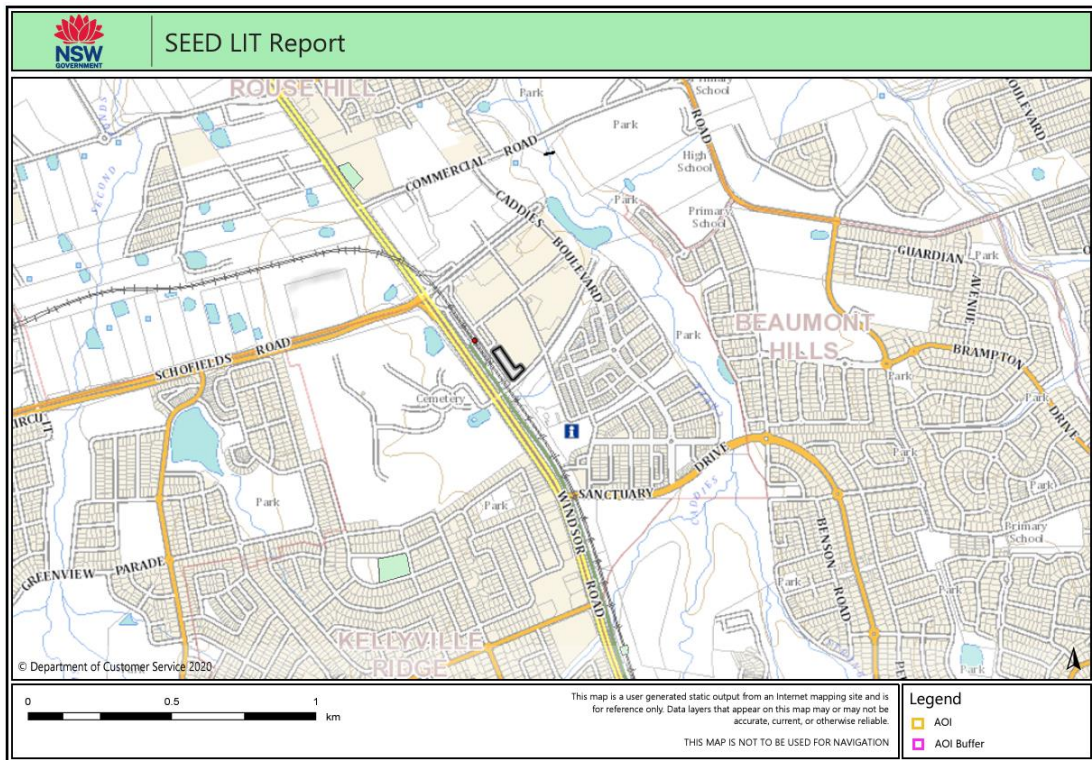


Figure 1.3 Map showing study site's proximity to heritage items listed on the State Heritage Register (green). Study site outlined in black. NSW Government, Sharing and Enabling Environmental Data (SEED), accessed 26/09/2024.

1.1.3 The Proposed Works Area

The proposed works area will encompass the entire study area footprint (Lot 2 DP280013) requiring removal of all existing vegetation for redevelopment.

The proposed development works is described in Section 3.0 of this report.

1.2 HISTORICAL SUMMARY

1.2.1 Documented History

The study site is a small part of 60 acres (portion 84) granted to Michael Hickson in 1809. Several grants of similar size were made to the north and south of Hickson's 60 acres to Lucy Mileham, Elizabeth and Michael Robinson and Edward Robinson. No information has been found about the life of Michael Hickson.

In the 1820s Jonas and William Bradley began purchasing the land grants surrounding Hickson's grant, having already been granted land on the opposite side of Windsor Road. Although exact title documents could not be found of Bradley purchasing Hickson's 60 acres, it likely occurred during this time as a sale from William Bradley to Elias Pearson Laycock has been found dating to the 1850s. Jonas and William Bradley were father and son. Jonas Bradley was a sergeant in the NSW Corps.² William was his second son with his wife Catherine, born in Windsor in 1800. William Bradley was a successful pastoralist. In 1831 he married Emily Elizabeth Hovell, only daughter of explorer William Hovell.³ The couple had six daughters and two sons. William Bradley died at his Darling Point residence in 1868.⁴

William Bradley sold Hickson's 60 acres to Elias Pearson Laycock in 1852. Elias Pearson Laycock was born in Bringelly in 1821. In 1845 he was married to Grace Lysaght Longfield, and they had six daughters and three sons.⁵ Laycock was a grazier, he and his family don't appear to have occupied the study site.⁶ Laycock sold the land including the study site to Robert Pearce in 1866.

Robert Pearce was born in 1836. He married Euphemia Hillas in 1866.⁷ Pearce is described in title documents as an orchardist. Newspaper articles from Robert Pearce's death in 1914 state that he was a resident of Rouse Hill although it is unlikely that this refers to the study site.⁸ Pearce owned the land for nearly 30 years before it passed to his son Robert Woodward Pearce in 1895. In the title document for the sale to Robert Woodward Pearce, Hickson's 60 acres is now combined with the grants to Mileham, Robinson and Robinson under the ownership of Pearce. Robert Woodward Pearce was also an orchardist, and he died in 1943.⁹ He sold the land including the study site to Paul Gore Ormsby, another orchardist in 1914.

