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**Maker / Builder:**  
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**Year Completed:**  
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**Further Comments:**
**Item Name:** NEW ENGLAND NATIONAL PARK  
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Item Name: GAP BEACH ROAD CEMETERY
Location: GAP BEACH ROAD, ARAKOON [Kempsey]

Address: GAP BEACH ROAD
Suburb / Nearest Town: ARAKOON
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Statement of Significance:
Gap Beach Road cemetery is an important historic site. It is significant in that a prisoner from the early penitentiary at Trial Bay Gaol is buried there.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
The Cemetery is now unrecognisable along Arakoon Road near gap beach turnoff. The cemetery was in use in 1891 as Michael Durning’s headstone attests. This cemetery was marked on Ernst Herborn’s road survey map of 1881. A resident now deceased, Eliza Robinson remembered that some prisoners and a warder’s wife were buried there. During the 1980s the headstones were gathered by a well meaning resident and taken to the depot at Kempsey Council for sake keeping. This proved to be an unwise decision because the stones have been lost and so has part Kempsey’s history.

Physical Condition: Derelict and overgrown

Modification Dates:

Owner: Local Government
Admin Codes:

Curtilage/Boundary:

Other/Former Names:

Assessed Significance:

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Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument  List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments: If any work were to be carried out in this cemetery it would be advisable to use hand tools and not heavy machinery. The few remaining headstones could be restored and markers erected to recognize any history, which is available. A route into the cemetery would need to be made from Arakoon Road so as not to trespass on neighbouring properties.

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**Statement of Significance:**

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

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**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

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**Further Comments:**
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Location: 47 GLADSTONE STREET, ARAKOON [Kempsey]

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 10/08/2005  
Date Updated: 15/09/2005  
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Item Name: OVERSHOT DAM
Location: LITTLE BAY, ARAKOON [Kempsey]

Address: LITTLE BAY
Suburb / Nearest Town: ARAKOON
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW
Other/Former Names: the Duck Pond

Current Use: NPWS as a wildlife refuge
Former Uses: As a water supply for Trial Bay Gaol and Arakoon Village

Statement of Significance:
The Overshot Dam is a site of considerable historic significance. The dam is an example of engineering feat which provided water to the prison at Trial Bay Gaol in the late nineteenth century and in later years to Arakoon village. The original construction is still partly visible.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
In 1884 John Lawson signed the contract to construct a dam which would provide water for the prison at Trial bay. The contract called for iron bark piles and walling boards with clay puddle and ballast with a two railing fence and pipes laid to the prison. It was erected above the present day picnic ground at little bay. In later yearsd the dam also provided a permanent water supply for residents of Arakoon.
Dr. J H Kerr states that at some later date a drain was built at the base of the step slope to the south and west of the dam which directed the water from the catchment back to the dam.

Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder: J. Lawson
Year Started: 1884

Physical Description:
The dam is a natural landscape which has been developed into a park and picnic ground. The area is very popular with visitors and local people. The dam is on the original site of construction in 1884. The dam is no longer used as a water supply but is now a refuge for birdlike , mostly ducks, which explains the name Duck Pond given to it by local people. The definition of an overshot dam is a structure which has a spillway designed to overflow rather than spill over.

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LITTLE BAY, ARAKoon [Kempsey]

Physical Condition: In fair condition

Modification Dates: The dam has been modified by directing the overflow down a spillway on the eastern side, discharging over the cliff.

Recommended Management:
- Statutory Instrument
- List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
- Statutory Instrument
- Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments:
A study undertaken in 1982 by Jackson Teece Chesterman Willis and Partners Pty. Ltd, in association with Dr. J S Kerr, advised that it would be desirable to re-convert the dam to an overshot dam and that the erosion be repaired. Maintenance on the dam needs to be continually up-dated.

Criteria a)
The Overshot Dam is associated with the establishment of Trial Bay Gaol. It was a piece of infrastructure i.e. water supply which was built in readiness for the occupation of the gaol.

Criteria b)

Criteria c)
The Overshot Dam was an early technical achievement in that it took advantage of a natural catchments area and piped water to the gaol. The dam itself was designed in 1884 and local contractors laid the pipes. The competency of the work on the pipeline is demonstrated by the length of time it was in use and the success of the water supply.

Criteria d)

Criteria e)
The site has some potential to yield some architectural information relating to the site such as the type of material used in the dam and the pipes.

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness:
The original structure has not been greatly altered. A concrete wall has been raised but the pipeline is still visible.

References:
- Author: Caroline Carey
  - Title: Tales of Trial Bay
- Re: Jackson Teece Chesterman Willis with Dr. J. H. Kerr
  - Title: Trial Bay Gaol Study for National parks and Wildlife Service

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Date: 14/06/2006

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Item Name: OVERSHOT DAM
Location: LITTLE BAY, ARAKoon [Kempsey]

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 10/05/2005  Date Updated: 16/09/2005  Status: Basic

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Item Name: SIGNAL STATION AND FLAGSTAFF
Location: POINT BRINER, ARAKOON [Kempsey]

Address: POINT BRINER
Suburb / Nearest Town: ARAKOON
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

State Heritage Inventory

Current Use: Used as maritime study and a tourist attraction. The station is included in an historic walk around South West Rocks.

Former Uses: Used as a signal station to advise ships about the conditions regarding the bar at the mouth of the river.

Statement of Significance: The Signal Station and Flagstaff are part of the group which represents the end of a process of changing means of entry to the Macleay River Estuary which was opened up for Coastal shipping in the 1860's. The station’s presence demonstrates a continuing recognition of the importance of the coastal trade in economic development of the Macleay River district.

Historical Notes or Provenance: The flagstaff and signal station were erected at the same time as the residences. It has not been ascertained as to the builder but the description in the Macleay Argus newspaper of 1902 notes,* the flagstaff and signal station are situated below the buildings on the northern point and the workmanship is beyond dispute. The mast is set in solid concrete and the lower stick is a fine hardwood pole turned in Sydney. The necessary stays, halyards etc are provided. Attached is a little hut used as a flag locker and look-out. This small building is set in cement and roofed with red tiles. The place is fitted with lockers for the flags. There are windows and copper flaps as rests for the telescopes on three sides’. Unfortunately the flags have been lost although stored at the Council Chambers for some years. The signals are in the Maritime Museum in Cottage no 1.

Assessed Significance: Endorsed Significance: None

Item Type: Built
Group: Transport - Water
Category: Signal Stations
Owner: Local Government
Admin Codes: 5582

Curtilage/Boundary: Caravan Park/Beach

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Other/Former Names: none

Statement of Significance: The Signal Station and Flagstaff are part of the group which represents the end of a process of changing means of entry to the Macleay River Estuary which was opened up for Coastal shipping in the 1860's. The station’s presence demonstrates a continuing recognition of the importance of the coastal trade in economic development of the Macleay River district.

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Themes: National Theme State Theme Local Theme
3. Economy Transport Transport / Communication

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Item Name: SIGNAL STATION AND FLAGSTAFF
Location: POINT BRINER, ARAKOON [Kempsey]

Designer: Department of Navigation
Maker / Builder: C B Smith
Year Started: 1901 Year Completed: 1902 Circa: No

Physical Description: The same as in history statement.
Physical Condition: Dilapidated condition but principally intact. Work to strengthen the flagstaff in the last ten years
Modification Dates: There is evidence that at some time alterations may have been made to the observation points. Date not known. Walls show that an extra window may have been added after original signal station was built.

Recommended Management:
Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
Statutory Instrument Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments: Recommended Management: A draft survey has been carried out by Kempsey Shire Council.

Criteria a) The Signal Station is associated with early navigational history on the north coast. It is an integral part of the development of the region when shipping was the main means of transport and up until coastal transport between Kempsey and Sydney ended in 1954.

Criteria b)

Criteria c) The Flagstaff and Signal Station on Point Briner are in keeping with the origins of South West Rocks when it was a maritime village. Visually the items form part of the seascape and are a reminder of the ‘legend of the sea’.

Criteria d) The flagstaff and signal station is highly significant to the community’s sense of place.

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g) The flagstaff and signal station are part of a group of maritime building designs of the nineteenth century and which were associated with every Pilot Station on the coast of Australia. It is rare to see so many of the buildings in this better state of preservation.

Integrity / Intactness: The Station and Flagstaff have not been significantly altered since they were erected. Repairs and restoration must have been carried out regularly and in 1997 the flagpole was tested for soundness and repairs carried out. The fence around the station is in need of
Item Name: SIGNAL STATION AND FLAGSTAFF
Location: POINT BRINER, ARAKOON [Kempsey]

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Author:
Title: Article published May 31, 1902.
Year: 1902

Author:
Title: Browse Around South West Rocks (a walk produced by Kempsey Shire Council)

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Item Name: TRIAL BAY GAOL AND GERMAN GRAVES
Location: TRIAL BAY ACCESS RD, ARAKOON [Kempsey]

Address: TRIAL BAY ACCESS RD
Suburb / Nearest Town: ARAKOON 2431
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Owner: National Parks & Wildlife Service

Item Type: Built
Group: Law Enforcement
Category: Gaol/Lock-up

Admin Codes: Code 2: Code 3:

Current Use: Tourist Resort and Interpretive Centre Museum
Former Uses: Penitentiary and German Internment Camp WW1

Assessed Significance:
Statement of Significance: The gaol is one of the best known historic sites in NSW. The former gaol occupies a unique place in Australian heritage. The site holds special qualities for Aboriginals as a centre for group activities even before the gaol was built. It was an attempt at prison reform by having inmates work on a public works project. Significant as a part of WW1 history when the building served as an internment camp for German citizens.

The German Monument represents the sentiments of German Internees who wished to honour their fellow men who had died whilst internees in the traditional manner of a burial ground and headstone. It would be some solace to the families to know that these men had a mark of recognition in the country in which they died.

Historical Notes or Provenance: Trial Bay Gaol was intended to serve two purposes, first the construction of a breakwall to create a "harbour of refuge" for ships plying the NSW coast and secondly the encouragement of reform by having prisoners labour on a public works project before their release. The enterprise failed as the breakwall was constantly washed away and Trial Bay silted up. The gaol closed as a penitentiary in 1903.

During WW1 the gaol was opened as a German internment camp. The extensive photographic and oral history archive dating from that period, is one of the richest and most important collections of its type in NSW. The gaol closed in 1917 and the buildings dismantled in 1922 leaving the ruin that now is so interesting to visitors to the area.

The Monument was built by the internees at Trial Bay to honour their companions who died...
TRIAL BAY GAOL AND GERMAN GRAVES

Location: TRIAL BAY ACCESS RD, ARAKOON [Kempsey]

During the term of interment. Although four names are inscribed on the monument, two people died elsewhere during this time. Although permission was given by the defense authorities it had been stipulated that the structure was not to be of a conspicuous nature as to be visible at any great distance.

From the moment of its erection protests came from the Chamber of Commerce, the Macleay branch of returned Soldiers and Sailors League and from numerous public platforms. In 1919 in a wave of local patriotism, the monument was blown up by people unknown. This was at a time when sentiment was riding high when families were grieving for the loss of sons or welcoming them home with relief.

The rubble lay there until 1960 when the monument was restored. This was funded by the German Consulate and the cooperation of the Macleay Shire Council and the Kempsey Rotary Club.

The monument is now maintained by the National Parks and Wildlife and is expertly signposted. It is easily accessed by a walking track.

Themes:

Designer: Department of Public Works
Maker / Builder: Public Works Department employed local builders John and George Lawson.

Year Started: 1877 Year Completed: 1886 Circa: No

Physical Description: Large penitentiary built of grey granite quarried on site but now without a roof, standing on Laggers Point, named after the use of the land for holding prisoners, who in slang are termed "laggers". Building consists of a hexagonal walled compound in places more than 5.5m high. Other buildings are attached inside the gaol walls. Two main cell blocks are arranged radially from main entrance. Begun in 1877 to house criminals constructing a break water for the bay. The Trial Bay Gaol housed German internees during World War II (1915-1918). The internees were shipped from Holdsworthy Army Base in 1915. They were all male with professional careers, such as Doctors and business men. The internees were not locked up during the day but allowed to roam outside the prison walls. The internees were shipped back to Holdsworthy Army Base after officials received a rumour that a German raider boat was off the coast and was planning to rescue the inmates. The Gaol was officially closed in 1922 and all removable parts sold.

The monument is an obelisk built in 1918 from the granite quarried nearby. The stone is the same as that which was used to build Trial Bay Gaol. Only two people are actually buried beneath the cairn, Conrad Peter (1877-1917) and Herman I W Adam (1879-1915).

Physical Condition: For Gaol: Part of the building ie main walls remain with some of the cells.
For monument: very good condition.

Modification Dates: For monument: Walking platform and interpretive signs erected.
Item Name: **TRIAL BAY GAOL AND GERMAN GRAVES**  
Location: **TRIAL BAY ACCESS RD, ARAKOON [Kempsey]**

**Recommended Management:** Currently LEP & RNE for Gaol ONLY, add LEP & RNE for graves/ monument.

**Further Comments:** A Conservation management plan has been prepared to decide on the best uses for the gaol and the site. The Kempsey Shire Council Heritage Consultant concluded in its report on the monument; "this structure should be heritage listed, although the National Parks and Wildlife Services are custodians of the Park and it is essential that this monument be listed as a widely known heritage item.

**Criteria a)** Trial Bay Gaol is the only gaol prison in Australia built specifically to house prisoners engaged in public works. The construction of the breakwater in Trial Bay was a major project that not only determined the location of the gaol but which represented a step in the development of the north coast and the coastal shipping industry. It is important to the local Aboriginal Community for its long history as a centre as a meeting place.

**Criteria b)** The monument has a special association with the life of the group of internees who were endeavoring to give their companions a lasting tribute and to signify their deaths. As these men were not buried in a conventional cemetery for whatever reason, it was considered fitting to erect a headstone on this lonely grave.

**Criteria c)** Trial Bay Gaol and its site is located on a peninsula above a sweep of Trial Bay. It has high natural attractions.

**Criteria d)** Trial bay gaol has a social significance for descendants of German internees of WW1 and for guards, soldiers and staff who worked there during its two main periods of use. It has a great attraction for visitors to the area.

**Criteria e)** There is a great potential for research and archaeological information relating to the previous use of the site and building.

**Criteria f)** Trial Bay Gaol is a massive example of public works architecture using local stone from the granite quarry nearby. The monument possesses a rare aspect of cultural history in that it is a unique structure in the form of "lonely grave".

**Criteria g)**

**Integrity / Intactness:** Whilst many of the buildings have been demolished and the houses moved to other places, there is enough of the main structure to show the massive stone walls and the plan of the prison.

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**Statement of Significance:**
The former public school building at Austral Eden represents the educational needs of the early twentieth century. This school relieved the "anxiety attendant" of little children having to cross the river in a small boat to attend school. The building is typical of the small schools of its day.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**
In 1902 an application was made for the erection of a school at Austral Eden. However there was a dispute over the site. In 1918 a public meeting was held at David Avery’s house. The department was advised that there were 43 children “waiting to be provided with a school and that David Avery and George Jeffery had kindly offered land at the valuation price. The department purchased this two-acre site on the boundary of farms 31 and 32. Tenders were called in 1920 and it was anticipated that there would be an enrolment of 25-30 children at the “seminary”. The school opened in September 1920. The building was weatherboard with an iron roof, had one main room two verandahs and a small storage room. The school closed in 1963. The building is still on the site at 336 Inner Road and is now a private residence.

**Physical Description:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:** 1920  
**Year Completed:** 1920  
**Circa:** No
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**Item Name:** AUSTRAL EDEN SCHOOL  
**Location:** 336 INNER ROAD, AUSTRAL EDEN [Kempsey]

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**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

Recommended Management:

Management:

**Further Comments:**

**Criteria a)** The former public school at Austral Eden is the only building left to represent the locality as it was as an early farming area.

**Criteria b)**

**Criteria c)**

**Criteria d)** The former public school at Austral Eden has a strong social association with many families of former residents who gained their education in this building.

**Criteria e)**

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Location: 336 INNER ROAD, AUSTRAL EDEN  [Kempsey]

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- **Current Use:** Former Uses

**Statement of Significance:**

Listed in the Australian East Coast Temperate and Subtropical Rainforest Parks World Heritage Listing. The sites support a diverse fauna and offer many opportunities to appreciate the landscape, including extensive vistas from Mount Banda Banda. The Cool temperate rainforests are outstanding. This region has a major part of the total area of NOTHOFAGUS, with its best development in height and a canopy structure in Werrikimbe National Park and Banda Banda Flora Reserve.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:** Year Completed: Circa: No

**Curtilage/Boundary:**

1,400ha, 28km north-west of Bellangry and 40km west-south-west of Kempsey.

**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:** 017863

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**Banda Banda Flora Reserve**

**Location:** Banda Rd, Bellangry [Hastings]

**Physical Description:** The reserve is in a block of rugged country and has the highest peak in the region. Flora: The large stand of NOTHOFAGUS is particularly variable, ranging from patches of virtually pure NOTHOFAGUS to areas with few NOTHOFAGUS and numerous SLOANEA. In some gullies on the steep, warm and relatively dry north-facing slopes there are limited occurrences of rainforest, with a mixture of subtropical and dry rainforest species. Examples of the drier form of blackbutt communities are found at lower altitudes on the northern slopes, as well as good examples of dry sclerophyll communities. Fauna the rufous scrub bird (ATRICHORNIS RUFESCENS) has one of its major strongholds in the NOTHOFAGUS forests.

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:**

**Further Comments:**

- Criteria a)
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**Statement of Significance:**
Bellbrook Cemetery holds a rich history of the people and the land. Grave markers provide information both personal and local history about the village which could not be found elsewhere in the same combination. Family members have chosen to be buried in this ground showing forbears and descendants, which gives continuous family history.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**
Bellbrook Cemetery’s earliest burial is for Ann Caffery 1894. Unfortunately some of the early graves have not been marked with headstones and the history of these burials is lost. It is known that a young teacher, Miss Jack, was buried here in early twentieth century. She was the teacher at Nulla Creek Aboriginal School and died following a fall from her horse. There is no history of this girl except an oral history from Mrs Dorothy Rigby who remembered the accident. The status of the cemetery is open and there are 120 burials. In 2004 each headstone was photographed.

**Physical Condition:**
The cemetery is fenced and is kept in good condition.

**Modification Dates:**
Year Started:   Year Completed:   Circa:   No

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**Item Name:** BELLBROOK CEMETERY  
**Location:** OFF ARMIDALE RD, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:** Statutory Instrument  
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:**

- **Criteria a)**
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Location: OFF ARMIDALE RD, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

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**Item Name:** BELLBROOK CONSERVATION AREA  
**Location:** BELLBROOK [Kempsey]  

Saw the demise of the hamlet of Uralgurra (formerly Merriwa), a few kilometres east. This community, owned by the Davis family, had a hotel, saddlery, post office, blacksmith, store, school, police station, race track and other establishments. The store eventually moved to Bellbrook. The village atmosphere of the late 19th, early 20th century community was retained.

Bellbrook was created as a village to service maize, pig and small-crop farmers as well as large landholders who had historic association with the Upper Macleay as graziers. Timber - particularly cedar - was also a major industry, becoming more important as the cedar cutters moved inland after coastal stock was cut out. Bellbrook remained a vital staging post between Kempsey and Armidale through the days of coaching bullock teams, losing its impetus only after World War II when motorised transport and better roading improved access to Kempsey (in the east) and Armidale (in the west).

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:** 1890  
**Year Completed:** Circa: No

**Physical Description:** Bellbrook is a very small town on the Macleay River between Kempsey and Armidale. Its origins date to the introduction of timber cutting in the area in the late nineteenth century whilst it was at one time of some importance as a stopping place on the road to Armidale. The town is very pleasantly situated on undulating slopes rising from the river with magnificent views into the valley and hills beyond. The form of the town provides a very good example of an Australian ‘town in a landscape’, with a most interesting serpentine main street sloping gently over the whole length. It has many well maintained trees including some street trees which merge in the most pleasant way with the surrounding landscape. The whole of the present main street appears to date from around 1900 to the very early 1920s, with the traditional architectural forms of that period, most of the architecture being in wood. Of particular mention are the Bellbrook Hotel with its visual counterpart opposite in the form of an old house/shop. There are virtually no disruptive features with the possible exception of one modern red brick house reasonably hidden.  

**Building Material:** timber (mainly)

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:**

**Further Comments:** This village has been classified by the National Trust. It is listed as a conservation area in Kempsey Shire Council’s Local Environment Plan.

Bellbrook Urban Conservation Area: The Area Enclosed By The Northern Macleay River
**Kempsey Heritage Inventory**

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**Location:** BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

Frontage, The East And North Boundary Of The Public Reserve, West Street, Oreen Street, Ford Street, Nulla Nulla Street And East Street But Including The Properties On The East Side Of East Street That Are On Either Side Of The Intersection With Main Street And Including The Surface Area Of All Streets Mentioned.

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| Location: | BELLBROOK [Kempsey] |

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**Data Entry:**
- **Date First Entered:** 03/05/1999
- **Date Updated:** 09/08/2005
- **Status:** Partial
Item Name: BELLBROOK HOTEL
Location: 10-12 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

Address: 10-12 MAIN STREET  
Suburb / Nearest Town: BELLBROOK 2440  
Local Govt Area: Kempsey  
State: NSW  

DUAP Region: Northern  
Historic region: North Coast  
Parish: Nulla Nulla  
County: Dudley

Statement of Significance:
The Bellbrook Hotel was for many years the only hotel on the Main Road between Willawarrin and Armidale. Its low set homestead style form is characteristic of early 20th century rural architecture. It is a significant and intact building in a near coastal rural hamlet and which is still performing in its original role. It always has been and still is a social focal point for residents in the district and has in recent years attracted many tourists and visitors. (Dwyer 1998)

Historical Notes or Provenance:
Bellbrook Hotel was built in 1913, following the demise of the hamlet of Uralgurra, six kilometers south of Bellbrook. A stopover was considered more appropriate at Bellbrook where a telegraph station and post office were already operating.

George Davis transferred his licence from Uralgurra and installed his brother A J (Ap) Davis as the licensee. The builder was R Furnifull of Kempsey and the building was ‘furnished and fitted with costly fancy woodwork’. Macleay Argus Newspaper October 17th 1913.

The Macleay Chronicle Newspaper (October 1st 1913) was also complimentary in its description of the new building. This was the first and only hotel in Bellbrook and the only hotel, then, between Willawarrin and Hillgrove in the New England Tableland.

The hotel compliments the landscape of the village - it is build of local timber milled nearby and erected on the river bank exemplifying the importance of locating a public building of its era close to a water source necessary for a large domestic water supply. It has been constant use as a hotel since it was built.
The original licensee Mr. A J Davies and his wife collected photographs of local personnel who had enlisted in the first world war and displayed them in a case made of cedar timber in the hallway of the hotel. This idea was repeated in the Second World War and now two handsome cedar cases are fastened to the wall. This small gallery of memorabilia brings visitors to the township to look at photographs of family members. There is also an extra cabinet with Australia Remembers on it. It was erected to commemorate "Australia Remembers" in 1995.

The town was listed by the National Trust in the 1970s. A film was made of the town and the hotel featured prominently in this in 1973. The film was directed by a student from the Australian film television and radio school, Robyn Murphy.

Macleay River Historical Society published a journal in 1985 featuring Bellbrook in which mention was made of the hotel. The story was written by the late Jack Rossiter who lived near Bellbrook for over eighty years.

One of the celebrities of the village was Tommy Woodcock, trainer of the famous race horse Phar Lap. He was the nephew of the original licensee.

Gordon Fitzpatrick (Slim Dusty) the celebrated country music singer lived in the district from the early 1930's.

Residents and local people agree that the hotel is more than a drinking place it is a meeting place for visitors and a convenient place to stop for a pleasant meal. It is agreed that the way in which the hotel is operated reflects the tone of the village. Coach tours have in recent years taken in the hotel as a place to show their tourists. (Crawford 1998)

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Designer: Unknown  
Maker / Builder: R Furnifull  
Year Started: Year Completed: 1913 Circa: No

Physical Description: The item comprises a single storey timber/weatherboard building approximately in the shape of an U. It features a corrugated iron roof and traditional verandahs and posts around most of the inner and outer edge of the U. The building stands mainly on timber piers. The inside of the building is adapted to the public/saloon bar and dining room functions with the remainder utilised primarily for the accommodation of the licensees and storage. Many of the original timber fittings including red cedar still exist within the hotel. (Dwyer 1998)

Physical Condition: The physical condition of the original parts of the building range from fair to poor. (Dwyer 1998)
**Item Name:** BELLBROOK HOTEL  
**Location:** 10-12 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

Some cedar fittings and furniture, including a rough-hewn table, are over 100 years old.

**Modification Dates:** Much of the structure remains largely unmodified. In 1985 part of the rear verandah was ‘filled in’ to extend the pool table area adjacent to the saloon bar. The kitchen and sitting rooms were also relocated to the front part of the building. Some internal walls and partitions were also relocated in 1985. Unsympathetic features and modifications include - box line guttering on the verandah roof and the erection of an above awning Tooheys Draught sign. (Dwyer 1998)

Further alterations have been made in recent years.

**Recommended Management:** That a conservation plan/study of the building and its context be carried out. That the owner be encouraged to undertake additional works to repair/restore the building in accordance with any guidelines emanating from the above. (Dwyer 1998)

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**Further Comments:** Unfortunately little useful detailed information appears to exist. (Dwyer 1998)

The hotel is the last until Armidale.

**Criteria a)** At the time of its construction in 1913 the Bellbrook Hotel was the only hotel between Willawarrin and Hillgrove. (Dwyer 1998)

**Criteria b)**

**Criteria c)** The hotel addresses and fronts the main Kempsey to Armidale road. It is a low set building very much resembling a traditional rural homestead featuring verandahs almost on all sides of the building. It is considered to be representative of early 20th rural architecture. (Dwyer 1998)

**Criteria d)** The hotel is socially significant as it is a now the only licensed hotel on the road between Armidale and Willawarrin. It always has been and still is the focus of social gatherings in the district as well as being a stop off point for travelers. It houses memorabilia from WWI and WWII in 3 handsome red cedar cases. (Dwyer 1998)

**Criteria e)**

**Criteria f)** Considered to be rare as it is one of the few hotel buildings of its style in a near coastal context and still functioning in its original role. (Dwyer 1998)

**Criteria g)** Relatively representative as a low - key, hamlet-scale public building that is both in original condition and currently operational. (Dwyer 1998)

**Integrity / Intactness:** Original and intact condition, although there is a fair degree of deterioration and evidence of unsympathetic alteration. (Dwyer 1998)
Item Name: **BELLBROOK HOTEL**

Location: **10-12 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]**

Billie Crawford  
Notes from Macleay River Historical Society  
1998

Macleay River Historical Society  
Journal  
1985

Newspaper Macleay Chronicle  
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Robyn Murphy (Director)  
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Terry Dwyer  
NSW State Heritage Inventory Form  
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# Kempsey Heritage Inventory

## Item Name: BELLBROOK PARK
### Location: 54-94 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

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### Statement of Significance:
Bellbrook Park is a tribute to members of the Bellbrook Country Women’s Association who in the 1950s saw the need for a grass area in the town. The park is a feature of the town and is significant as a community project in that the District Lion’s Club assisted in preparing the grounds.

### Historical Notes or Provenance:
Since Bellbrook Country Women’s Association closed Kempsey Shire Council have taken over the management of the park. West Kempsey Rotary Club has erected a heritage sign beside the park outlining the history of the village.

### Assessed Significance:

### Endorsed Significance:

- **Item Type:** Landscape
- **Group:** Parks, Gardens and **Category:** Urban Park
- **Owner:** Local Government
- **Admin Codes:** 8937

### Recommended Management:
That an LEP be placed on the park and the area be retained for community use. A sign showing the significance of the CWA influence in the village and the reason for the park being created is recommended.

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Item Name: BELLBROOK PARK
Location: 54-94 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

Management: Statutory Instrument
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:
Criteria a)
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Integrity / Intactness:

References:
Author:
Citizens of Bellbrook.
CWA notes.

Studies:

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Item Name: BELLBROOK PARK
Location: 54-94 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

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Date First Entered: 05/05/2005
Status: Basic

Date Updated: 16/09/2005

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**Kempsey Heritage Inventory**

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**Location:** 24-30 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

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**Statement of Significance:**
The Police Station at Bellbrook signifies the village as a centre for administration. The station is the only police presence between Kempsey and Armidale. This Police Station was built later than most of the buildings but the style is in keeping with the streetscape. The timber fence has been retained.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**
Bellbrook Police Station was built in 1922 to replace an old structure. Until 1964 the police constable was mounted and patrolled a vast region in what is now known as the Kunderang National park and the Nulla Creek area. The last mounted constable was Stewart Thompson. Court sittings were held in the office and presided over by a Magistrate. The court hearings closed in 1974.

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:** 1921  
**Year Completed:**  
**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**
Item Name: BELLBROOK POLICE STATION
Location: 24-30 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

Recommended Management:
Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:
Criteria a) There has been a police presence in Bellbrook since 1892. The police station is a reminder of the importance of Bellbrook as an administrative centre.
Criteria b)
Criteria c)
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Integrity / Intactness:

References: Author Title Year
Police Records.
MRHS files.
Jack Rossiter's Notes.

Studies:

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Location: 24-30 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 28/10/2004  Date Updated: 16/09/2005  Status: Basic
Item Name: **BELLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
Location: **32-40 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]**

**Address:** 32-40 MAIN STREET  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** BELLBROOK 2440  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW  
**DUAP Region:** Northern  
**Historic region:** North Coast  
**Parish:** Nulla Nulla  
**County:** Dudley

**Statement of Significance:** Bellbrook School is part of the growth of the village. The school touched the history of other small schools in the district and was a part time school with Pee Dee (Gap Creek) School. Bellbrook School has been noted for its good school tone and acts as a starting place for social effort.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** The first school was built in 1883. The present school building was erected in 1925. As student numbers rose additional classrooms have been placed in the grounds. The school was one of many small schools in the district but only Bellbrook and Millbank have survived. The lower division was housed in the School of Arts until the Carcolla school building was moved to Bellbrook School in 1970 to accommodate these classes. The school has been in operation for over a hundred years. Prior to 1960s, students who sought high school education followed Correspondence courses and were supervised by the teacher. A double-decked bus then began running from the upper-Macleay to Kempsey High School.

**Owner:** Department of Education and Training  
**Admin Codes:** 8939  
**Current Use:** Former Uses:

**Assessed Significance:** Bellbrook School is part of the growth of the village. The school touched the history of other small schools in the district and was a part time school with Pee Dee (Gap Creek) School. Bellbrook School has been noted for its good school tone and acts as a starting place for social effort.

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Physical Description:** In good order. Murals have been painted on the exterior walls by Gordon Rossitter and the students. These murals are peeling and need to be repaired.
Item Name: BELLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL
Location: 32-40 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

Modification Dates: Modification dates 1926 onwards

Recommended Management: Statutory Instrument
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:

Criteria a) Bellbrook School is important in the history of the village. The school has a strong link with many of the residents. The town is proud of the school and its contribution to education.

Criteria b)

Criteria c)

Criteria d) The school plays a large part in the social life of the village during celebrations. The Aboriginal children in the community attend school and interact with social activities

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness:

References:

Author
Bellbrook School Centenary 1883-1983
Notes by Jack Rossitter

Title Year

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Item Name: **BELLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Location: **32-40 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]**

Data Entry: Date First Entered: 28/10/2004

Date Updated: 16/09/2005

Status: Basic
**Item Name:** GOWERS STORE  
**Location:** MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

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**Statement of Significance:**
The continual growth of the town of Bellbrook led to the building of a third store. The store is an example of early recycling in that it had been moved from the town of Uralgurra by local tradesmen. Bill Gower managed the store with his wife Nell and they were both well known in Bellbrook for their generous deeds in the town. The bargeboard still had on it the name Henry Davis until it was painted out in recent years.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**
The old store was originally the general store at Uralgurra 6kms east of Bellbrook. After the decline of the hamlet at Uralgurra, Jack Scott purchased the store in 1920 and the materials were transported to Bellbrook and the store erected by Percy Landers. The store was "general" in every way: grocery, ironmongery, drapery and stock feed. The Uralgurra School was also moved to Bellbrook and attached to the store as a storeroom and kitchen. Timber posts now with trim supporting the skillion replaced the originals in recent years. The six pane windows are originals. The store is now an art and craft centre.
GOWERS STORE

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates: A modern kitchen has been installed in the rear of the store and a small residence has been added to cater for the needs of the owner when they stay at the store. The renovations have been sympathetically carried out.

Recommended Management: Statutory Instrument

Management: List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:

Criteria a) The store is historically important as a building, which has been part of the story of two towns. Henry Gower planned the town of Uralgurra and it became a centre of commerce and the sporting life of the up-river people. The store is a focal point in the town and acknowledged by the National Trust.

Criteria b)

Criteria c)

Criteria d) The store has a special association with the town and the community. After being closed and then used as a residence it has once again been revived to provide a small gallery for the local people and an attraction for visitors.

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness:

References:

Author: Patricia Riggs notes.

Title: Jack Rossitter’s notes

Year: MRHS files.

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Parcels: Parcel Code LotNumber Section Plan Code Plan Number

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**Item Name:** Long Gully Area

**Location:** Bellbrook [Kempsey]

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**Aboriginal Area:**

**Curtillage/Boundary:** About 90ha, 2.5km north of Bellbrook, comprising Portions 30 and 31, Parish of Nulla Nulla.

**Item Type:** Archaeological-Terrestrial

**Owner:**

Admin Codes: 003488

**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

**Assessed Significance:**

Statement of Significance:

This site is known as the passing out ground for initiates of the Thungetti tribe. It is one of several initiation grounds in the Bellbrook area where different stages of the Bora ceremony took place. As such, it is still highly sacred to the Aboriginal elders residing at Bellbrook Mission, and is considered to be one of the most important of the initiation sites in the area.

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**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

Year Started: Circa: No

**Year Completed:**

**Physical Description:**

The initiation ground does not have any artificial structures. It is a roughly circular area of flat ground, some 60m in diameter situated in a bend of the Long Gully Creek which forms its northern and eastern boundaries. There are no trees on the site except for five tall old red gums equally spaced around its perimeter. There is no carving or scarring on any of these trees.