Paul Gore Ormsby owned the land for less than a year before selling to Edward Charles Baker, grazier. Edward Baker owned the until 1949 when it was sold to J.N. Brimbecom Pty Limited. In 1954 the land was sold to Ian Conrad Scharkie, Robert Fyfe Scharkie and Neil Lester Sharkie. For most of its history, the study site remained as part of Michael Hickson's original 60 acres or part of a larger parcel of land.

² Walsh 1969.

³ Walsh 1969.

⁴ Walsh 1969.

⁵ Australian Royalty: Genealogy of the colony of NSW. Elias Pearson Laycock, 1821–1886.

⁶ Family Notices (1879, December 16). *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 1.

⁷ Australian Royalty: Genealogy of the colony of NSW. Robert Pearce, 1836–1914.

⁸ Death of Mr. Robert Pearce. (1914, November 7). *The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate*, 6.

⁹ Family Notices (1943, March 1). *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 8.

No evidence has been found to suggest that the study site was developed in the 19th or 20th centuries. The owners of the land through the years have been pastoralists, graziers or orchardists and it appears that none of them occupied the site domestically. In an 1885 survey of Windsor Road, Hickson's grant is labelled as 'cleared paddocks' (Figure 1.4). Parish maps from 1897 and 1905 do not indicate development within the study site (Figure 1.5 - Figure 1.6). The 1947 aerial shows lines that could indicate some kind of cultivation was occurring within the study site (Figure 1.7). The study site is currently still undeveloped however its immediate surrounds are now heavily developed as the Rouse Hill Town Centre shopping centre. This development occurred in the 21st century (Figure 1.8 - Figure 1.10).

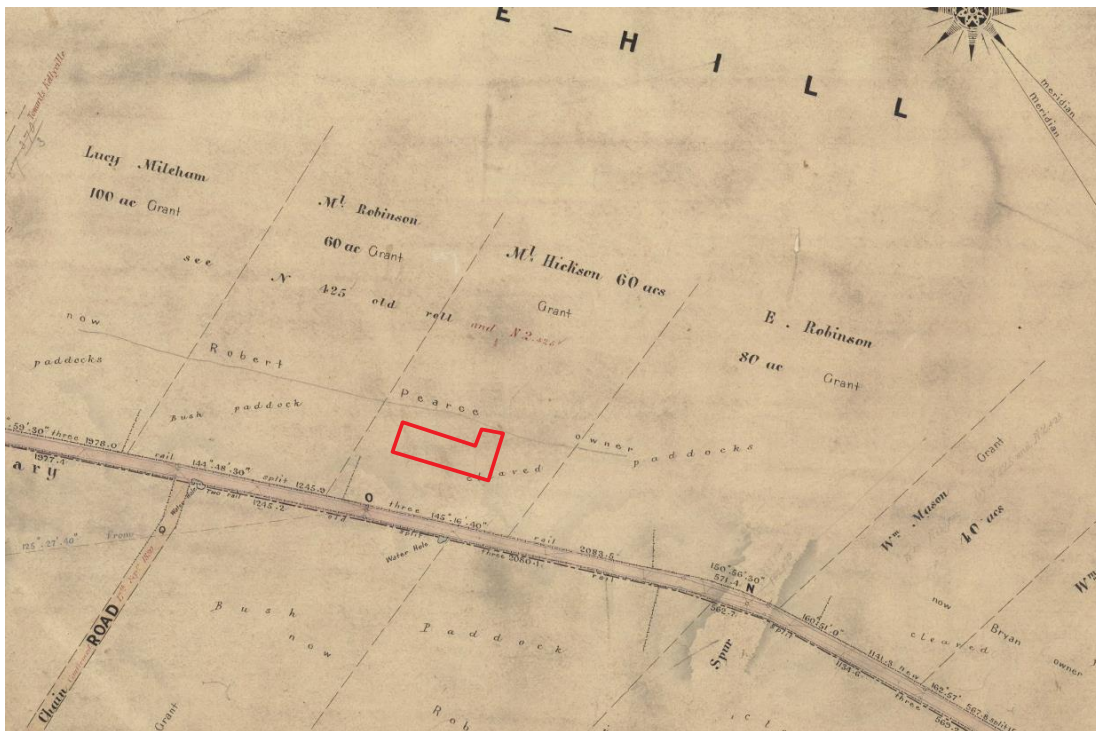


Figure 1.4 1885 survey of Windsor Road.
Study site outlined in red.
NSW LRS Crown Plan 3172.1603.