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Item Name: Long Gully Area
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**MACCARNEYS POLICE STATION**

**Location:** 31 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

**Address:** 31 MAIN STREET

**Suburb / Nearest Town:** BELLBROOK 2440

**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey

**State:** NSW

**State Heritage Inventory**

**Current Use:** Residence

**Former Uses:** Police Station

**Statement of Significance:**
The first Police Station and Court House in the village. The building represents the importance of Bellbrook as a centre of administration with regular court sittings. The cells in the yard are built of slab timbers were part of the station and are the only example of this mode of architecture in the village.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**
The Police Station was built by William McCarney and leased to the Police Department in 1892. Court sittings were held regularly and presided over by a Magistrate. The first Constable was a mounted Policeman, Constable Wright, who had been transferred from Uralgurra. This Police Station was in use until 1922.

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:** Wm McCarney

**Year Started:** 1890  **Year Completed:** Circa: No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**State Heritage Inventory**

Date: 14/06/2006

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Item Name: MACCARNEYS POLICE STATION
Location: 31 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

Management: Statutory Instrument  List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:

Criteria a) The former police station and Court House are significant for their importance in the development of the upper-Macleay. The village was acknowledged as an administration centre and the only Police Station between Kempsey and Georges Creek.

Criteria b)

Criteria c)

Criteria d)

Criteria e) The former Police station has the potential to yield information, which will contribute to the history of law and order in the town and district.

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness:

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Location: 31 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

Data Entry: Date First Entered: 28/10/2004
Date Updated: 16/09/2005
Status: Basic
Item Name: MCMAUGHS BUTCHERY
Location: 37 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK  [Kempsey]

Address: 37 MAIN STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: BELLBROOK 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Current Use: No longer operating as butchery.
Former Uses: Butchery

Statement of Significance: The building was erected as a butchery in 1930s. It is an indication that the village was able to supply the essential needs of the community. A residence was built next to the shop. Both buildings are in harmony with the rest of the village resulting in a pleasant streetscape.

Historical Notes or Provenance: Roy Mcmaugh opened the butchery in 1930 complete with a private residence next to the shop. There had been a butchery in earlier years but this shop was a new and modern business for its time. The butcher delivered meat to up-river centres. Keith Forest bought the business in 1960s. It is now closed and the building and home are private residences. McMaugh had a slaughter yard a little distance from the village.

Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder:
Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:
Physical Condition:
Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:

Assessed Significance: The building was erected as a butchery in 1930s. It is an indication that the village was able to supply the essential needs of the community. A residence was built next to the shop. Both buildings are in harmony with the rest of the village resulting in a pleasant streetscape.

Endorsed Significance: The building was erected as a butchery in 1930s. It is an indication that the village was able to supply the essential needs of the community. A residence was built next to the shop. Both buildings are in harmony with the rest of the village resulting in a pleasant streetscape.
Item Name: **MCMAUGHS BUTCHERY**  
Location: **37 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]**

Management: Statutory Instrument  
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:**

**Criteria a)**  
The old butchery is historically significant as part of the economy and business history of Bellbrook the butchery showed the village was thriving centre before motor transport became popular.

**Criteria b)**

**Criteria c)**

**Criteria d)**

**Criteria e)**  
There is potential for more information to be gained by inspecting the premises and probing the ground. The old meat blocks and tools may still be stored in the building and would be interesting as heritage for the village.

**Criteria f)**

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**Integrity / Intactness:**

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**Item Name:** Mount Anderson Aboriginal Site  
**Location:** Bellbrook [Kempsey]

**Address:**  
Suburb / Nearest Town: Bellbrook 2440  
Local Govt Area: Kempsey  
State: NSW

**Aboriginal Area:**  
Curtillage/Boundary: Mount Anderson lies in the valley of the river Macleay, about 41km directly inland from South West Rocks. Area comprises portions 37 and 57, Parish Bellbrook, part Andersons state forest and part VCL Surrounding Andersons Sugarloaf.

**Curtilage/Boundary:**

**Item Type:** Archaeological-Terrestrial  
**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:** 003487  
**Current Use:**

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**  

**Physical Description:** Mount Anderson is a clearly visible landmark in the Bellbrook area, being the only mountain

**Statement of Significance:** Investigations have revealed Mount Anderson to be one of the most significant sites to Aboriginal people in the thungetti tribal area to which it is geographically central. It has probably stood for centuries as a landmark, although only the initiated know its secrets. The mountain is also sacred since several stages of initiation ceremonies were carried out here. It is especially important in this regard, since it was associated with some of the last initiations held in New South Wales. (The Commission is in the process of developing and/or upgrading official statements for places listed prior to 1991. The above data was mainly provided by the nominator and has not yet been revised by the Commission.)

**Theme:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**

**Year Completed:**

**Circa:** No

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**State Heritage Inventory**

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Mount Anderson Aboriginal Site

Bellbrook [Kempsey]

of its size in the vicinity. The mountain is over 850m high and is composed mainly of basalts. Its steep, rocky ridges, interspersed with deep creek gullies, give the mountain a rugged and inaccessible appearance in contrast to the gently rolling country at its foot.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:
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Further Comments:
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Location: Bellbrook [Kempsey]

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**Item Name:** OLD POST OFFICE  
**Location:** 17 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK  [Kempsey]

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**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW  
**Other/Former Names:**  

**Area/Group/Complex:** Group ID:  

**Aboriginal Area:**  

**Curtillage/Boundary:** Main Street (west side).  

**Item Type:** Built  
**Group:** Postal and Telecomm  
**Category:** Post Office  
**Owner:** Private - Individual  
**Admin Codes:** 8946  
**Current Use:**  
**Former Uses:**  

**Assessed Significance:**  
**Endorsed Significance:**  

**Statement of Significance:** Known as The Old Post Office the building is the first indication that Bellbrook was being laid out as a town. The original post office had been on the outskirts of the town area. The Old Post Office was a vital link in the life of the community in the late nineteenth century when mail and the telegraph were the only means of communication. The building is one of several in the village built by William McCarthy.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** The Old Post Office was built in 1895 Wm. McCarney. Previously the telegraph station was near Nulla Nulla Creek and away from the town, which was gazetted in 1892, the letter slot for posting letters is still evident in the wall. The Post Master was James Chapman Toose who held a position of respect in the district. He was sometimes called upon to read a burial service, to witness documents and in the absence of a medical person, to stitch a wound! Evidence of the relocation of the Toose family exists on one of the windows, "S V Toose, February 13, 1895" being scratched into the glass. The Bellbrook office was a telegraph line repairing station on the circuit from Kempsey to Armidale. The Post Office remained at this location until 1936.

**Themes:**  
**Designer:**  
**Maker / Builder:** Wm. McCarney  
**Year Started:** 1895  
**Year Completed:**  
**Circa:** No  
**Physical Description:**
Item Name: OLD POST OFFICE
Location: 17 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:

Criteria a) The Old post Office at 17 main street is significant as part of the expansion of the country village. Bellbrook was on the main route to Armidale and the Post Office was a vital link in communication.

Criteria b)

Criteria c)

Criteria d) The Old post Office is associated with the family name Toose. The family descendants are still represented in the district in 2005. The first Post Master, William Chapman Toose, was a respected citizen and a legend in the village.

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness:

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Item Name: OLD POST OFFICE
Location: 17 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 28/10/2004  Date Updated: 16/09/2005  Status: Basic
Item Name: OLD STORE / BAKERY
Location: 35 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

Address: 35 MAIN STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: BELLBROOK 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Current Use: Residence
Former Uses: Store / Bakery

Statement of Significance: The long timber building is significant in its ability to complement the other residences in Bellbrook although it was built more recently. The building represents the changing needs of the village since 1930. Its history reveals that it housed a store, post office and presently a doctor’s surgery.

Historical Notes or Provenance: One time Bellbrook Post office was erected in 1930 by Walter Conn and portion of the building was used as a general store by the Brassel family. In 1936 the post office was moved to this address. There was considerable controversy about this move but the approval was given by the District Postal Inspector. The post office furniture such as the pigeon holes which held the mail are still attached to the wall and now serve as medical storage for the doctor who uses the building as a surgery. Mrs Brassel ran the post office for over thirty years and became the recorder of river heights. She inspected the river levels at all hours and kept the telephone lines open in times of flood. She was awarded the BME in 1966 for service to the community. The post office was moved to Alan Davis’ Store in that year. The manual telephone exchange was closed in 1976 when the automatic exchange was installed.

Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:

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Item Name: OLD STORE / BAKERY
Location: 35 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument  List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments: Pat Bradley owned the bakery and some of the equipment is still intact.

Criteria a)
Criteria b)
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Item Name: OLD STORE / BAKERY
Location: 35 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

Date First Entered: 28/10/2004       Date Updated: 12/10/2005       Status: Basic
**Item Name:** RESIDENCE  
**Location:** 1-7 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

**Address:** 1-7 MAIN STREET  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** BELLBROOK 2440  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW

**Statement of Significance:**
This country style residence is a very attractive dwelling on the eastern approach to the village. The house stands in a large area of ground, which gives the impression of a distinguished homestead. Although the house was built later than some of the buildings in the village it is linked with the private town of Uralgurra founded by Henry Davis. This house was built by his son Dan Davis in 1910 after Uralgurra ceased as a town following the rise in popularity of Bellbrook.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**
The residence at the entrance to Bellbrook was built in 19010 by Dan Davis and Billy Dalziel as a residence for Dan Davis and his wife Eva nee Cheers. They had previously lived at a farm on the opposite side of the river from Uralgurra. The house is built of timber with high ceiling and a wide verandah on three sides. The hip roof is iron with bull nose style above the verandah. Although built as a residence, Mrs Davis took in boarders particularly the teachers in the district including the teacher at Nulla Creek Aboriginal School. The house was purchased by Jack and Anna McCarthy as a residence in 1935 and is now a private home.

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:** Dan Davis and Billy Dalziel

**Year Started:** 1910  
**Year Completed:** Circa: No

**Physical Description:**

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Location: 1-7 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:

Criteria a) The house has a historical background in that it was built as a residence for Dan Davis. Dan took over the mail run from Bellbrook to Comara on the Armidale run in 1913. He made local history by establishing the first motor service on the route, driving a "Brasier" open tourer.

Criteria b)

Criteria c) The residence is a splendid example of a family home in a country town. It was built of local timber and the builder was a local tradesman who left his mark on many of the houses in the district. The house provokes inquiries from visitors who remark on the attractiveness of the dwelling.

Criteria d)

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

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Author: Marie H. Neil
Title: Valley of the Macleay
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Item Name: RESIDENCE

Location: 23 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK  [Kempsey]

Address: 23 MAIN STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: BELLBROOK 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Current Use: Former Uses:
Statement of Significance: The residence at no 23 is significant as a house built by William McCarney who in late 1800s was responsible building most of the houses in Bellbrook. The structure is in keeping with the other buildings and the style contributes to the original streetscape.

Historical Notes or Provenance: No 23 was built by the entrepreneur of his day, William McCarney. The house was first occupied by the McCubbin family. It was later a teacher's residence. At one time the Macleay Shire Council housed their staff here whilst work was being carried out for flood mitigation.

Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder: Wm. Mc Carney.

Year Started: 1890 Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:
Physical Condition: In very good condition.
Modification Dates: In late years the house has had lattice added to the front verandah.
Recommended Management:
Item Name: RESIDENCE
Location: 23 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

Management: Statutory Instrument
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:

Criteria a) There is significance as one of the first buildings in the village. William McCarney must have employed skilled workmen to build his residences as each house has lasted through the century.

Criteria b)

Criteria c)

Criteria d)

Criteria e) There is potential value in undertaking more research into the life of William McCarney and his buildings. There was a butchery next door owned by Rex McManus and further probing may reveal the tools and machinery used there.

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

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**Admin Codes:** 8948  
**Current Use:**  
**Former Uses:**

**Assessed Significance:**  
**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:** The residence is significant as one of the earliest buildings in Bellbrook. It was built by William McCarney who was responsible for most of the early houses in the village. The extensive use of timber is a feature of the town. The house is important in the streetscape and matches other buildings of the same era.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** This building is one of the oldest still standing in Bellbrook. The house was probably built, probably before 1890, as a residence for William McCarney. The store known as McCarney’s was next door. William McCarney would be known today as a developer. He had built houses and a shop at Greenhill and then moved to Bellbrook. A single gable house with skillion roof and verandah, it is almost identical to McCarney’s post office and two others in the village. Note the scalloped bargeboards and the milestone showing "K34" on one face and "A81" on the other. The house is a tribute to the workmanship of the tradesmen employed by McCarney. Rex McManus built a butchery in the grounds in 1920.

**Themes:**
**Designer:**
**Maker / Builder:** Wm McCarney

**Year Started:** 1890  
**Year Completed:** Circa: No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**
Item Name: RESIDENCE
Location: 21 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:
Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:

Criteria a) The house is significant in the history of Bellbrook. It is similar in design to houses Built in the village 1890c. William McCarney’s houses are still structurally sound after 100 years.

Criteria b)

Criteria c)

Criteria d) The house at no 21 has ties with the early residents of the village and the entrepreneur William McCarney. In later years it was occupied by Mrs Alice Garner whose name is linked with upper-Macleay social history. For many years the village revolved around Mrs Garner who was a member of the Myhill family, early settlers in the district.

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness:

References:

Author Title Year
Bellbrook notes by Jack Rossitter.
KSC Oral History Project.
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**Item Name:** RESIDENCE

**Location:** 21 MAIN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

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SCHOOL OF ARTS

52 MAIN ST, BELLBROOK  [Kempsey]

Address: 52 MAIN ST  DUAP Region: Northern
Suburb / Nearest Town: BELLBROOK 2440 Historic region: North Coast
Local Govt Area: Kempsey Parish:
State: NSW County:
Owner:
Admin Codes: 8938 Code 2: Code 3:
Current Use: Former Uses:
Assessed Significance: Endorsed Significance:
Statement of Significance: Bellbrook School of Arts is part of the town scene. It represents an era of town life when every town had a building where local people could hold social functions and entertainment was confined to local events and traveling shows. The timber structure reflects the reliance on the local timber industry, which was an important part of the economy.
Historical Notes or Provenance: Bellbrook School of Arts was built in 1921 to replace an original hall built in 1894. The Court of Petty Sessions was held there from 1901. The present hall showed silent films when visited by traveling picture shows. The legendary Lawrence Penn was one of the traveling shows. The opening was celebrated in style with a performance by the Bellbrook Pipe band. There have been efforts to repair the hall from 1953 when the hall was lined and ceiled and a projection room installed. In recent years the hall is once again a venue for film nights and exhibitions.

Themes:
Designer: W. Cooper
Maker / Builder:
Year Started: 1921 Year Completed: 1922 Circa: No

Physical Description:
Physical Condition: Maintenance needs to be carried out on exterior wall
Modification Dates: Kitchen has been replaced from a concrete structure to a timber addition.
Item Name: **SCHOOL OF ARTS**

Location: **52 MAIN ST, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]**

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:** Statutory Instrument  List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:**

**Criteria a)** The hall is part of the life of Bellbrook. It has been a place of social gatherings, election place and a learning centre. Its origins date from the time of the importance of the timber industry in the district.

**Criteria b)**

**Criteria c)** Bellbrook School of Arts is part of the townscape of the rural village. The wide use of timber is splendid example of a hall of its day. The hall is set in an attractive place beside the main road to Armidale and is a landmark in the village.

**Criteria d)**

**Criteria e)**

**Criteria f)**

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**Integrity / Intactness:**

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ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

Location: 21-23 OREEN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

Address: 21-23 OREEN STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: BELLBROOK 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Current Use: Church
Former Uses: Church

Statement of Significance: The Anglican Church has identified with Bellbrook for over a hundred years. The timber building is a simple attractive structure similar to the rural churches of its day. As one of two churches it demonstrates the demographic structure of the district. The church set back from the main street and gives a sense of discovery to the visitor. The residence beside the church shows the importance of the presence of a minister and allowed for a closer connection with the outlying farms before transport became easier.

Historical Notes or Provenance: St James Anglican Church was built in 1903 on land donated by Yardley Murray Scott. The builder was Percy Landers, Scott’s son-in-law. The church is a simple Gothic revival building with carved bargeboards and lancet (sash) windows. The bell is attached to the front porch. The residence follows the pattern of rural dwellings with a hip roof and verandahs on three sides with the skillion roof supported by timber posts. This building was sold in 1970s when a minister no longer resided in Bellbrook. It is now a private residence.

Designer: Percy Landers.

Year Started: 1903  Year Completed:  Circa: No
**Kempsey Heritage Inventory**

**Item Name:** ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

**Location:** 21-23 OREEN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

**Modification Dates:** New roof on the church in 1996.

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:** Statutory Instrument  List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:**

Criteria a) The historical significance of St. James shows the pride of churchgoers in wanting to own a church building. Services had previously been held in the School of Arts. The residence signified the importance of wanting a minister in the village and would have added to the ministry in making it more convenient for visiting outlying centres.

Criteria b)

Criteria c) The church is placed in a position commanding a view towards the hills of Nulla Creek. It is nestled in a quiet street and gives the village a sense of place.

Criteria d) The church provides a place for worshippers to gather and the services are attended by other denominations since the Catholic Church closed. Special events are still celebrated such as marriages, baptisms and burials.

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

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**Item Name:** ST PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Location:** 28-30 OREEN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

**Address:** 28-30 OREEN STREET

**Suburb / Nearest Town:** BELLBROOK 2440

**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey

**State:** NSW

**State Heritage Inventory**

**Current Use:** The church is no longer in use.

**Former Uses:** Church

**Statement of Significance:**

St. Patrick's Catholic Church as one of two churches added a sacrosanct quality in the village of Bellbrook when it was built in 1899. It has remained virtually unchanged since then. The lancet windows are an attractive feature in that they are made of arctic glass. The church was built by McCarneys who were some of the founders of Bellbrook and built most of the residences there.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

St. Patrick's Church was built in 1899 on land donated near "The Green". It was opened by Father Buggy marking another epoch in the advancement of the little township. The church attracted worshippers from the surrounding countryside and local residents speak of thirty-two parishioners attending services on Sundays. In later years there has only been one priest to administer to the whole of the Macleay and with the declining population people have been directed to services at the neighbouring town of Willawarrin. The church is built of mill sawn weatherboard timber with iron roof and lancet windows. It is to be lamented that the church is falling into disrepair. It is an integral part of the town's landscape.

**Owner:** Religious Organisation

**Admin Codes:** 8973

**Physical Description:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:** William McCarney

**Year Started:** 1899

**Year Completed:** Circa: No

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Item Type:** Built

**Group:** Religion

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**Year Started:** 1899

**Year Completed:** Circa: No

**Endorsed Significance:**
Item Name: ST PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Location: 28-30 OREEN STREET, BELLBROOK [Kempsey]

Physical Condition: In need of repair, structurally sound.

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument  List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments: Inside the church there are two statues by Pelegrini. One is dedicated to Mildred may Tyne died 16.2.1940 (Statue of Virgin Mary). The second is dedicated to William Denis Tyne died 7.4.1956. There are eight windows in the nave of the church, two in the pulpit, one in the vestry and one in the porch. There is a tabernacle and small confessional. There are Stations of the Cross on the walls in the nave. Fourteen pews are in good order an altar and several chairs. The vestry holds a cupboard and drawers. The roof is in bad repair and the woodwork is in need of painting. There is a small room, which cannot be entered but was a room where the priest slept overnight on his circuit of the upper-Macleay.

Criteria a) St. Patrick’s Catholic Church at Bellbrook is an historical landmark in the town. It represents a piece of rural architecture, which is slowly disappearing from Australia’s country towns. The church shows the changing demography of the district and the attitudes of religious bodies in that these simple structures are not being maintained to keep in mind the history of the church’s influence in the country.

Criteria b)

Criteria c)

Criteria d) St. Patrick’s Church has had a great social impact on the district. Celebrations of Sunday mass and marriages and baptisms which were times of bringing the community together. Parishioners took pride in keeping the church maintained inside and out and religious items in the church tell of great dedication to individual faith.

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness:

References: Author  Title  Year
A field trip to Bellbrook.
Heather Pidgeon  Saints Alive
Local ex-parishioners
Ref. Macleay Chronicle Newspaper
2nd March 1899

Studies:

Parcels: Parcel Code  LotNumber  Section  Plan Code  Plan Number

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Date Updated: 16/09/2005 
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# Kempsey Heritage Inventory

**Item Name:** BELLIMBOPINNI SCHOOL  
**Location:** 1194 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, BELLIMBOPINNI [Kempsey]

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**Assessed Significance:** Bellimbopinni Public School was gained and maintained largely by local effort in the difficult days of early settlement. The school has survived as a country school despite being close to a town school and bus transport to other schools in the district. Bellimbopinni School has a link with two other schools. The school known as Seven Oaks because of the locality in which it was situated. The original building was moved from Arakoon to where it is today.

**Statement of Significance:** Bellimbopinni School has been a learning centre for students since 1865. The building was around the corner on the road to Smithtown. Conflict arose regarding the site which had been approved before the owner took up the land and who was not agreeable to having a school on his property. The Patrons took possession of the land despite the objection by the owner and the contract let to Mr Staynor at 175 pounds. Floods of the 1860's devastated the buildings at the school and a new school site was selected. The school at Arakoon had closed and a contract was entered into with JR Wheeldon for the removal and erection on the new site in 1913. Two boys from the school drowned that year whilst swimming in the nearby river. The school at this time was still known as Seven Oaks although it was now at Bellimbopinni. The name changed in 1913 to relate to the locality in which existed the Post Office at Bellimbopinni. The school has continued to play a part in the Kempsey Shire. Trees which were planted in memory of WWI servicemen are still growing in the playground. The school has been ravaged many times by floods but it is a tribute to the local people that the building comes back to life each time.

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

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Item Name: BELLIMBOPINNI SCHOOL
Location: 1194 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, BELLIMBOPINNI [Kempsey]

Maker / Builder: J R Wheeldon
Year Started: 1912 Year Completed: 1912 Circa: No

Physical Description: The school is a solid weatherboard building which has stood the test of time. The building is typical of the style of its day with high pitched gabled roof. The original school is now surrounded by demountable classrooms but the old building stands out as a landmark giving evidence that the name Bellimbopinni is still relevant to the district.

Physical Condition: In good condition. New gardens put in by the students for the 140 anniversary have enhanced the grounds.

Modification Dates: 1912 when removed from Arakoon to Bellimbopinni.

Recommended Management: Statutory Instrument
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments: Year started: At Bellimbopinni in 1912 (removed from Arakoon)

Some of the 'old family' names are associated with the Bellimbopinni students take an interest in returning to see the activities.

Criteria a) Bellimbopinni School is historically significantly by its place in the state's history of schooling. This school has a combined history of three schools, a name change in 1912 and the fact that it once housed children whose fathers' worked on the Trial Bay Gaol and the breakwall at the gaol at Arakoon.

Criteria b)

Criteria c) The little school and its surroundings are a landmark placed beside the busy Pacific Highway. These schools are rare following the introduction of motor transport but the local people are very proud of the school and the traditions to which they respond to.

Criteria d) The Bellimbopinni School has been significant socially for its endeavours to educate and give children a wider dimension with the benefit of closer ties with teachers owing to smaller class numbers.

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g) Bellimbopinni School is representative of a small country school which is almost a thing of the past. It is rare to see this size school when the township is a short distance from Bellimbopinni. At one time the school was part of a settlement containing a hall and post office amongst the small farms of the lower Macleay.

Integrity / Intactness:

References: Author Title Year
Bellimbopinni Public School Librarian From Boats to Buses 1865-2005 2005
Item Name: **BELLIMBOPINNI SCHOOL**
Location: 1194 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, BELLIMBOPINNI [Kempsey]

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Studies:

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Item Name: OLD SCHOOL RESIDENCE
Location: 1190 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, BELLIMBOPINNI [Kempsey]

Address: 1190 PACIFIC HIGHWAY
Suburb / Nearest Town: BELLMOPPINI 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Other/Former Names:
Area/Group/Complex: Group ID:
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Admin Codes: 6916
Current Use:
Former Uses:

Assessed Significance: Endorsed Significance:
Statement of Significance:
Historical Notes or Provenance:
Themes:

Designer:
Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:
Physical Condition:
Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:
Management:

Further Comments:
### OLD SCHOOL RESIDENCE

**Location:** 1190 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, BELLIMBOPINNI [Kempsey]

**Item Name:** OLD SCHOOL RESIDENCE

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- **Date First Entered:** 10/08/2005
- **Date Updated:** 15/09/2005
- **Status:** Basic
Item Name: **BELMORE RIVER HALL**

Location: **615 RIGHT BANK ROAD, BELMORE RIVER [Kempsey]**

**Address:** 615 RIGHT BANK ROAD

**Suburb / Nearest Town:** BELMORE RIVER

**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey

**State:** NSW

**State Heritage Inventory**

**Current Use:** As a hall for social functions.

**Former Uses:** Same and as a library.

**Statement of Significance:** Belmore River Hall is important in the landscape and an intact feature of early development on the river flats. The hall a typical and pleasant example of rural architecture of early twentieth century. It matches the school buildings group beside the paddock in which it is built.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** The Belmore Hall was built in 1911 to meet a need for the people of the Belmore River farming community. The opening attracted a great number of people. The Macleay Chronicle Newspaper described the hall as being 66 by 28 feet (approx 20 metres by 8 metres). The hall held a commodious reading room and library. The stage was well fitted and there were two dressing rooms. At that time there were two churches and a school close by. Residents arrived at the hall by horse drawn vehicle or by boat. The river divides the population but at that time small farms abounded on the Belmore River. The hall is built of local timber with a splendid tallowwood floor. The hall is situated within a reserve of 2.8 hectares, which is leased out to neighbouring farmers. About 1930 the hall was to be sold to a local farmer for hay shed. The nearby residents rallied round and many contributed ten dollars to save their hall. Sometimes after this the Recreation Park trust and the Hall Trust joined forces and the rent going from the Recreation Ground kept the hall going. Water was connected to the building and electricity in 1940.

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Assessed Significance:**

The hall has become popular again late years for private parties and social functions. There is a Trust Committee composed of people who are very sincere in their desire to retain the hall. Voluntary work is organised.

**Themes:**

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Item Name: BELMORE RIVER HALL
Location: 615 RIGHT BANK ROAD, BELMORE RIVER [Kempsey]

Designer: Morrissey
Maker / Builder: Debenham Bros.

Year Started: 1911  Year Completed: 1911  Circa: No

Physical Condition: In fair order

Modification Dates: Windows have been replaced with aluminium frames. Supper room is extended and the kitchen has been renovated to include a sink and running water.

Recommended Management:
Management: Statutory Instrument  List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments: Doors are in need of repair but the structure is sound.

Criteria a) The Belmore Hall represents an historical era when communities realized a need for a building large enough to accommodate small crowds who wished to provide entertainment and a place for learning. There were a number of small farms on the Belmore River to warrant two schools and three churches.

Criteria b)
Criteria c)
Criteria d) The Belmore Hall is a landmark in the district and a prominent feature on the road to Gladstone which is a tourist road from Crescent Head.

Criteria e)
Criteria f)
Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness: Recommendation. The hall is important in the landscape and should be listed as a local heritage item. A sign should be erected nearby to denote the name of the hall and to signify that the area was once the Belmore Locality.

References:

Author  Title  Year
Minute Books preserved by the Belmore Hall Trust.
Ref. Macleay Chronicle newspaper 15th Dec., 1911

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**Physical Description:**
The schoolmaster's residence was built near the school in 1900 in a similar style. It is of simple vernacular design and built of rosewood weatherboard, with a corrugated iron roof and cedar doors (with original furniture), windows frames, and mantelpiece which is finely carved and is at present being restored. The latter was added after 1911 by the schoolmaster. The kitchen features the original brick stove cavity and the whole house has high panelled ceilings. The original garden did not survive - the many trees planted originally were pulled out in the 1960's - but the present owners have replanted trees and shrubs which have quickly formed a very pleasant site for both the residence and the school. The building has been well-restored along with the school house, after falling into disrepair after the closing of the school in 1972. It is used once more, as a residence. Architectural Style: Vernacular. Building Material: Rosewood weatherboard, corrugated iron roof, cedar doors,
Item Name: BELMORE RIVER SCHOOL AND SCHOOL RESIDE
Location: BELMORE RIVER RD, BELMORE RIVER [Kempsey]

window frames and mantlepiece

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management:

Further Comments: Belmore River Road, 7km South Of Gladstone (part Of Former Belmore River School Group - Card 3 Of 3)

Criteria a)
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Integrity / Intactness:

References:
Karskens, G.

Title: National Trust of Australia (NSW)
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**Current Use:**  
Traffic bridge.

**Former Uses:**  
Traffic bridge.

**Statement of Significance:**  
This is an historic bridge spanning Belmore River with the nearest town being Gladstone (more research is being undertaken).

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Assessed Significance:**  
Endorsed Significance:

**Further Comments:**

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**Item Name:** LOFTUS BRIDGE

**Location:** BELMORE RIVER [Kempsey]

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## Clybucca Nature Reserve Proposal

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**Other/Former Names:** Clybucca Swamp, Doughboy Swamp

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**Curtillage/Boundary:** About 600ha, 1km west of Clybucca and 20km north of Kempsey on west side of Pacific Highway, comprising Portions 114, 111, 138, 159, 131, 165, 158, 157, 164, 176, 163, 85 and 108, Parish Clybucca and Portions 253 and 185, Parish of Cooroobongatti.

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**Former Uses:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:** Clybucca Swamp, situated on the floodplain of the Macleay River provides a habitat for waterfowl. The wetland habitat type represented by Clybucca is essential for conservation of Australian waterfowl, particularly black duck, grey teal. It also has considerable value as an area for bird watching as it is surrounded by high ground. (The Commission is in the process of developing and/or upgrading official statements for places listed prior to 1991. The above data was mainly provided by the nominator and has not yet been revised by the Commission.)

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**Physical Description:** Clybucca is a wetland area and contains several habitat types: paperbark (MELALEUCA QUINQUINERUA) forest, she oak (CASUARINA GLAUCA) forest, reedswamp, seasonal fresh swamp and fresh meadow. When the swamp is inundated it provides a first class...
Item Name: Clybucca Nature Reserve Proposal
Location: Pacific Hwy, Clybucca [Kempsey]

Habitat for black duck, grey teal, black swan, egret, ibises, heron, swamphen, moorhen, stilt, Japanese snipe and other coastal waterbirds.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:
Management:

Further Comments:
Criteria a)
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Integrity / Intactness:

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Location: Pacific Hwy, Clybucca [Kempsey]

Registered: 21/03/1978
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**Area/Group/Complex:**

**Aboriginal Area:**

**Curtilage/Boundary:**

**Item Type:** Built  
**Group:** Community Facilities  
**Category:** Hall Public

**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:** 10590  
**Code 2:**  
**Code 3:**

**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:** Collombatti hall is an example of rural architecture of its day. Built in 1911, the hall served the community for social, church and school functions in a farming area. With the decline in agriculture the hall continues to be a meeting place for local residents. Collombatti hall is one of a few remaining country halls outside a village in the shire.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**  
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**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:** Statutory Instrument  
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
Item Name: COLLOMBATTI HALL
Location: COLLOMBATTI RD, COLLOMBATTI [Kempsey]

Further Comments:

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Integrity / Intactness:

References:

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 19/05/2005 Date Updated: 16/09/2005 Status: Basic

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Item Name: COLLOMBATTI SCHOOL
Location: 40 SEVEN HILLS, COLLOMBATTI [Kempsey]

Address: 40 SEVEN HILLS
Suburb / Nearest Town: COLLOMBATTI 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW
DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Other/Former Names:
Area/Group/Complex:
Aboriginal Area:
Curtillage/Boundary:
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  Group:
  Category:
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Former Uses:
Assessed Significance:
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Further Comments:

Date: 14/06/2006
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Item Name: COLLOMBATTI SCHOOL
Location: 40 SEVEN HILLS, COLLOMBATTI [Kempsey]

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**Kempsey Heritage Inventory**

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**Item Name:** BLACKBIRD RESERVE  
**Location:** ARMIDALE ROAD, COMARA [Kempsey]

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**Owner:** Local Government  
**Admin Codes:** 18936, 18937

**Current Use:** Now a picnic and camping reserve.  
**Former Uses:** Former school and homestead.

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:** Blackbird Flat is significant as the former home site of one of the early settlers Willie McMaugh and his wife Mary Ann, a respected midwife. A school provided education for the isolated children who lived on Five Day Creek and at Blackbird Flat. It was on the road to Armidale and a landmark although only a cluster of buildings on this historic stretch of road.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** Blackbird Flat was probably named by Willie McMaugh when he selected this land prior to 1896. The first school was a primitive building built on land given by the McMaugh family. Another school was built in 1897 near the present reserve. This was a "half week school" in that the teaching days were shared with Brocks Flat and the same teacher spent some days at each place. The school was well attended and children from Comara walked through Jobs cutting to Blackbird Flat. In 1929 the school moved to Comara. The McMaugh family lived at Blackbird Flat and Mrs. McMaugh (Mary Ann) traveled the district as a midwife. She was held in great esteem. One of her daughters was drowned in the river when swimming with the younger children. She was buried on the property but the grave site is unknown. Mrs. McMaugh stayed on the property after her husband's death in 1911. Her sons were employed on the land by their mother and by other landholders in the district.

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**
Item Name: BLACKBIRD RESERVE
Location: ARMIDALE ROAD, COMARA [Kempsey]

Physical Description: The locality and former school, Blackbird Flat together with the home of Willie McMaugh is now a reserve designated as a camping area. It is a popular place for canoeists and family camps. The reserve is well maintained by Kempsey Shire Council. The tables and fences around the shelter shed will need attention before long.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:

Management:

Further Comments: A further comment is that an Interpretive Centre could be set up in the shelter to tell the story of the road, the bridge, Comara and Blackbird Flat. It is noticeable that vandalism has not occurred around the reserve. In speaking to day visitors and campers it is evident that the facilities are appreciated.

Criteria a) Blackbird Flat is associated with the early settlement of the upper Macleay Region. It was a homestead site on the road to Armidale from Kempsey.

Criteria b) Blackbird Flat was the home of Mrs. Mary McMaugh a local midwife. She married the son of John and Caroline McMaugh who were associated with outlying pastoral properties from early days of settlement. Mrs McMaugh's name appears on many birth certificates of "up-river" people.

Criteria c)
Criteria d)

Criteria e) There is potential for archaeological research which could reveal evidence of the exact places where the buildings were situated and relics of early settlement.