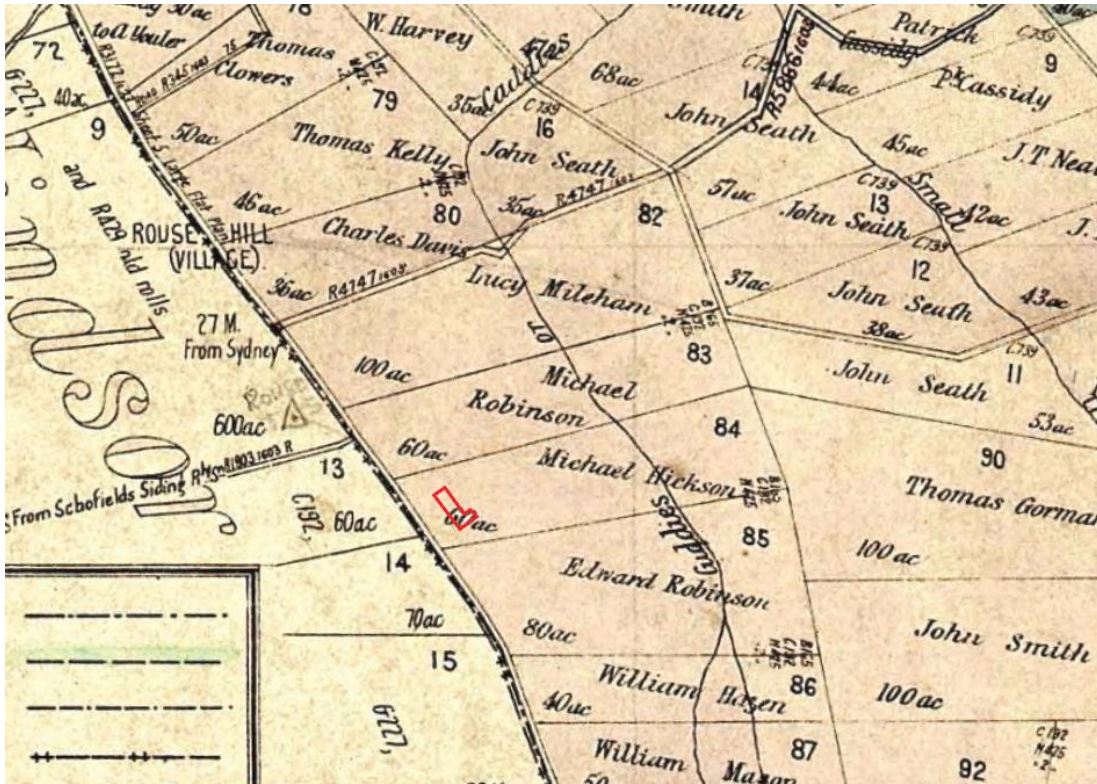


Figure 1.5 1897 parish map of Castle Hill.
Study site outlined in red.
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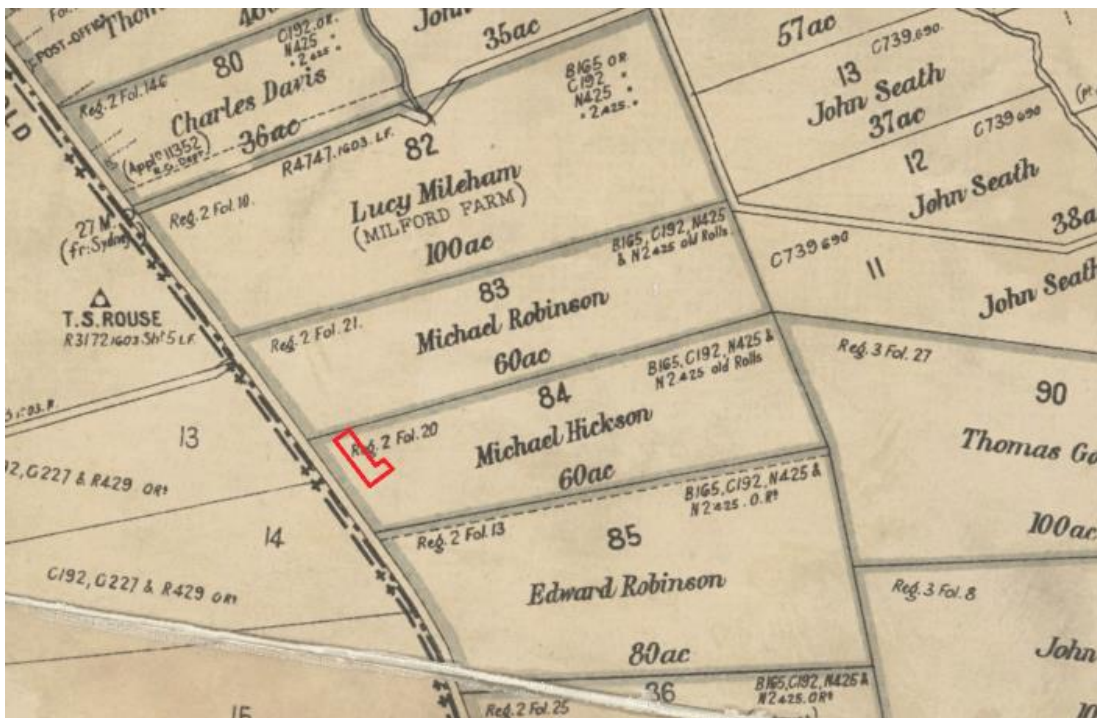


Figure 1.6 1905 parish map of Castle Hill.
Study site outlined in red.
SLNSW (74VvvNvgLx3M).



Figure 1.7 1947 aerial.
Study site outlined in red.
NSW Spatial Services, Historic Imagery.



Figure 1.8 1978 aerial.
Study site outlined in red.
NSW Spatial Services, Historic Imagery.



Figure 1.9 1998 aerial.
Study site outlined in red.
NSW Historic Imagery.



Figure 1.10 2005 aerial.
Study site outlined in red.
NSW Historic Imagery.

1.2.2 Previous Physical Changes

Historic research indicates that prior to the Rouse Hill Town Centre development in the last decade, the study site remained undeveloped agricultural land. No evidence suggests that the study site contained any historic buildings or structures.

1.3 PHYSICAL ANALYSIS

Kelly Strickland of AMAC Group inspected the study site on 14th October 2024. The study site is entirely comprised of landscaped vegetation, currently providing a green curtilage to the perimeter of the Rouse Hill Town Centre (Figure 1.11). Ground surface levels rise considerably from the surrounding street level on both White Hart Drive and Tempus Street into the centre of the site, likely to increase screening for the town centre construction (Figure 1.12). A steeper slope runs down to the north, exposing the below ground basement car park level for the town centre, also forming the northern site boundary (Figure 1.13).