Criteria f)
Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness:

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Year: KSC Bicentennial

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- Date Updated: 08/10/2005
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CASTLES FLORA RESERVE (NO. 123)

SHI Number: 1850039

Item Name: CASTLES FLORA RESERVE (NO. 123)
Location: COMARA [Kempsey]

Address: COMARA 2440
Suburb / Nearest Town: COMARA 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Other/Former Names: The Castles Flora Reserve

Curtilage/Boundary: Approximately 2,360ha, 21km south of Comara.

Assessed Significance:
Statement of Significance: The Castles Flora Reserve is a major habitat of the nationally rare shrub or small tree CRYPTOCARYA sp. Nov. (Willi Willi), while Carrai Bat Cave is a significant bat and invertebrate site. Carrai cave is the type locality and only known habitat (possibly along with the nearby Rolys Cave) of a monotypic genus of spider, progradungula carraiensis. It is a relictual, Gondwanan spider whose discovery has provided definitive support for theories on spider evolution and biogeogeography, in particular, the ancient age of araneomorph or true spiders. In addition its unique web and mode of prey capture may represent a transitional level between web building and hunting. Carrai cave is also the type locality of the primitive spider colcarteria carrai, which spins small semi-permanent and messy sheet like webs across the guano deposits. The closest related genus to this spider occurs in New Caledonia. The Cave is also the only known Australian habitat of the small east Asian fly family Cypselosomatidae and is the type locality of cypselosoma AUSTRALIS. Carrai cave is an important roosting site of the Bent-winged Bat (MINIOPTERUS scheibersii), and has been used as a research site to study the life history and behaviour of Bent-winged Bats and to study the ecology and population dynamics of the guano mite, Urobovella coprophila.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder:
Item Name: CASTLES FLORA RESERVE (NO. 123)
Location: COMARA [Kempsey]

Physical Description:
The Castles Flora Reserve comprises steep forested and mountainous country dissected by the headwaters of Stockyard Creek and Warbo Brook. Cliffs are large and common creating a castle like appearance. The altitude ranges from 400m-1,000m. The high altitudes are cool and wet, while low elevations are warm and dry. The reserve is located over a folded and faulted sequence of marine sedimentary deposits, laid down from about 340 to 270 million years ago. Large scale deformation of the deposits occurred about 250 million years ago and resulted in an anticline, or arch like folding, that plunges to the north-west. Most of the sediments are mudstone, sandstones or conglomerate, but there is a large band of limestone through the south of the reserve. The varied geology and relief of the area has resulted in a diversity of vegetation communities. Subtropical rainforest, dominated by black booyong (ARGYRODENDRON ACTINOPHYLLUM) and giant stinging tree (DENDROCOCNIDE EXCELSA) occurs in sheltered gullies and creeks, on soil derived from limestone. Large areas of dry rainforest occur on steep southern and eastern slopes. Shatterwood (BACKHOUSIA SCIADOPHORA) is the most common tree species, along with yellow tulipwood (DRYPETES AUSTRALASICA), native holly (ALCHORNEA ILICIFOLIA) and CLEISTANTHUS CUNNINGHAMII. Grey gum (EUCALYPTUS PUNCTATA)-white mahogany (E. ACMENOIDES) open forest occupies the ridge crests or northern and western slopes, at an altitude below 600m. Above this altitude these slopes and crests are covered with dry eucalypt forest in which New England blackbutt (EUCALYPTUS ANDREWSII) is dominant. The rare shrub willi willi laurel (CRYPTOCARYA sp. Nov.), is relatively common in the reserve, mainly in dry rainforest on limestone, but also in the understorey of some of the moister eucalypt stands. The band of limestone in the south of the area contains many caves and water flows underground. Carrai Bat Cave is a major roosting site for the bent wing bat (MINIOPTERUS SCHREIBERSII), especially during the January to July and October to November periods. Up to 10,000 bats have been recorded in the cave. Other species present include the little bent wing bat (MINIOPTERUS AUSTRALIS) and the eastern horseshoe bat (RHINOLOPHUS MEGAPHYLLUS). The bats have deposited large piles of guano throughout the cave and these form the basis of a food chain involving bacteria, fungi, protozoans, nematodes, mites, beetles, flies, moths and spiders. Of particular interest is the Carrai Cave spider (PROGRADUNGULA CARRAEIENSIS) which unusually is a web building member of a family of primitive forest floor hunters (Gradungulidae). The Carrai Cave spider has a minimalist web of a small zig zag ladder spun between two near vertical support lines. The web hangs vertically just above the cave floor, with the pale, long legged spider hanging down so that its front legs almost touch the ground. The front legs have large terminal claws and are used to scoop passing prey, such as crawling moths, up into the web, which then detaches from the support lines and like a net wraps tightly around the victim. This strange method of prey capture seems to combine aspects of both web snaring and active hunting behaviour. Red cedar (TOONA AUSTRALIS) was logged early in the twentieth century. The remains of the bullock team tracks used by the cedar cutters can still be seen, one such track being crossed several times by the road to Haydonville.
Item Name: CASTLES FLORA RESERVE (NO. 123)
Location: COMARA [Kempsey]

Recommended Management:

Further Comments:
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Integrity / Intactness:

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COMARA

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ARMIDALE ROAD, COMARA [Kempsey]

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#### Assessed Significance:
Comara was a thriving hamlet in the early part of the twentieth century. Prior to a village, a Mail Receiving Office was established by Christopher McIntyre, one of the first landholders in the area. Comara became an integral part of the upper-Macleay and a link in the route to Armidale for early settlers. The village was the junction of the road to Five Day Creek where vast loads of timber came out to join the main road to Kempsey. Comara was the place where the mailman harnessed fresh horses on the route to Hillgrove and Armidale.

#### Historical Notes or Provenance:
The village was on the road between Bellbrook and Lower Creek. It was at the junction of the main road 75 and the branch road to Five Day Creek. The only identification are two signposts which were on either end of the village. These were the signposts used in approaches to towns, timber signs painted white with black lettering. These are heritage items and should be preserved. The first important function at this site was a Receiving Office for mail. The village grew bit by bit. Mr. Christopher McIntyre was an early landholder and the Receiving Office was on his property until 1912 when William Rossiter moved it to a more central site beside the main road. The road was the mail route to Armidale. In 1911 a store was built at the roadside by Frank and Leslie Dew. Dew Bros General Store was to become the focal point of Comara. A house was built by Charlotte Sykes (nee Dew she was the mother of the Dew Brothers.) This became William Rossiter's Accommodation House. The house and grounds were used for public events. One room in the house was large enough to stage a dance. A hall was built in 1919. A church building was relocated from Moparrabah and dedicated in 1918 by Venerable Archdeacon Seymour who described the village as being "The gateway to heaven". A butchery was opened in 1948 by Ted Conn. The school was moved from Blackbird Flat to Comara in 1934. The hall was burnt down in

#### Endorsed Significance:

**State Heritage Inventory**

**Curtilage/Boundary:**
On Trunk Road 75 between Kempsey and Armidale approx. 20kms west of Bellbrook.

**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:**

**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:**

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

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1951. This ended the splendid social life of people from as far away as Lower Creek and Five Day Creek. Cricket matches and tennis were regular sports. Mail was conveyed by horse-drawn vehicles then by a motor car and the Post Office played an important part in communication. The Telephone system which started out as a telegraph station in 1896 became a busy office. A sawmill at Five Day Creek and the installation of private telephones saw an increase in the telephone service. Electricity was connected to Comara in 1957. The telephone was connected to a new automatic system in 1984. The school was made unnecessary when a bus service began to transport students to Bellbrook and Kempsey. The school building was moved to Willawarrin and is now the school library. The last owners of the store were Hazel and Sid Cockle. They closed the business in 1976 and came to live in Kempsey. The Post office was transferred to Mrs. Joyce Rock and then to Elizabeth Rainbow in 1980. Comara was the last manual telephone exchange to be converted to the automatic system in 1984. The Post Office closed and mail was delivered to roadside mail boxes. Fire had the last say in the story of Comara. The Cockle's house was burnt down in 1987 and in 1990 this menace claimed the store.

Themes:

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: 1892 Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description: Village completely demolished. A site only.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management:

Further Comments:

Criteria a) Comara is significant only as a site of a former township which played an important part in the life of the upper-Macleay people, the education of their children and communication with essential services.

Criteria b)

Criteria c)

Criteria d) In the words of a former land owner and resident at Comara who conducted the Post Office and general store, "We don't want anyone to forget the place was there."

Criteria e) There is great potential for archaeological research.

Criteria f)
Item Name: **COMARA**  
Location: **ARMIDALE ROAD, COMARA [Kempsey]**

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**Item Name:** COMARA CEMETERY  
**Location:** TOWAL CREEK ROAD, COMARA [Kempsey]

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**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

The Comara cemetery was gazetted in the late nineteenth century. A burial was recorded there in 1916. There are three burials known but all the markers have been destroyed. Considerable time was spent trying to locate the burial sites but it is now impossible to identify the graves.

**Statement of Significance:**

The Comara cemetery is significant as an example of a late nineteenth century rural cemetery. Its burial records and the associated history provide insights into the area’s social and demographic development.

**Assessed Significance:**

The Comara cemetery has been assessed as having significant historical and cultural values.

**Recommended Management:**

Statutory Instrument

**Physical Condition:**

The physical condition of the cemetery has been noted and recorded for future參考.

**Modification Dates:**

Year Started: 19378  
Year Completed: Circa No

**Physical Description:**

The physical description includes features such as the type of gravestones, fencing, and any other significant physical characteristics.

**Curtilage/Boundary:**

Owner: Local Government

**Admin Codes:**

Code 2: 19378

**Theme:**

Aboriginal Area: No

**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey

**State:** NSW

**Parish:**

**County:**

**DUAP Region:** Northern

**Historic Region:** North Coast

**Address:** TOWAL CREEK ROAD

**Suburb / Nearest Town:** COMARA

**State:** NSW

**Item Type:** Area/Complex/Group

**Group:** Cemeteries and Burial

**Category:** Cemetery/Graveyard

**Owner:** Local Government

**Admin Codes:** 19378

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

The Comara cemetery is endorsed for its cultural and historical significance.

**Management:**

List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

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Item Name: COMARA CEMETERY
Location: TOWAL CREEK ROAD, COMARA [Kempsey]

Further Comments:

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Item Name: **ALLMAN ROWE GRAVE**
Location: **BELMORE ST, CRESCENT HEAD [Kempsey]**

**Address:** BELMORE ST  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** CRESCENT HEAD  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW

**Former Uses:** The land was dedicated as a cemetery in 1926.

**Statement of Significance:**
The grave of Allman Rowe signifies a name which is associated with the early history of the Shire. Allman Rowe was a member of a family which was active in the development of the district. Rowe was born at Austral Eden and later settled on the Maria River. He was widely known as a successful farmer and held in high esteem by the community.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**
The grave marks the burial place of Allman Rowe. A member of a well known family, Rowe loved on Maria River and was regarded as a successful farmer, and a good citizen. He was the son of William Rowe who was tenant farmer at Austral Eden. Allman Rowe died in 1927 and was buried in the Church of England Cemetery. The last rites were performed by Cannon Ware and the funeral arrangements by Jos. T. Walker. The grave stone was erected by the local Stonemason, Edstein. At the time of his burial, Rowe was interested in Crescent Head Cemetery, the land which is the site of his grave. Rowe's grave is the only remaining burial site. The cemetery fell into disrepair and was closed in 1992. There are records of other graves but no attempt has been made to mark them.

**Owner:** Local Government

**Admin Codes:** 19106

**Current Use:** No longer a cemetery, the grave is beside a road adjacent to the treatment works.

**Endorsed Significance:** Local

**Historic region:** North Coast

**DUAP Region:** Northern

**Group ID:**

**Item Type:** Landscape

**Group:** Cemeteries and Burials

**Category:** Isolated Grave/Burial

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:** Edstein

**Year Started:** 1927  
**Year Completed:** 1927  
**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**
ALLMAN ROWE GRAVE

BELMORE ST, CRESCENT HEAD [Kempsey]

Physical Condition: The grave stone is now isolated and needs to be protected from damage which could be caused by vehicles or stock is by enclosing the structure with a fence.

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument  List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:

Criteria a) The grave site is important in the course of cultural history in that the site was once a cemetery and a memorial to the lives of the people who lived in the district.

Criteria b) The grave demonstrates the aesthetic characteristics of the time. It is a simple headstone, almost austere, with only a name and date inscribed.

Criteria d) The grave is public witness to a person of local importance and could be regarded as an historic site.

Integrity / Intactness: The grave is in its original state. There is no indication that any change has been made.

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Location: BELMORE ST, CRESCENT HEAD [Kempsey]

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 10/05/2005 Date Updated: 16/09/2005 Status: Basic
**Item Name:** BIRRRALEE HALL  
**Location:** OFF KILLUKE CRESCENT AND BACKER DRIVE, CRESCENT HEAD 2440

**Address:** OFF KILLUKE CRESCENT AND BACKER DRIVE  
**DUAP Region:** Northern  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** CRESCENT HEAD  
**Historic region:** North Coast  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**Parish:**  
**State:** NSW  
**County:**  
**Other/Former Names:** Women's Surf Club  
**Area/Group/Complex:** Group ID:  
**Aboriginal Area:**  

**Curtilage/Boundary:** Baker Street and Killuke Crescent, Crescent Head  
**Item Type:** Built  
**Group:** Community Facilities  
**Category:** Hall Public  
**Owner:** Local Government  
**Admin Codes:** 13231  
**Code 2:**  
**Code 3:**  
**Current Use:** Hall  
**Former Uses:** Club House for ladies' Surf Lifesaving Movement  

**Assessed Significance:**  
**Endorsed Significance:**  

**Statement of Significance:** Birralee Hall has an historical association with the Women's Life Saving Movement. The hall was built as a result of funds raised by the members. The Life Saving Movement was comprised of women. The discrimination policy of the day was not to allow women to undertake rescues. However the women met regularly to practise the exercises necessary for the work. The hall represents this section of the Life Saving Movement.  

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** Birralee Hall has a diverse history which could almost be called "capricious". The hall started as a club house for a local ladies' Surf Lifesaving Movement. The exact date is not known but is thought to be in the late 1920s. It was originally located on Killick Creek and in 1967 the building was moved to widen the present boat ramp. It was then sited on Birralee Oval as a sporting clubhouse. In 1988 it was moved once again, this time to the complex near the swimming pool and Community hall. In that year it was declared run down but structurally sound and the Lions Club organised local tradesmen to carry out voluntary work on week-ends. The Scouting and Guiding Association now use the hall as their meting and activity centre. Kempsey Shire Council is now responsible for continued maintenance. The name Birralee was adopted to distinguish it from the Community Hall and named after the sporting ground known as Birralee Oval and which was the hall's second resting place. Unfortunately the early history has been lost so there is no record of the names of the builder and the cost. The hall has had an interesting history and oral interviews reveal the hall holds happy memories. The women in the Surf Lifesaving Movement were allowed to hold exercises with the belt and reel on the beach but were prevented from carrying out actual rescues.
Item Name: BIRRALEE HALL
Location: OFF KILLUKE CRESCENT AND BACKER DRIVE, CRESC

Themes:

Designer: not known
Maker / Builder:

Year Started: 1920 Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates: Hall has been removed from original site. In the last move the volunteers from Crescent Head Lions club restored the hall for the use of the Crescent head Scouting and Guiding Association. Solid foundations of brick were built, steps and timber decking were added and a kitchen, showers and toilet installed. A stage was put into the main hall.

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument  List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:

Criteria a) Birralee Hall has a strong association with the Surf Life Saving Movement in Crescent Head.

Criteria b) Birralee hall has a strong association with the history of the Life Saving Movement in Crescent head and was built for the exclusive use of the women’s branch of that organisation. This group raised funds to build the clubhouse and the members were trained in the procedure of life saving.

Criteria c)

Criteria d) Birralee Hall has a special association with the seaside town of Crescent head, which was the centre of the local coastal surf lifesaving movement. Late years it has become a hall to house the Crescent Head Scouts and Guides. As such it is considered to be highly significant to the Crescent head Community’s sense of place. The hall is highly regarded as an historical item in the township and the wish to preserve it is regarded as important to the people of Macleay shire who banded to restore the building in 1988.

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g) Birralee Hall represents the type of building erected in 1920s as a small meeting hall to house equipment for surf rescue and for social occasions.

Integrity / Intactness: While the original interior fabric has been altered, Birralee hall retains the features which make it culturally significant including the original timber floor.

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Author  Title  Year

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Item Name: BIRRALEE HALL
Location: OFF KILLUKE CRESCENT AND BACKER DRIVE, CRESCE

Mrs. D MacDonal, The Scouting Movement
Ray and Joy Johnson, long time residents of Crescent Head.

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**Item Name:** CATHOLIC CHURCH  
**Location:** 19 PACIFIC STREET, CRESCENT HEAD [Kempsey]

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### Current Use:

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### Assessed Significance:

### Endorsed Significance:

### Statement of Significance:

### Historical Notes or Provenance:

### Themes:

### Designer:

### Maker / Builder:

### Year Started: Year Completed: Circa:  
No

### Physical Description:

### Physical Condition:

### Modification Dates:

### Recommended Management:

### Management:
- Statutory Instrument
- List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

### Further Comments:

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Item Name: CATHOLIC CHURCH
Location: 19 PACIFIC STREET, CRESCENT HEAD [Kempsey]

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**Item Name:** Connection Creek Shell Middens  
**Location:** Crescent Head [Kempsey]

**Address:** Crescent Head 2440  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** Crescent Head  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW  
**DUAP Region:** Northern  
**Historic region:** North Coast

**Curtilage/Boundary:** About 9km south-west of Crescent Head. Approximate AMG reference: 9435-920425.

**Statement of Significance:** Along with other local middens this site indicates that the first Aboriginal settlers of the area, now occupied by the Macleay River floodplain arrived at a time before its formation. (from nominators)

**Physical Description:** The midden was formed when estuarine conditions prevailed in the contiguous area, which is now alluvial plain and swamp land.