This topography appears manufactured and not a reflection of original ground surface levels. The site's frontage to White Hart Drive further indicates the manufactured levels in comparison to the adjacent loading dock (Figure 1.16).

Historic research confirms that the site's current vegetation was introduced following completion of the adjacent town centre development in the 2010s. Leaf litter and bark chips form the current ground surface coverage, with garden irrigation throughout (Figure 1.12). At ground level, Windsor Road reserve (LEP Item #128) is partially visible but mainly concealed by the Rouse Hill metro station construction (Figure 1.14 - Figure 1.15).

An existing 8-10 storey apartment block on the opposite side of White Hart Drive and east of the study site permanently conceals any potential views to and from the locally listed 'Mungerie' cottage (LEP Item #1183, Figure 1.17).



Figure 1.11 Southwest corner of study area, showing current vegetation. Facing east.

Tempus Street at left. AMAC Group, 14/10/2024, digital image 8729.



Figure 1.12 Study area, showing landscaped mound along centre of site. Facing east.
Tempus Street at right. AMAC Group, 14/10/2024, digital image 8748.



Figure 1.13 Northern boundary of study area, showing current open slop down to town centre basement level car park. Facing west.
AMAC Group, 14/10/2024, digital image 8780.



Figure 1.14 View from southern site boundary looking towards Windsor Road. Facing south.
AMAC Group, 14/10/2024, digital image 8751.



Figure 1.15 View from southern site boundary looking towards Rouse Hill metro station. Facing southwest.
AMAC Group, 14/10/2024, digital image 8753.



Figure 1.16 East site boundary adjacent to town centre loading dock. Facing north. White Hart Drive at right. AMAC Group, 14/10/2024, digital image 8768.



Figure 1.17 Southeast corner of study area looking towards existing vegetative screening and apartment block on opposite side of White Hart Drive (yellow arrow). Facing east. AMAC Group, 14/10/2024, digital image 8761.

2.0 SIGNIFICANCE ASSESSMENT

The Criteria used to assess Heritage Significance in NSW are the following:

Table 2.1 Criteria for Assessing Heritage in NSW¹⁰

Criterion	Description	Significance
Criterion A	An item is important in the course, or pattern, of NSW's or the local area's cultural or natural history	State significant or locally significant
Criterion B	An item has strong or special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in NSW's or a local area's cultural or natural history	State significant or locally significant
Criterion C	An item is important in demonstrating aesthetic characteristics and/or a high degree of creative or technical achievement in NSW or the local area	State significant or locally significant
Criterion D	An item has strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group in NSW or a local area for social, cultural or spiritual reasons	State significant or locally significant
Criterion E	An item has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of NSW's or a local area's cultural or natural history	State significant or locally significant
Criterion F	An item possesses uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of NSW's or a local area's cultural or natural history	State significant or locally significant
Criterion G	An item is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of NSW's or a local area's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cultural or natural places; or - cultural or natural environments 	State significant or locally significant

As the study site does form part of a heritage listed item or heritage conservation area, no previous assessment of significance has been found during preparation of this report that specifically addresses the study area.

¹⁰ NSW Government 2023a; NSW Government 2023b.

2.1 ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion	Assessment	Significance
Criterion A	The study site does not retain any built elements important in the course, or pattern, of NSW's or the local area's cultural or natural history.	Nil.
Criterion B	The study site is not known to be associated with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in NSW's or a local area's cultural or natural history.	Nil.
Criterion C	The study site does not contain aesthetic characteristics among the built environment considered significant under this criterion.	Nil.
Criterion D	The study site is not known to hold special association with a particular community or cultural group in NSW or a local area for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.	Nil.
Criterion E	The prolonged undeveloped nature of the study site means that the site does not contain built heritage elements which would contribute to the local area's cultural history. Aerial photographs demonstrate that the site landscape has been heavily modified as part of the Rouse Hill Town Centre. Therefore, the site in its current layout is also not considered to significantly reflect the natural history of the local area.	Nil.
Criterion F	The study site's current built environment does not possess uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of NSW's or a local area's cultural or natural history.	Nil.
Criterion G	Development of the Rouse Hill Town Centre has removed the site's wider rural landscape setting, a principal characteristic of the occupation and use of Rouse Hill throughout the 19 th and 20 th centuries.	Nil.

2.2 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The study site forms a recently modified landscape created at the time that the Rouse Hill Town Centre was developed. Visually, the site and surrounding area does not retain original natural elements of the rural landscape setting of Rouse Hill and the recent construction of Rouse Hill metro station further removes the site's visual connection to the Windsor Road alignment. The study site does not contain any built elements of State or local heritage significance.

3.0 PROPOSED WORKS

3.1 THE PROPOSAL

Site preparation works including removal of temporary planting, bulk excavation and earthworks

Construction and operation of an 11, 18 and 23 storey mixed use development, comprising:

- Consolidated podium comprising ground level lobby, retail and wellness tenancies, and two levels of commercial floor space above
- 216 co-living units within the 11-storey tower
- 332 build-to-rent units across the 18 and 23-storey towers, including 105 units in a dual key configuration
- Rooftop internal and external amenity spaces on each tower to service the build-to-rent and co-living residents

Landscaping and public domain works, including:

- Retaining existing street trees
- Provision of a deep soil landscaped buffer zone along the rear boundary
- On-structure landscaping on each rooftop.