**Recommended Management:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

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**Aboriginal Area:**

**Area/Group/Complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Recommended Management:**

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Item Name: **Connection Creek Shell Middens**
Location: **Crescent Head [Kempsey]**

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Connection Creek Shell Middens

Crescent Head [Kempsey]

Date First Entered: 03/05/1999

Status: Partial

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Item Name: CRESCENT HEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL
Location: BAKER DRIVE, CRESCENT HEAD [Kempsey]

Address: BAKER DRIVE  
Suburb / Nearest Town: CRESCENT HEAD 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Other/Former Names: Crescent Head Community Hall

Current Use: Social events meetings etc
Former Uses: As a school

Assessed Significance: This former Crescent Head Primary School House, erected in 1921, has aesthetic significance as a substantially intact weatherboard building, with tongue-and-groove cladding as a feature of both the exterior and interior.

Endorsed Significance: The building has social significance as an educational facility the served as a focal point for the community. The building represents the first public educational facility in Crescent Head. It was erected by local craftsmen for the schooling of children from the town and neighbouring regions.

Historical Notes or Provenance: The idea for a school at Crescent Head was first proposed in 1919. Construction of the school was completed in January 1921, and commenced operations immediately thereafter. The builders were Tom Lions and Bill Hyde. Timber for the school house was transported by punt from Port Macquarie to Killuke, along the Maria River. It was then delivered to Crescent Head by Mr. Golbourne Rowe and his bullock team.

The school originally consisted of one large classroom and lobby, with verandahs along the sides and front. The classroom contained six long desks and stools, a teachers table, one blackboard, and a small wood stove. In 1921, Annie Richardson was the school's first teacher. In the same year, she was replaced by Henry Patrick. In 1925, Benjamin Young, the third teacher, obtained a further blackboard and bookcase, and had steps and a fence erected at the front of the school.

Each year on the 24th May’, the school held its Empire Day Picnic. During Benjamin Young’s reign as teacher, parents would bring their children from the Maria River regions in
suladies or on horseback so that they could participate in the day's celebrations. Other families from the Dulconghi Mountain would walk to school for the picnic. Celebrations began in the morning with speeches and singing around the school's flagpole. The children and parents would then march to the beach reserve where races and games were conducted. A picnic lunch in the pavilion followed, and the Lollyman would arrive.

Themes:

Physical Description:

Elevated on brick piers, replacing the original timber piers, the single-story timber-framed building has tongue-and-groove weatherboard cladding to external walls. The northern elevation is the main entrance of the building. The facade of this elevation is set back from the perimeter of the building, and includes a timber verandah sheltered by the overhanging roof. The verandah features a timber balustrade and is accessed from the ground by a pair of brick stairs with steel balustrade. Verandah soffit comprises exposed timber rafters and battens. A series of equidistant timber verandah posts support the edge roof purlin. Timber verandah posts have bevel edge detail from balcony rail to purlin. Windows to this elevation are timber frame double-hung, three of which comprise twelve panes with the remaining window comprising eight panes. Timber architraves and sills to windows.

The western elevation features a timber frame window and a sliding aluminum frame window. Originally an open verandah, this component of the building has a skillion roof abutting the gable end.

The southern elevation comprises six windows, four of which are similar to those of the northern elevation (timber frame double-hung, eight pane), and the remaining two windows are six-pane casement windows of timber frame construction. All but one of these windows contains a highlight window at window head level. No eaves to this elevation.

The eastern elevation features two windows, each of timber frame construction, double-hung and comprising eight panes. Similar to the western elevation, this portion of the building was also originally a verandah and has a skillion roof abutting the gable end.

The external condition of the building is good, testimony of the regular maintenance carried out by the Crescent Head Lions club. There appears to be only minor cosmetic changes from the original integrity of the building.

Internally, the wall cladding matches the tongue-and-groove weatherboard of the exterior. The ceiling is flat, comprising timber boarding. The floor covering is vinyl tiles on structural timber floor. The original wood stove and blackboard remain. A door to the western end conceals the kitchen and associated pantry. Doors to the eastern end of the interior conceal storage compartments. The overall condition of the interior is good and much of the original integrity has been maintained.
**SHI Number**
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**Kempsey Heritage Inventory**

**Item Name:** CRESCENT HEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Location:** BAKER DRIVE, CRESCENT HEAD [Kempsey]

**Physical Condition:** Externally good, internally good.

**Modification Dates:**
There appears to be only minor cosmetic changes from the original integrity of the building. Aluminium window on western side. Originally the open verandah has been enclosed on western side.

**Recommended Management:**
Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:**

- **Criteria a)**
- **Criteria b)**
- **Criteria c)** Aesthetic significance the former Crescent Head School, erected in 1921, has aesthetic value as a substantially intact weatherboard building, with tongue and groove cladding as a feature of both the exterior and interior.
- **Criteria d)** The building has social significance as an educational facility, which served as a focal point for the community. It was erected by local craftsmen for the schooling of local and neighbouring regions.
- **Criteria e)**
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**Integrity / Intactness:**

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- Author: Crescent Head Public School official opening souvenir booklet, 9th November, 1979 Date: 04/2000

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Item Name: CRESCENT HEAD RESERVE
Location: CRESCENT HEAD [Kempsey]

Management:

Further Comments:

Criteria:
- a)
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Integrity / Intactness:

References:
- Studies:
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Latitude:
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Data Entry:
- Date First Entered: 10/05/2005
- Date Updated: 18/08/2005
- Status: Basic

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Item Name: Goolawah Reserve
Location: South of Crescent Head, Crescent Head

Address: South of Crescent Head
Suburb / Nearest Town: Crescent Head 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Owner: Local Government
Admin Codes: 12633

Current Use:
Former Uses:

Assessed Significance: Goolawah Reserve is an important element in a system of coastal recreation and conservation area on the mid north coast. There are remnants of a unique rainforest in the reserve behind a natural dune system which have survived sand mining. The area contains a number of environmentally sensitive attributes. Goolawah has long been recognised by the aboriginals as a place of their heritage. The reserve was inhabited and used extensively for hunting, fishing and camping.

Endorsed Significance:

State of Significance:

Historical Notes or Provenance: It is difficult to write a definitive history of Goolawah and Point Plomer Road. Valerie Campbell in 1978 obtained enough evidence to describe a fish trap at Point Plomer which signifies that Aboriginals were living constantly in the area. A burial site was discovered by the sand miners in the 1970's. Skeletal remains were uncovered and preserved by the Macleay River Historical Society until a responsible person could be contacted. Klim Gollum from the National Parks and Wildlife Services accompanied by an Aboriginal staff member took possession of the remains in July 1989 for the purpose of reburial. A map of the area in which the remains were found was provided by the sand mining staff who made the discovery. It is supposed that the present road evolved from a rough track between Plomer and Crescent Head. Controversy surrounds the present state of the road and residents have campaigned for a better road in an environment where ribbon development of houses along the road is feared. A full historical study is needed.

Themes:

Designer:
The site is important in the cultural and natural history of the coastal strip of land south of Crescent Head. The area until recent development has been a scenic beauty spot from the headlands in the north to the south. The view is supported by the open waters and the seascape. The area also contains a rich collection of tall remnant dray and wet sclerophyll forests and the lesser known colorful wild flower displays on the wet and dry heath areas. The site would benefit from a botanical assessment of its flora to determine the value of this area in terms of a botanical site to be preserved. This could be undertaken by the National Parks and Wildlife Service similar to studies made in other parts of the Hat Head national Park.

In this area an assessment of the Goolawah Reserve in terms of its association with a particular community for cultural, spiritual or social reasons indicates that the area has an association with Aboriginal Culture. There is a traditional association with the use of the land and the Aboriginal people have developed a good understanding of the significance of the land in the site. National Parks and Wildlife Services need to undertake an anthropological/historical study of the area reporting on the role of the Aboriginal people living in the area and also determine whether sacred sites are in the area. The Aboriginal people through their apparent link with the area should become actively involved in any decision making affecting this area.

Goolawah Reserve has the potential to reveal the link between Aboriginal culture and the coastal strip. Through the development of adequate resources from the area students at all levels would be able to make a first hand study of the link between Aboriginal culture and the land.

Goolawah Reserve contains uncommon and endangered species which are important in understanding the natural and cultural history of the area. It is important to identify species...
Item Name: GOOLAWAH RESERVE  
Location: SOUTH OF CRESCENT HEAD, CRESCENT HEAD [Kempsey]

such as possums and gliders and a range of small mammals. Preservation is vital to the bird life. In 1989 a general survey work indicated a diverse range of fauna. A survey commissioned in 1990 by the Kempsey Shire Council indicated that there is a wide range of fauna and flora which is in a dynamic state.

Criteria g)  
Integrity / Intactness: It is generally thought that the integrity of the Goolawah Reserve is still mostly intact despite the sand mining activities which began in 1956 and ended in the 1980's.

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 24/05/2000 Date Updated: 07/10/2005 Status: Basic
Item Name: GORDON’S GAOL  
Location: NEAR MARIA RIVER, CRESCENT HEAD  [Kempsey]

Address: NEAR MARIA RIVER  
DUAP Region: Northern
Suburb / Nearest Town: CRESCENT HEAD  
Historic region: North Coast
Local Govt Area: Kempsey  
Parish:
State:
County:

Other/Former Names: Gordon's Hill, Yarra Station.

Area/Group/Complex: Group ID:
Aboriginal Area:

Curtillage/Boundary: At the foot of Gordon’s Hill lot 1 DP 196559

Item Type: Built  
Group: Law Enforcement  
Category: Cell
Owner: Private - Individual

Admin Codes: 12909  
Code 2:  
Code 3: 

Current Use: Set aside as a heritage area.
Former Uses: A pastoral holding.

Assessed Significance:  
Endorsed Significance:  
Statement of Significance: The ruins at Gordon’s Hill are significant because they represent a time in convict history. The site and ruins are surviving physical evidence of holding cells for prisoners away from their barracks.

Historical Notes or Provenance: Captain James Gordon and his family came to Australia as a member of Sir George Gipps suite aboard the “Upton Castle” from Plymouth, via Cape of Good Hope, which arrived on 23rd February 1838. After remaining for a time in Sydney, Capt. Gordon went to Port Macquarie where he was appointed as a Magistrate. He is shown at living at Pipers Point, Port Macquarie. He was granted 1160 acres (406 hectares) on the Maria River, 12 kilometres from Kempsey. This property was named Yarra and in the 1841 census showed a stone house and six servants. There are remains of stone shelters for convicts. These were beehive shaped. The ruins are the only convict habitation sites left undisturbed. They have fallen down through neglect. The shelters or cells are thought to have housed convicts when they rowed up from Port Macquarie. A homestead site has been identified as being in the area. Gordon established a vineyard and in 1994 it was still discernable by the terraces. Local people have told how cuttings were taken and propagated well into the twentieth century.

Themes:

Designer: James Gordon.

Maker / Builder:

Year Started:  
Year Completed:  
Circa: No

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**GORDON’S GAOL**

**Location:** NEAR MARIA RIVER, CRESCENT HEAD [Kempsey]

**Physical Description:** The cells or shelters were described as corbelled constructions, built straight up and then stepped in half a width and the roof was domed.

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Further Comments:** Professor Ian Jack, Heritage Archaeologist, advised that if cleared without the advice of an archaeologist, damage could be done inadvertently. The important thing is to know what is being sought. (1994)

John Appleton, Archaeological Surveys and Reports Pty. Ltd. July 2002 also advised caution. On page 54 of his report, he stated 'The developer has expressed the intention of setting aside the area of the ruins as a reserve, thereby excluding the area from development on Lot 1, DP 196559. As a consequence of this investigation it is recommended that the area be set aside as the Reserve is all that area contained within the co-ordinates AMG 56 488701E 6547800N AMG 56 488885E 6547800N AMG 56 488701E 6547705N AMG 56 488885E 6547705N

Tracks have been cleared along the riverbank to the west of the ruins and east to west along the northern end of the ridge to join the riverbank track. These tracks do not impact on the ruins and may be retained where they impinge into the proposed reserve for fire trails, but they should be retained in their present positions where they occur within the reserve without alteration. The whole report should be read before any clearing is done. IT IS COMMENDABLE THAT THE OWNER IS WILLING TO RESERVE THE SITE.

**Criteria a)** The site is assessed to be of local significance because of the association of the ruins with the early phase in the establishment of a route between Kempsey and Port Macquarie, via Maria River.

**Criteria b)** There is a historical association of the site with Captain James Gordon, a man with distinguished service record in the Royal Navy, Chief Magistrate, and pioneer grape grower. However it is the mystery, which surrounds the 'convict cells', which perpetuates his memory.

**Criteria c)** The site is 'unimproved' by additions or alterations the buildings represent a purpose built complex of the settlers of era of the 1840s and if and when its function is properly understood it may prove to be an unique example of its kind. It is unlikely that such a complex of buildings in such a unique context survive elsewhere.

**Criteria d)**

**Criteria e)** There is some potential for there to be archaeological evidence buried beneath the rubble. There is also the possibility that there are archaeological remains on the summit of the hill, which could establish the location of the homestead.

**Criteria f)**

**Criteria g)**
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### Item Name:
GORDON'S GAOL

### Location:
NEAR MARIA RIVER, CRESCENT HEAD [Kempsey]

### Integrity / Intactness:

### References:
- **Author:** John Appleton
  - Title: Archaeological Surveys and Reports for Robert Dennis & Ass. on behalf of M.L. Corbett.
  - Year: 2002
- **Author:** Professor Ian Jack
  - Title: Interview on site during an excursion in 1994.

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- **Date Updated:** 12/09/2005
- **Status:** Basic

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Item Name: HODGSON HOUSE
Location: 5 KOROGARA STREET, CRESCENT HEAD [Kempsey]

Address: 5 KOROGARA STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: CRESCENT HEAD 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW
Other/Former Names: THE SHACK

Assessed Significance:

Owner:
Admin Codes: 9466

Endorsed Significance:

Item Type: Group:

Category:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Assessment Date: 14/06/2006

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Item Name: HODGSON HOUSE
Location: 5 KOROGARA STREET, CRESCENT HEAD [Kempsey]

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Integrity / Intactness:

References:
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Data Entry:  Date First Entered: 10/08/2005  Date Updated: 15/09/2005  Status: Basic
**Maguires Crossing Shell Midden**

**Location:** Maguires Crossing Rd, Crescent Head [Kempsey]

**Address:** Maguires Crossing Rd

**Suburb / Nearest Town:** Crescent Head 2440

**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey

**State:** NSW

**DUAP Region:** Northern

**Historic region:** North Coast

**Curtilage/Boundary:** Coastal dunes, 9km north-north-east of Crescent Head. Approximate AMG point: 9535-015575.

**Item Type:** Archaeological-Terrestrial

**Statement of Significance:**

First Nominator: @Along with other middens in the area, this midden indicates that the first Aboriginal settlers of the area now occupied by the Macleay River floodplain arrived at a time before its formation. @)

Second Nominator: Very few open beach middens remain on the north central coast of New South Wales. Maguires Crossing Shell Midden is an extremely rare site type, particularly given its intact condition. (from nominators)

**Physical Description:**

First Nominator: @A shallow shell midden in eroding sand dunes belonging to a barrier system believed to have formed in the last 7,000 years. It is one of a number of Aboriginal middens situated along the old coastline. Dated to 1210 + 90bp. @)

Second Nominator: The site consists of a shallow shell midden eroding out of foredunes. The main part of the site consists of a discrete dense scatter of pipi shells (DONAX deltoides) and stone artefacts. The artefacts consist predominantly of flaked local beach pebbles with most of the pebble fragments and flakes being small. A few unflaked pebble manuports are also present.

**Admin Codes:** 018251

**Owner:**

**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Year Started:** 1210

**Year Completed:** Circa: No

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Maguires Crossing Shell Midden

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as are several pieces of burnt rock. This scatter measured approximately 200m square but the size of the exposure would depend on wind conditions as the surrounding mobile sand shifts to cover parts of the site and uncover others. In adjacent areas several small scatters of shell and artefactual material were visible, indicating the presence of additional cultural material through this section of foredunes. Amongst one of these scatters rusty fragments of metal were identified suggesting the site may have been visited in the post contact period. The antiquity of the main part of the site has been identified with a date of 1210 +/- 90 bp being recorded. It is possible that the fragments of metal are unrelated to the Aboriginal occupation of this site and reflect other more recent uses of the area.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Further Comments:

Criteria a)
Criteria b)
Criteria c)
Criteria d)
Criteria e)
Criteria f)
Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness:

References:

Author
Title
Year

CAMPBELL, V.  1972. 'SOME RADIO-CARBON DATES FOR ABORIGINAL SHELL Date/4/1995

Studies:

Parcels:

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Item Name: Maguires Crossing Shell Midden
Location: Maguires Crossing Rd, Crescent Head [Kempsey]

Custom Field One: CAMPBELL, V. 1972. 'SOME RADIO-CARBON DATES FOR ABORIGINAL SHELL

Custom Field Two: 1210 +/- 90 B P


Custom Field Four: 9.00 NNE Crescent Head

Custom Field Five: Hat Head

Custom Field Six: Data Entry: Date First Entered: 28/04/1999 Date Updated: Status: Partial
Item Name: ODELL MEMORIAL
Location: BIG NOBBY HILL, CRESCENT HEAD [Kempsey]

Address: BIG NOBBY HILL
Suburb / Nearest Town: CRESCENT HEAD 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Statement of Significance:
The O'Dell Memorial is an important record of the community's history. It commemorates the death through drowning of a local man whose family sought to signify his life in the absence of a formal burial. This monument takes the place of a headstone which marks the place in the vicinity of where the death occurred.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
The monument was erected as a tribute to Herbert Arnold O'Dell who accidentally drowned whilst fishing off the rocks below Big Nobby. He was the son of Sam O'Dell.