Construction and use of two basement levels, accessed from White Hart Drive, to accommodate:

- 111 car spaces
- Motorcycle and bicycle parking
- Loading dock facilities

Extension and augmentation of services and infrastructure as required.

For reference, a full set of the proposed plans being submitted with the development application is supplied in Appendix 7.2.

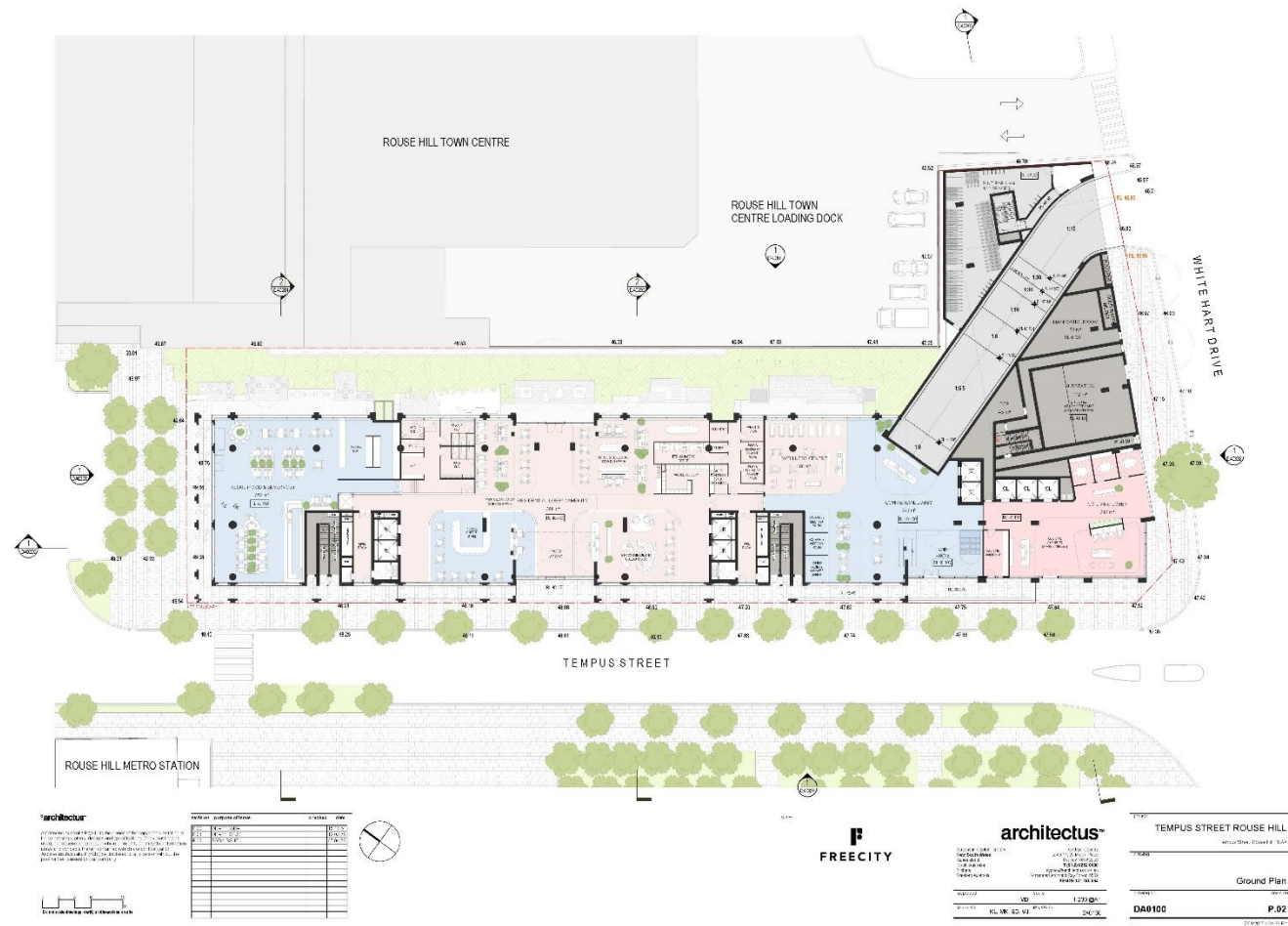


Figure 3.1 Proposed ground floor plan.
Architectus, April 2025, Drawing no. DA0100 – P.02