The monument was constructed by the Edstein Monumental Mason of Smith Street, Kempsey. The problem of transporting the stone to Big Nobby was solved by local teamster Tosh Felton of Pola Creek. The stone was loaded on to a dray by means of a tripod. The arduous journey to Crescent Head took one day. The corduroy had not been formed and the road followed around the mountain instead of through the swamp as it does today. Arriving at Crescent head the stone then had to be moved via Back beach up the mountain. Tosh was using three horses and despite the skepticism of the locals he moved the load as far as possible on the dray until his horses were prevented from pulling the dray over the rocks. The monument was then loaded onto two poles and dragged the rest of the way to the designated place on the side of the hill. It was a feat in itself to transport the stone. The Monumental mason completed the work of erecting the monument on site.

Assessed Significance:
Endorsed Significance: Local

Themes:
National Theme
9. Phases of Life
State Theme
Birth and Death
Local Theme
(none)

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Item Name: ODELL MEMORIAL
Location: BIG NOBBY HILL, CRESCENT HEAD [Kempsey]

Designer:
Maker / Builder: Edstein Monumental Mason

Year Started: 1917 Year Completed: 1917 Circa: No

Physical Description: The monument is built of marble. There is a base, then two marble slabs to form the plinth which supports the obelisk.

Physical Condition: In very good condition.

Modification Dates: Originally the monument was enclosed by a white picket fence. This has been replaced by a strong wire fence. An original inscription read: "For a life so young and fair, now has hased from earthly care. God himself the soul will keep, giving thy beloved sleep."

Recommended Management:
Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments: At some time the monument has been restored. Shrubs and small trees are growing in the enclosure and these need to be removed.

Criteria a) The O'Dell monument is associated with the history of the village of Crescent Head. By erecting a memorial to the memory of their son, the O'Dell family followed a tradition of marking the place to where the drowning had occurred. In recent years this type of tribute has become a common gesture. The crosses beside the roads and highways are also a reminder of deaths by accidents.

Criteria b)

Criteria c) The monument is simple in design but the obelisk shaft and the two lower stones and the base are made of marble. The monument is in an imposing position above the ocean and the impression it gives is that of keeping a lonely vigil on the side of the mountain.

Criteria d)

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness: The monument has been restored during the 1980's but the original design is still intact. The white picket fence has been replaced by a heavy wire structure. The clearing is now overgrown with small trees.
Item Name: ODELL MEMORIAL
Location: BIG NOBBY HILL, CRESCENT HEAD [Kempsey]

References:
Author          Title          Year
Lloyd O'Dell, Gladstone
Tosh Felton    1987

Studies:

Parcels:

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 02/10/1998    Date Updated: 16/09/2005    Status: Basic

Item Name: POST AND RAIL FENCE INCLUDING GOLF COURSE
Location: RANKINE STREET, CRESCENT HEAD [Kempsey]

Address: RANKINE STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: CRESCENT HEAD 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Owner:
Admin Codes: 9643
Current Use: As a boundary fence of golf course.
Former Uses: To fence in a stock paddock

Assessed Significance: Local
Endorsed Significance: Local

Statement of Significance: The fence is significant at a local level for its association with the skills of this type of fencing. The hand built fence signifies that the ground was once a paddock for stock. The short golf course was on its own paddock. The fence has become a landmark in the village.

Historical Notes or Provenance: The golf course was fenced for as long as any of the local people can recall. Lach Sinclair, long time resident of Crescent Head, helped one cattle man mark cattle here in the early 1940's. The greens were fenced with post and rail fences and the kiosk proprietor ran cattle on the golf courses. In the early part of the 1900's the course was used as a horse paddock for summer day visitors.

Themes: National Theme
8. Culture
State Theme
Social institutions
Local Theme
(none)

Designer:
Maker / Builder:
Year Started: 1910
Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description: Falling into disrepair in some sections. Repairs need to be carried out immediately. It may be necessary to put new timber into several places.
Item Name: POST AND RAIL FENCE INCLUDING GOLF COURSE
Location: RANKINE STREET, CRESCENT HEAD [Kempsey]

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:
Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:
Criteria a)
Criteria b)
Criteria c) The post and rail fence is indicative of the rural fencing which is acknowledged today as Australian. The fencing techniques are almost lost skills with very few people knowing the art of morticicing a post and shaping a rail.
Criteria d)
Criteria e)
Criteria f) The post and rail fence is rare as methods of enclosure.
Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness: The post and rail fence needs repairing in several places. It is a talking point and a feature in the town walks.

References:
Author: Lach Sinclair, long term resident of Crescent Head
Title: A Short History of Crescent Head
Year: 1992

Studies:
Author: National Trust of Australia (NSW)
Title: National Trust Country Register

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Item Name: POST AND RAIL FENCE INCLUDING GOLF COUR
Location: RANKINE STREET, CRESCENT HEAD  [Kempsey]

Date First Entered: 02/10/1998  Date Updated: 07/10/2005  Status: Basic
Item Name: SILENT COP (TRAFFIC CONTROL)
Location: CNR RUDDER AND SULLIVAN STREETS, CRESCENT HEAD

Address: CNR RUDDER AND SULLIVAN STREETS
Suburb / Nearest Town: CRESCENT HEAD
Local Govt Area: Kempsey

State: NEW

Other/Former Names: Traffic Domes

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Current Use:
Former Uses:

Statement of Significance:
The silent cop is the forerunner of the modern day roundabout at the junction of three or four streets. The raised dome indicated that the traffic went around the dome and it took place of a traffic policeman hence the colloquial name; "silent cop" entered the English language. The traffic dome becomes a historic item in its own right.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
In the Kempsey Municipal Minutes of 1924; "Letter from Dr. McElhone suggesting placing dummy policemen at the intersection of the streets for the guidance of traffic. Moved by Alderman Land and seconded by Alderman Savage that the matter be referred to works committee." One silent cop at the intersection of Lachlan Street and Nicholson Street has currently been removed.

Themes:

Designer:
Maker / Builder:

Year Started: 1920  Year Completed: 1920  Circa: No

Physical Description:

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:
Item Name: SILENT COP (TRAFFIC CONTROL)
Location: CNR RUDDER AND SULLIVAN STREETS, CRESCENT HEA

Recommended Management:

Further Comments:

Criteria a) The silent cop was a simple technical device which added to traffic safety. The raised dome is aesthetically acceptable and does not mar the landscape.

Criteria b)

Criteria c) The silent cop at the intersection referred to is in good condition and does not in its daily use impeded traffic or pedestrians.

Criteria d)

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness:

References:

Author | Title | Year
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Kempsey Municipal Minute Book | | 1924

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Location: CNR RUDDER AND SULLIVAN STREETS, CRESCENT HEA

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Date Updated: 08/10/2005
Status: Basic
| Item Name: | UNITING CHURCH |
| Location: | 8 PACIFIC STREET, CRESCENT HEAD [Kempsey] |

| Address: | 8 PACIFIC STREET |
| Suburb / Nearest Town: | CRESCENT HEAD 2440 |
| Local Govt Area: | Kempsey |
| State: | NSW |
| DUAP Region: | Northern |
| Historic region: | North Coast |
| Parish: | |
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| Recommended Management: | Statutory Instrument |
| Management: | List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP) |
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Item Name: UNITING CHURCH  
Location: 8 PACIFIC STREET, CRESCENT HEAD [Kempsey]

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Date First Entered: 10/08/2005  
Date Updated: 16/09/2005  
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Item Name: **TIN MINE TRAIL**

Location: **DAISY PLAINS TO COMARA [Kempsey]**

**Address:**

**Suburb / Nearest Town:** DAISY PLAINS TO COMARA

**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey

**State:** NSW

**DUAP Region:** Northern

**Historic region:** North Coast

**Other/Former Names:**

**Area/Group/Complex:**

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**Item Type:**

**Group:**

**Category:**

**Owner:**

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Item Name: TIN MINE TRAIL
Location: DAISY PLAINS TO COMARA [Kempsey]

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 13/09/2005 Date Updated: 13/09/2005 Status: Basic
**DONDINGALONG UNITING CHURCH**

**Address:** DONDINGALONG ROAD  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** DONDINGALONG  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW  
**DUAP Region:** Northern  
**Historic region:** North Coast  
**Parish:** Wittitrin  
**County:** Dudley

**Owner:** Religious Organisation  
**Admin Codes:** 10329

**Current Use:** Former Uses: 

**Assessed Significance:** The style of this little church is a near perfect record of the history of the district. It captures in physical form the social, economic, technological and spiritual values of its people. It describes a time and place in which it was built 113 years ago. The church remains as the only indication that there was a Dondingalong district.

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:**

Dondingalong Church was built in 1892 as A Wesleyan and in church records it was "free of debt". The builders H & R Manning of Kempsey. A church service was held each week and a week night meeting once a month. The church is constructed of eighth inch (203mm) sawn planks of blackbutt which form the walls, and the floors are made of tallowwood. Lighting was provided by kerosene lamps and two ornate metal lamp posts are a reminder of past gracious living. As most services were held in the day time there would have been little use for lighting.

In 1902, the union of Wesleyan and Methodist churches was publicly acknowledged. The church was then renamed Dondingalong Methodist Church. A third name was given in 1977 when the church became the Uniting Church.

In the enclosure is a monument dedicated to the memory of Billy Simon who was killed whilst on active service in Egypt in 1915. He was the son of Mr & Mrs Joe Simon of Dondingalong.

In the church are articles which are regarded as historical items. The pulpit, rail and communion table may have come from the original chapel. There is a bell organ complete
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**Item Name:** DONDINGALONG UNITING CHURCH

**Location:** DONDINGALONG ROAD, DONDINGALONG [Kempsey]

with manual. It is constructed of finest American Walnut. A receipt shows that Clifton Grey of Kempsey renewed the bellows in 1930.

The land for the church was given by the Foster family. It is a small part of Dondingalong Station leased by Magnus McLeod as a pastoral run in 1838.

**Themes:**

**Designer:** unknown

**Maker / Builder:** H & R manning, Kempsey

**Year Started:** 1892  **Year Completed:** 1892  **Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:** Good.

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:** Statutory Instrument  List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:** The Uniting Church Council is moving to sell the church building at Dondingalong. This is not in accordance with the residents. As the attendance can no longer support the maintenance and the near by residents are not in a position to buy the church, it is hoped that the building may be bought as a residence and left on the land. Advice could be sought from Kempsey Shire Council and the Heritage Architect.

**Criteria a)**

Dondingalong Uniting Church is linked with the early development of the district. Together with the school nearby, the church has been the centre of social life. The names associated with the church are records of the farmers who lived in the area. The only reminder that Dondingalong ever existed is the name on the church sign. The monument beside the church is a tribute to William Simon who was killed in Egypt in 1915. His grave is in the desert at Mena so the name Dondingalong is written in a faraway country.

**Criteria b)**

**Criteria c)**

The Dondingalong Uniting Church is a fine example of a bush church. It is a credit to the builders that it has stood for over 100 years. The residents have faithfully maintained the building throughout that time. It is placed on a hill overlooking a view of the valley and the ranges, not far from Dungay Creek.

**Criteria d)**

The Dondingalong Uniting Church has been a centre of social activity for the district for many years and now the parishioners are in smaller numbers the church can no longer afford the upkeep of the building. Most people in the district and those who have moved away regret the passing of this little church but would like to retain it on the land. It is highly significant to the community's sense of place. There have been marriages performed here and the church is remembered fondly for these celebrations.
Dondingalong Uniting Church is a fine example of a bush church and the architectural style of the era.

Integrity / Intactness:

References:
- Author: Dondingalong Uniting Church
- Title: Centenary Book 1992.

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Date Updated: 16/09/2005  
Status: Basic
**Item Name:** ANTIQUE SHOP  
**Location:** CNR RUDDER STREET AND PACIFIC HIGHWAY, EAST KEMPSEY

**Address:** CNR RUDDER STREET AND PACIFIC HIGHWAY  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** EAST KEMPSEY 2440  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW  
**DUAP Region:** Northern  
**Historic region:** North Coast

**Operation:**  
**Current Use:**  
**Former Uses:**

**Statement of Significance:**  
**Assessed Significance:**  
**Endorsed Significance:**

**Physical Description:**  
**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**  
**Recommended Management:**  
**Management:**
Kempsey Heritage Inventory

Item Name: ANTIQUE SHOP
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**Item Type:**

**Group:**

**Category:**

**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:** 1876

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:**

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

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**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**

**Year Completed:**

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**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:**

**Further Comments:**

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**Item Name:** BRINDABELLA

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Item Name: CHADDIES STORE
Location: CNR RUDDER AND HERBORN LANE, EAST KEMPSEY [Ke]

Address: CNR RUDDER AND HERBORN LANE
Suburb / Nearest Town: EAST KEMPSEY
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Item Type: Built
Group: Retail and Wholesale
Category: Shop

Admin Codes: 2893
Owner:

Assessed Significance: The two-storey building in east Kempsey is a landmark in the town. The general Store has been operating on the same site since 1910. The building was erected by the grandparents of author Thomas Keneally as a shop and residence including a butchery operated by William Knauer.

Endorsed Significance:

Statement of Significance:

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Themes:

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

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Physical Description:

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

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Item Name: **CHADDIES STORE**
Location: **CNR RUDDER AND HERBORN LANE, EAST KEMPSEY**

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EAST KEMPSEY CEMETERY

Address: CNR BLOOMFIELD AND NAIOOKA STREETS
Suburb / Nearest Town: EAST KEMPSEY
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Statement of Significance:
East Kempsey Cemetery displays a degree of craftsmanship in the stone masonry. The headstones reflect socio-economical status and simple availability of materials. Burials of Aboriginal people are known to have been carried out in an unmarked but dedicated section of the ground.

Current Use:
Former Uses:

Assessed Significance:

Endorsed Significance:

Physical Description:
Physical Condition:
Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:

Item Name: EAST KEMPSEY CEMETERY
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Location: CNR BLOOMFIELD AND NAIOOKA STREETS, EAST KEMP

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**DuAP Region:** Northern  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** EAST KEMPSEY  
**Historic region:** North Coast  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**Parish:**  
**State:** NSW  
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**Other/Former Names:**  
**Area/Group/Complex:**  
**Group ID:**  
**Aboriginal Area:**  
**Curtilage/Boundary:**  

**Item Type:** Built  
**Group:** Education  
**Category:** School - State (public)  
**Owner:**  
**Admin Codes:** 18006, 19031, 19032  
**Code 2:**  
**Code 3:**  

**Current Use:**  
**Former Uses:**  

**Assessed Significance:**  
**Endorsed Significance:**  
**Statement of Significance:** The original building stands as a monument to early education in Kempsey. The first school built in 1881 is incorporated in the school complex. Community pride surrounds this school. It is aesthetically pleasing area giving East Kempsey a sense of place.  
**Historical Notes or Provenance:**  
**Themes:**  
**Designer:**  
**Maker / Builder:**  

**Year Started:**  
**Year Completed:**  
**Circa:** No  
**Physical Description:**  
**Physical Condition:**  
**Modification Dates:**  

**Recommended Management:** Statutory Instrument  
**Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR):**  

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Item Name: EAST KEMPSEY PUBLIC SCHOOL
Location: INNES STREET, EAST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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**Melville Park**

**Address:** LORD STREET  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** EAST KEMPSEY  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW

**DUAP Region:** Northern  
**Historic region:** North Coast

**Statement of Significance:**
This small park was no doubt created to enhance the entrance to the traffic bridge. Called Melville Park it was probably built in the term of office of Mayor by Robert Melville.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:** Statutory Instrument  
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:**
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Item Name: MELVILLE PARK
Location: LORD STREET, EAST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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Item Name: NETHERBY HOUSE

Location: 5 LITTLE RUDDER STREET, EAST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 10/08/2005 Date Updated: 15/09/2005 Status: Basic
Item Name: RESIDENCE

Location: 13 RUDDER STREET, EAST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Address: 13 RUDDER STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: EAST KEMPSEY 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Other/Former Names:
Area/Group/Complex:
Aboriginal Area:
Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: Built
Group: Residential buildings
Category:

Owner:
Admin Codes: 2898
Code 2:
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Current Use:
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Assessed Significance:
Endorsed Significance:

Statement of Significance: Heritage aspects of East Kempsey Streetscape.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description: Single storey residence.
Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:
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Further Comments:

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Kempsey Heritage Inventory

Item Name: RESIDENCE

Location: 13 RUDDER STREET, EAST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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| Group:     | Residential buildings |
| Category:  |          |

| Owner:     | |
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| Current Use: | |
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| Statement of Significance: | Heritage aspects of East Kempsey Streetscape. |
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**Location:** 9 RUDDER STREET, EAST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

**Address:** 9 RUDDER STREET  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** EAST KEMPSEY 2440  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW

**State Heritage Inventory**

**Current Use:**  
**Former Uses:**

**Statement of Significance:** Heritage aspects of East Kempsey Streetscape.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Physical Description:** Single storey residence.