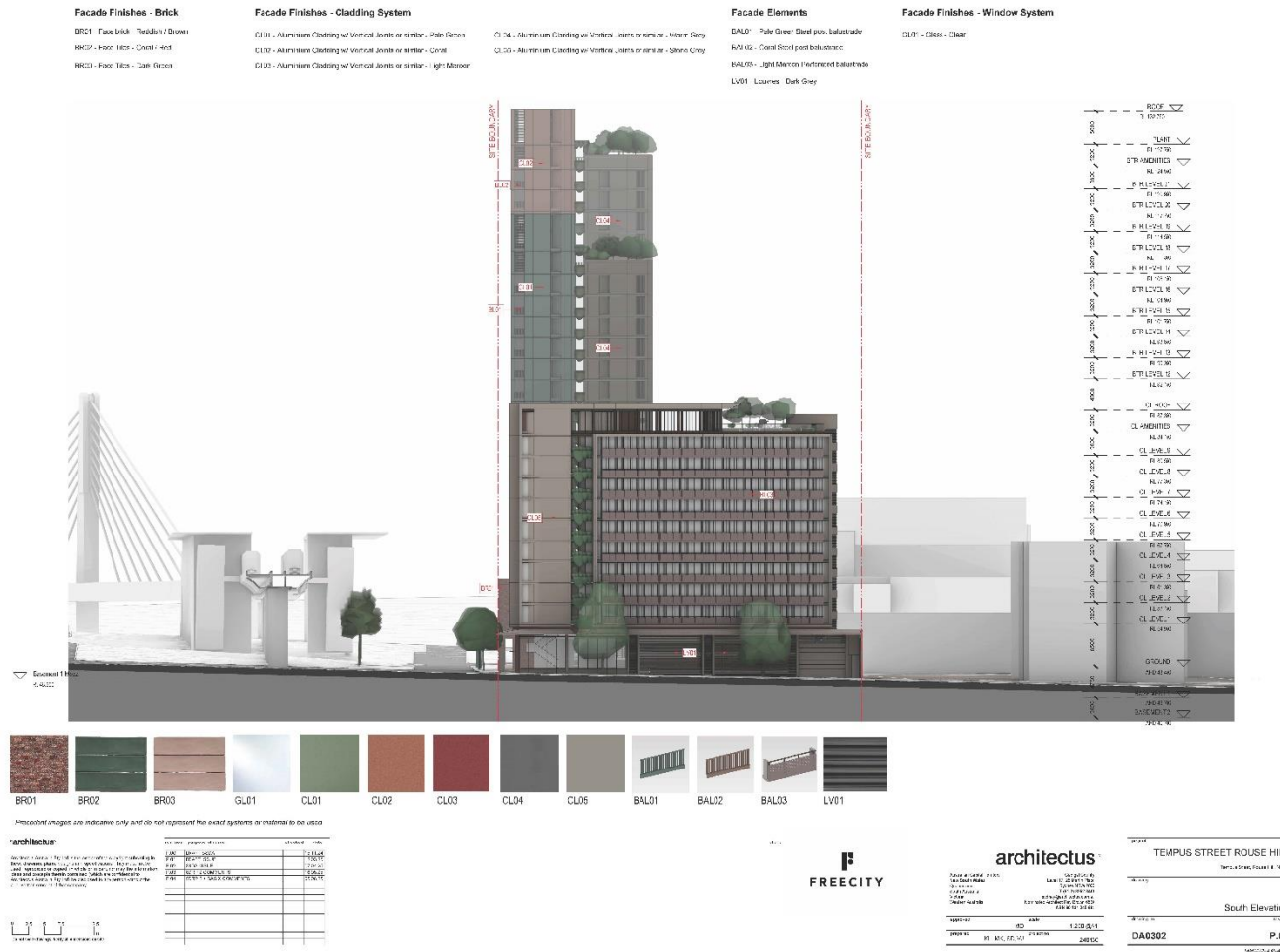


Figure 3.2 Proposed south elevation, showing Rouse Hill town centre and metro station at left. Architectus, April 2025, Drawing no. DA0302 – P.0

4.0 HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The following section examines the study area in relation to significant cultural heritage values potentially affected by the proposed works program. A list of considerations for specific types of work as published by Heritage NSW within guidelines for preparation of heritage impact assessments must be addressed among the relevant heritage matters.¹¹ Dependant on each specific work type, the proposed works program may not require assessment under all heritage values listed.

Specific Type of Work: Works adjacent to a heritage item or within a heritage conservation area (listed on an LEP)

4.1 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

Fabric and Spatial Arrangements

The proposed impacts do not apply to this specific heritage value.

Setting, views and vistas

The study site is enveloped by the Rouse Hill Town Centre, Rouse Hill metro station alignment and residential developments east and north. The proposed development is consistent with the wider mixed use of the area. The proposed development meets the overall contemporary character setting of the town centre precinct, with future plans set to increase residential building heights as part of the future Rouse Hill Town Centre North Precinct development. As there are no built heritage items that share a boundary with the study area, the proposed development is not expected to impact on the setting, views and vistas of the current built landscape.

Landscape

The proposed impacts do not apply to this specific heritage value.

Use

The proposed impacts do not apply to this specific heritage value.

Demolition

The proposed impacts do not apply to this specific heritage value.

Curtilage

The proposed impacts do not apply to this specific heritage value.

Moveable heritage

The proposed impacts do not apply to this specific heritage value.

Aboriginal cultural heritage

An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report is being prepared for the study site to assess Aboriginal cultural heritage significance and potential for Aboriginal objects, features or sites.¹²

¹¹ NSW Government 2023b.

¹² AMAC Group 2024.

Historical Archaeology

A separate Historical Archaeological Assessment has been prepared for the study site to consider historical archaeological potential.¹³ The archaeological assessment determined that no evidence has been found to suggest that the study site was developed during the 19th or 20th centuries and holds nil historical archaeological potential. The site is not expected to yield an archaeological resource and therefore is not considered of local or State significance.

Natural heritage

The proposed impacts do not apply to this specific heritage value.

Conservation Areas

The study site is not located within a heritage conservation area.

Cumulative impacts

The proposed impacts do not apply to this specific heritage value.

The Conservation Management Plan

The study site is not a heritage listed item; therefore, a conservation management plan does not exist for the site, nor requires preparation of one.

Other heritage items in the vicinity

The landscape has been already heavily modified by the Rouse Hill Town Centre development, and the construction of the raised metro station has largely removed the site's visual connection to the Windsor Road alignment at street level (Figure 4.1). Furthermore, Tempus Street was created in the town centre development, increasing changes to the street layout previously dominated by Windsor Road.

The proposed development is not considered to further impact on the heritage curtilage of Windsor Road as the surrounding area has already been modified to the extent where the rural setting of Windsor Road is no longer present. Its significance lies with the road's alignment which is not affected by the proposed works.



Figure 4.1 Windsor Road alignment concealed from Tempus Street ground level. Facing southeast.

AMAC Group, 14/10/2024, digital image 8752.

¹³ AMAC Group 2024.

Visual inspections were conducted of both 'Mungerie' local heritage listed item (Hills Shire LEP#I183) southeast of the study area, as well as the nearby Battle of Vinegar Hill local listed memorial site (Blacktown LEP#I32) further west of the study area and within Castlebrook Memorial Park. Neither built heritage item are visible from study area street level when standing on Tempus Street or White Hart Drive (Figure 4.2, Figure 4.4), though presumably once constructed these items will be visible in the landscape from the proposed apartment buildings upper floors.

'Mungerie' forms a one storey restored historic cottage located within a landscaped park of a residential development, presently converted into a café. As the wider area already contains multi-storey apartment blocks northwest of the cottage in the general direction of the study area, it is unlikely that the proposed development envelope will be visible in the skyline viewable from 'Mungerie' (Figure 4.3). The proposed development will have no direct or indirect impact on the heritage significance attributed to 'Mungerie'.

The Battle of Vinegar Hill memorial site is positioned upon a crest with skyline views across Rouse Hill town centre and beyond (Figure 4.5). While the towers will be visible in the sky line from the memorial, it will partially blend into the existing raised apartment blocks already present. The building height envelope for the wider Rouse Hill Town Centre Northern Precinct is expected to continue to increase when further development projects occur to the northwest of Rouse Hill Drive. The proposed development is not considered to affect the heritage significance of the local item which is specifically linked to the memorial as a place recognising the early 19th century battle that occurred in the wider location. That significance will not be altered by continued development of the wider Rouse Hill region.

Commonwealth/National heritage significance

The proposed impacts do not apply to this specific heritage value.

World heritage significance

The proposed impacts do not apply to this specific heritage value.



Figure 4.2 'Mungerie' – 2 Civic Way (LEP#183). Facing south.
AMAC Group, 14/10/2024, digital image 8784.



Figure 4.3 Looking down Civic Way from 'Mungerie'. Facing west.
AMAC Group, 14/10/2024, digital image 8789.



Figure 4.4 Battle of Vinegar Hill memorial (LEP#132). Facing northeast.
AMAC Group, 14/10/2024, digital image 8791.



Figure 4.5 View from memorial looking towards study area.
AMAC Group, 14/10/2024, digital image 8793.

4.2 ASSESSMENT AGAINST DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN

Development Control Plans (DCP) form statutory planning documents providing details and guidance for design and assessment of new development at local government level. The following forms an assessment of the proposal against relevant criteria of the Hills Development Control Plan 2012. The study area is situated within vicinity of locally listed road reserve 'Windsor Road from Baulkham Hills to Box Hill' (LEP #128). The DCP defines 'vicinity' as 'land adjoining or located within the visual catchment of a heritage site'.¹⁴

Table 4.1 Part C Section 4 Heritage. Subsection 3.5: Development in the vicinity of a heritage item.

Objective: To ensure that the development of land in the vicinity of a heritage site is undertaken in a manner that complements the heritage significance of the site.

Relevant Controls	Compliance Comment
(a) Development on land within the vicinity of a heritage site is not to detract from the identified significance of the place, its setting, nor obstruct important views to and from the site.	Compliant. The proposed development is considered to have nil heritage impact on the existing contemporary setting of the nearby Windsor road reserve. Recent development activities including construction of Rouse Hill metro station have already altered view lines between the study site and Windsor Road curtilage.
(b) New structures proposed on land adjoining a heritage building should be of similar scale and proportions to the heritage building.	Not applicable to proposed development.
(c) Where development is proposed within the vicinity of a heritage site, the following matters must be taken into consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the character, siting, bulk, height and external appearance of the development; - the visual relationship between the proposed development and the heritage site; - the potential for overshadowing of the heritage site; - the colours and textures of materials proposed to be used in the development; - the landscaping and fencing of the proposed development; - the location of car parking spaces and access ways into the development; - the impact of any proposed advertising signs or structures; - the maintenance of the existing streetscape, where the particular streetscape has particular significance to the heritage site; - the impact the proposed use would have on the amenity of the heritage site; and - the effect the construction phase will have on the wellbeing of a heritage building. 	Compliant. As the nearby heritage item forms a road reserve, the heritage significance is understood to be vested in the road alignment itself, or potential archaeological fabric which may survive beneath contemporary road surfacing. In this way design matters such as proposed colours and textures, character, sighting external appearance, landscaping, signage, amenity and visual relationship are not considered to be items which would impact or affect the heritage significance of Windsor Road. It should be noted that the State Heritage Inventory listing for the LEP#128 does not contain any detailed information denoting the specific significance attribute to Windsor Road. While the podium tower design will potentially create a minor element of overshadow to the road reserve, the road is already affected by overshadowing in this location by the metro station platform raised three to four storeys and directly adjacent to the road reserve.

¹⁴ Hills DCP 2012, Part C Section 4 subsection 3.5.

5.0 SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

The proposed development does not contain a heritage item, nor is it located directly adjacent to, or in immediate vicinity of any built heritage listed items. While the Windsor Road reserve corridor forms a locally listed item (LEP#128), it does not contain built heritage fabric which would be visually or physically impacted on by the proposed residential development at Tempus Street.

Additionally, nearby heritage items such as ‘Mungerie’ cottage (LEP#1183) and the Battle of Vinegar Hill memorial site (LEP#132) are not currently visible from the study area due to existing built infrastructure. The surrounding built landscape setting should conceal the new development from ‘Mungerie’ cottage’s view, and partially blend into the existing skyline views from the memorial site which will be further modified when the Rouse Hill Town Centre North Precinct is developed in future. The proposed development is assessed as causing neutral impact to the heritage significance of both items.

5.2 CONCLUSIONS

The proposed works program is supported in its current form. There will be no adverse impacts to the cultural heritage significance of nearby locally listed heritage items, nor impact on the overall place setting of Rouse Hill Town Centre.

As the study site contains no existing structures or built elements, archival recording is not considered necessary as part of the proposed works program prior to construction.

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7.0 APPENDICES

7.1 DEFINITIONS

The following definition of heritage terms have mostly derived from the definitions as presented in *Heritage Act 1977* and *The Burra Charter: The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance, 2013*, and Heritage Office Department of Urban Affairs and Planning (1996) *Archaeological Assessments*.

Term	Definition
Adaption	Modifying a place to suit the existing use or a proposed use.
Archaeological feature	Any physical evidence of past human activity. Archaeological features include buildings, works, relics, structures, foundations, deposits, cultural landscapes and shipwrecks. On archaeological excavations the term 'feature' may be used in a specific sense to refer to any item that is not a structure, a layer or an artefact (for example, a post hole).
Artefacts	An object produced by human activity. In historical archaeology the term usually refers to small object contained within occupation deposits. The term may encompass food or plant remains and ecological features (for example, pollen).
Compatible	A use, which respects the cultural significance of a place. Such a use involves no, or minimal, impact on cultural significance.
Conservation	One or more of the following actions taken in retaining the cultural significance of a heritage item: protection, preservation, repair and maintenance, restoration, adaptation and/or adaptive reuse, part reconstruction or interpretation.
Conservation Area	A precinct, streetscape, group of buildings, landscape, suburb or town with local or state heritage significance, listed as a heritage item under the <i>NSW Heritage Act 1977</i> .
Conservation management document	A document prepared by a heritage professional that provides recommendations for the management of a heritage item (includes CMPs, conservation management strategies, Heritage Asset Action Plans, and other forms of management documents).
Conservation Management Plan (CMP)	A document that establishes the significance of a heritage item, place or conservation area and identifies policies and management mechanisms that are appropriate to retain that significance.
Contact sites	Sites which are associated with interaction between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.
Cultural Significance	The aesthetic, historic, scientific, social or spiritual value for past, present or future generations.
Curtilage	The area of land (including land covered by water) surrounding a heritage item that contributes to its significance and is essential for retaining and interpreting its heritage significance.
Development	The erection of a building, carrying out work, use of or subdivision of land.
Equitable and inclusive access	The provision of access for people with disabilities that removed barriers and enables the active participation equal to a persons' ability to achieve meaningful experiences.
Fabric	All the physical material of the place including components, fixtures, contents, and objects.
Heritage Significance	Term used in the assessment and understanding of heritage items that have significance in relation to their historical, scientific, cultural, social, archaeological, architectural, natural or aesthetic value.
Historical Archaeology	The study of the human past using both material evidence and documentary sources. In Australia 'historical archaeology' excludes Aboriginal

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	archaeology prior to non-indigenous occupation but may include 'contact' sites.
Interpretation	All the ways of presenting the cultural significance of a place.
Item	A place, building, work, relic, moveable object, conservation area or precinct as defined in the <i>Heritage Act 1977</i> . In the context of local heritage, an item may include (but is not limited to) those listed on the local environmental plan (LEP), those located within or near a heritage conservation area or those (unlisted or listed) that contribute to the heritage significance of the region.
Maintenance	the continuous protective care of the fabric and setting of a place, and is to be distinguished from repair.
Moveable heritage	A moveable object that is not a relic.
Post-contact	A term used to refer to study archaeological sites dating after European occupation in 1788.
Place	Site, area, land, landscape, building or other work, group of buildings or other works, and may include components, contents, spaces and views.
Preservation	Maintaining the fabric of a place in its existing state and retarding deterioration.
Reconstruction	Returning the place to a known earlier state and is distinguished from restoration by the introduction of new material into the fabric.
Related place	A place that contributes to the cultural significance of another place.
Relic	Any deposit, artefact, object or material evidence that is of State or local heritage significance.
Repair	Involves restoration or reconstruction.
Restoration	Returning the existing fabric of a place to a known earlier state by removing accretions or by reassembling existing components without the introduction of new material.
Setting	The area around a place, which may include the visual catchment.
State Heritage Inventory (SHI)	An online database containing heritage items and conservation areas on statutory lists in NSW. This includes the State Heritage Register and local government items.
State Heritage Register (SHR)	The NSW State Heritage Register. A list of places and items of importance to the people of New South Wales. Only places of state heritage significance are listed on the SHR. The SHR protects these items and their significance.
Use	The functions of a place, as well as the activities and practices that may occur at the place.

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