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Assessed Significance:**

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**Management:**

**Curtilage/Boundary:**

**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:** 2896

**Code 2:**

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**Area/Group/Complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal Area:**

**Recommended Management:**

**DUAP Region:** Northern  
**Historic region:** North Coast

**Architect:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**

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Item Name: **RESIDENCE**

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### Kempsey Heritage Inventory

**Item Name:** RUDDER LOCKOUT AND RESERVOIR  
**Location:** LORD STREET, EAST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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**Current Use:** Former Uses:

**Assessed Significance:** Rudder Park (Apex Project) is significant in that it is the site of Kempsey's first resident Enoch William Rudder. Rudder gave the town the name Kempsey. Significant too is the landscaping was undertaken by members of the Apex Club of Kempsey who developed the site as a community project in 1966. The reservoir at East Kempsey in Rudder Park, is significant in that it was the first concrete reservoir for Kempsey’s water supply in 1930c.

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Theme:**

**Designer:**

**Year Started:** Year Completed:  
**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

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**Item Name:** RUDDER LOCKOUT AND RESERVOIR  
**Location:** LORD STREET, EAST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

**Management:**  
Statutory Instrument  
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:**
- Criteria a)
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**Data Entry:**
- Date First Entered: 10/05/2005  
- Date Updated: 16/09/2005  
- Status: Basic

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## WAR MEMORIAL AND THE TRIANGLE

### Address:
LORD STREET

### Suburb / Nearest Town:
EAST KEMPSEY

### Local Govt Area:
Kempsey

### State:
NSW

### Current Use:
Former Uses:

### Statement of Significance:
The Obelisk is significant in that it records the names of service people who enlisted in three wars. As well as a tribute to the people who served it represents the grief of family members who lost family members during those years of war. The memorial is a significant gathering place for remembrance services on designated days of national respect.

The park surrounding the memorial in East Kempsey is known as The Triangle. This name is probably not officially gazetted but has evolved through public usage. The significance lies in the landscaping curtilage, which has been preserved from development. The gardens are an attractive background to the traffic bridge.

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### Historical Notes or Provenance:

### Themes:

### Designer:

### Maker / Builder:

### Year Started: Year Completed: Circa:
No

### Physical Description:

### Physical Condition:
Item Name: WAR MEMORIAL AND THE TRIANGLE
Location: LORD STREET, EAST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:
Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:
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Location: LORD STREET, EAST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 10/05/2005 Date Updated: 16/09/2005 Status: Basic
**New England National Park (1978 boundary)**

Location: Armidale - Dorrigo Rd, Ebor [Bellingen]

Address: Armidale - Dorrigo Rd
Suburb / Nearest Town: Ebor 2453
Local Govt Area: Armidale Dumaresq
State: NSW

Historic region: New England
DUAP Region: Northern

Address: Armidale - Dorrigo Rd
Suburb / Nearest Town: Ebor 2453
Local Govt Area: Nambucca
State: NSW

Historic region: North Coast
DUAP Region: Northern

Address: Armidale - Dorrigo Rd
Suburb / Nearest Town: Ebor 2453
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Historic region: North Coast
DUAP Region: Northern

Address: Point Lookout Rd
Suburb / Nearest Town: Ebor 2453
Local Govt Area: Armidale Dumaresq
State: NSW

Historic region: New England
DUAP Region: Northern

Address: Point Lookout Rd
Suburb / Nearest Town: Ebor 2453
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Historic region: North Coast
DUAP Region: Northern

Address: Point Lookout Rd
Suburb / Nearest Town: Ebor 2453
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Historic region: North Coast
DUAP Region: Northern
New England National Park (1978 boundary)

Address: Point Lookout Rd
Suburb / Nearest Town: Ebor 2453
Local Govt Area: Bellingen
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Other/Former Names:
Aboriginal Area:
Curtilage/Boundary: About 23,351ha, 7km south-east of Ebor. Comprises scarp area at headwaters of Bellingen River.

Item Type: Landscape
Owner: 003406
Admin Codes: 003406
Code 2: 003406
Code 3: 003406

Statement of Significance:
The places collectively known as the Central East Coast Rainforests, which are or will be largely contained within the World Heritage Area of the same name are the major large areas of rainforest remaining in northern New South Wales and southern Queensland. They are one of only two locations in Australia, along with the Queensland Wet Tropics which support four out of five of the major classes of rainforest. These are: cool temperate rainforest, warm temperate rainforest, dry rainforest and subtropical rainforest. The broad rainforest classes intergrade on a number of the sites with consequent high diversity at the community level as well as a very high diversity at the species level, particularly in the subtropical forests. The diversity in the biota in part relates to the diversity of climatic niches available on the escarpment. All these areas contain significant primitive plant and animal species with strong links to the ancient super continent Gondwana. They also contain plant species of major significance in the evolution of the Australian and global flora. The places contain the greatest diversity of primitive groups within the angiosperm subclass Rosidae, which formed major elements in the primary radiation of higher dicotyledons. These areas, in addition to providing refugia for many relict plant and animal species, are important for their role in the evolution of many taxa. This is very well demonstrated by the levels of endemism apparent at all systematic ranks. About 260 species in 131 genera and sixty three families are largely restricted to the region. Many of the plant communities found in the area have high representative value. The places contain at least thirty one representative rainforest suballiances out of a possible fifty seven rainforest suballiances identified in New South Wales, including representative examples of all the NOTHOFAGUS MOOREI suballiances. They also contain the majority and best remaining expressions of subtropical rainforest found in Australia and the best remaining expressions of the araucarian dry
rainforest remaining in Australia. The places are highly significant in terms of the long term survival of all rainforest in the region by virtue of the fact that they provide habitat for fauna (particularly for the rainforest dependent pigeons) vital for the maintenance ecological processes in the large and small rainforest remnants of the region. The Tertiary volcanic remnants, which are associated with Central East Coast Rainforests, are of outstanding value in both the evolution of the Australian landscape, as evidence of past volcanism, and as sites where significant ongoing geological processes are occurring. The Mount Warning Caldera is particularly significant. It is an outstanding example of ongoing geological processes. Considering its age of about twenty million years, it is possibly the best preserved erosion caldera in the world. Compared with some of the other major erosion calderas (Haleakala and East Molokai in Hawaii, Taburiente on La Palma, Tahiti, and the Banks Peninsula calderas in New Zealand), the Mount Warning example is notable for its size and age, for the presence of a prominent central mountain mass and for the erosion of the caldera floor to basement rock. Many of these areas have high wilderness quality. Wilderness rainforest is particularly scarce in Australia. The places also contain a large number of rare, vulnerable, endangered and poorly known plant and animal species. The places have been used extensively as research sites. Examples include the use of the areas for the elucidation of the primary radiation of higher dicotyledons and the study of post volcanic erosional processes. The New England National Park supports a very high diversity of plant species and communities including six representative rainforest suballiances spread across the four major types, subtropical rainforest, dry rainforest, warm temperate rainforest and cool temperate rainforest. In addition the area contains many non rainforest communities including snow gum (E. PAUCIFLORA) stands, woodland, dry sclerophyll forest, wet sclerophyll forest, alpine heath and sedge swamps. The great diversity of fauna found within the park reflects the wide variety of habitats available. The avifauna is particularly rich with at least 114 bird species recorded. At least forty one mammal species, seventeen reptile species and twenty six amphibian species have been recorded in the park.

Nine plant species nationally listed as rare and or vulnerable occur in the park. These are an undescribed species of acacia (ACACIA sp. 4), CRYPTOCARYA sp 2 (an undescribed species) DIURIS VENOSA, EUCALYPTUS APPROXIMANS, EUPHRASIA RAMULOSA, GINGIDIA MONTANA, HELICHRYSUM WHITEI, MELALEUCA TORTIFOLIA and neocastelia sp 1 (an undescribed species). The park is habitat for eighteen vulnerable and rare species of fauna listed in Part 2 of Schedule 12 of the New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 which are rare and endangered in New South Wales. The listed birds are the powerful owl (NINOX STRENUA), sooty owl (TYTO TENEBSOSA), wompoo fruit dove (PTILINOPUS MAGNIFICUS) (rare), rufous scrub bird (ATRICHORNIS RUFESCENS), Rose crowned fruit dove (PTILINOPUS REGINA), glossy black cockatoo (CALYPTORHYNCHUS LATHAMI) and olive whistler (PACHYCEPHALA OLIVACEA). Mammals recorded in the park which are listed are the parma wallaby (MACROPUS PARMA), yellow bellied glider (PETARURUS AUSTRALIS), spotted tailed quoll (DASYURUS MACULATUS), brush tailed phascogale (PHASCOGALE TAPOTAFA), red legged pademelon (THYLOGALE STIGMATA), little bent wing bat (MINIOPTERUS AUSTRALIS), common bent wing bat (MINIOPTERUS SCHREIBERSII) and koala (PHASCOMARCTOS CINEREUS). Listed amphibians recorded in the park the sphagnum frog (PHILORIA SPAGNICOLUS), red crowned toadlet (PSEUDOPHRYNE AUSTRALIS) and glandular frog (LITORIA SUBGLANDULOSA). New England National Park includes a number of features associated with the Mount Ebor Volcano. A gabbro plug believed to be the source of the basalts lies just to the east of the park. The remnants of this volcano are regarded as the
New England National Park (1978 boundary)

Location: Armidale - Dorrigo Rd, Ebor [Bellingen]

best example in eastern Australia of a radial drainage pattern related to a specific centre of eruption. The rugged network of valleys and ridges below the escarpment in New England National Park have high wilderness quality. The Bellingen River with headwater tributaries in New England National Park is one of the major wild and scenic rivers in New South Wales.

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Geology and Geomorphology: The geology and geomorphology of the area are, directly and indirectly, major determinants of the distribution of rainforest. The coastal plains of eastern Australia are in many places abruptly terminated to the west by a major escarpment. This is an important geomorphological feature, which, in both the Australian and the global contexts, is on the grand scale several thousand kilometres long and in places approaching 1,000m high.

The Great Escarpment: The Great Escarpment lies to the east of the Great Divide except along the Main Range of south-east Queensland and the Liverpool Range near the Barrington Tops in New South Wales, where the two features coincide. The Great Escarpment is very significant for the rainforests of eastern Australia. Its abrupt rise presents a barrier to rain-bearing clouds from the east, so that the escarpment and its foothills receive, by Australian standards, very high rainfall. During the Tertiary period, eastern Australia was the scene of extensive volcanic activity, which left a legacy of extensive areas of basalt. There is a strong correlation between these rock types and the presence of rainforest in the region.

Sols: Of particular significance for the structural characteristics and floristic composition of rainforests within the areas are the krasnozemic soils that derive from basic igneous rocks (basalt, gabbro, monzonite) and the podsolic soils that derive from acid igneous rocks (rhyolite, trachyte). Rainforest stands may also be found on alluvial soils along rivers and on soils derived from sedimentary rocks. Many of the small pockets of rainforest found in gullies and ravines in sedimentary rocks grow in soil enriched by the down slope movement of colluvium and nutrients. Some examples of littoral rainforest occur on poor sandy soils; their nutrient supplies may be supplemented by salt spray.

Vegetation: In its optimal environment, subtropical rainforest is the most structurally and floristically complex form of rainforest. To most observers, it differs little from tropical rainforest. Such rainforest occurs in higher rainfall areas on fertile soils generally derived from basalts. The core element is warm subtropical rainforest at lower altitudes on basalt derived soils. A common canopy tree species is ARGYRODENDRON TRIFOLIOLATUM (white booyong). Warm subtropical rainforest at lower altitudes is found in the places principally on the lower slopes of the eastern McPherson Range in Springbrook National Park and Numinbah and Limpinwood Nature Reserves, in Mount Warning and Nightcap National Parks, in the western Tweed Valley under the cliffs of the Tweed Range, and in the valleys of streams flowing westward from the Tweed Range. Most of this rainforest type has long been cleared. Warm subtropical rainforest extends, with some changes in floristic composition, to mid altitudes in...
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Item Name: **New England National Park (1978 boundary)**

Location: **Armidale - Dorrigo Rd, Ebor [Bellingen]**

Rainforest species grading into tall closed forest with sclerophyll emergents. The tall sclerophyll species are principally *Eucalyptus grandis* (flooded gum), *E. campanulata* (New England blackbutt), *E. saligna* (Sydney blue gum), *E. microcorys* (tallowwood) and *Lophostemon confertus* (brush box). The tall open forests on the most favourable sites are commonly known as wet sclerophyll forests.

The intergradations between rainforest and wet sclerophyll forest are spatially and ecologically complex. Wet sclerophyll forests frequently have a well-developed rainforest understorey. On fertile soils maintenance of these communities appears to depend on disturbance (from agencies such as fire, landslip or storms) and in the absence of disturbance they will develop into rainforest; that is, they are transition forests. On less fertile soils for example, those derived from rhyolite, it is less certain that this transition will occur and some examples may be distinct, stable, self-perpetuating communities in their own right.

These plant communities of the Central East Coast Rainforests support a flora that is very rich in total numbers of species, endemic species and rare species.

**Fauna:**

The Central East Coast Rainforests support a rich and diverse fauna for some groups the most diverse in Australia. More than twenty vertebrate species have the major part of their distribution in these places, and numerous invertebrate species are confined to the area. The places have a diversity of frog species second only to that of the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Property. Some forty five species have been recorded compared with forty seven species in the wet tropics representing about twenty five per cent of the total frog fauna of Australia. Two of the four families and eleven of the twenty five genera of Australian frogs are represented in the areas.

The Central East Coast Rainforests provide habitat for about 110 species of reptiles. At least 140 species of Australian lizards and snakes are restricted to the eastern coastal and subcoastal region. Genera largely restricted to this region include *Phyllurus* among the geckoes, *Gonocephalus* among the dragons, *Anomalopus*, *Calyptotis*, *Coeranoscincus*, *Eulamprus*, *Lampropholis*, *Lygisaurus*, *Ophioscincus* and *Saiophis* among the skinks, and *Cacophis* and *Tropidechis* among the snakes. All these genera are represented in the areas.

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The region of the Central East Coast Rainforests has one of the most diverse mammal faunas in Australia, surpassed only by the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Property. A total of seventy five species, or thirty percent, of Australia's terrestrial mammals have been recorded from the places, including two species of monotremes, thirty two marsupial species, thirty one bat species and ten species of rodent. A large number of the species in the groups listed above are wet forest species of which a subset are rainforest dependent.

The places contain a large number of nationally rare, vulnerable, endangered and poorly known species. There are 172 species of plants and thirty eight species of vertebrates. New England National Park is astride the rugged scarp of the New England Tableland. The remnant neck of the Ebor volcano is believed to be located within the region just to the east of New England National Park known as the Crescent. The Tertiary basalt of the Ebor volcano outcrops along the escarpment rim in the park. The lowlands below the escarpment are on a complex of Carboniferous/Permian metamorphic and sedimentary rocks slate, phyllite, sandstone and conglomerate. The park is characterised by steep slopes and gorges. There is strong altitudinal zonation of vegetation communities from snow gum (*Eucalyptus pauciflora*) woodlands and alpine heath at...
Item Name: New England National Park (1978 boundary)
Location: Armidale - Dorrigo Rd, Ebor [Bellingen]

high altitude to subtropical rainforest in deep valleys. @The wide range of plant communities found in the park provides habitats for a rich diversity of faunal species.

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Location: Armidale - Dorrigo Rd, Ebor [Bellingen]

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Local Govt Area: Armidale Dumaresq
State: NSW
DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: New England
Parish: County:

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Address: Point Lookout Rd
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Location: Armidale - Dorrigo Rd, Ebor [Bellingen]

Address: Point Lookout Rd

Suburb / Nearest Town: Ebor 2453

Local Govt Area: Bellingen

State: NSW

Owner:

Admin Codes: 019793

Current Use: 

Former Uses: 

Assessed Significance:

Endorsed Significance: 

Statement of Significance:

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Themes:

Designer: 

Maker / Builder: 

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description: Geology and Geomorphology: The geology and geomorphology of the area are, directly and indirectly, major determinants of the distribution of rainforest. The coastal plains of eastern Australia are in many places abruptly terminated to the west by a major escarpment. This is an important geomorphological feature, which, in both the Australian and the global contexts, is on the grand scale several thousand kilometres long and in places approaching 1000m high. The Great Escarpment: The Great Escarpment lies to the east of the Great Divide except along the Main Range of south-east Queensland and the Liverpool Range near the Barrington Tops in New South Wales, where the two features coincide. The Great Escarpment is very significant for the rainforests of eastern Australia. Its abrupt rise presents a barrier to rain bearing clouds from the east, so that the Escarpment and its foothills receive, by Australian standards, very high rainfall. During the
Tertiary period, eastern Australia was the scene of extensive volcanic activity, which left a legacy of extensive areas of basalt. There is a strong correlation between these rock types and the presence of rainforest in the region. Of particular significance for the structural characteristics and floristic composition of rainforests within the areas are the krasnozemic soils that derive from basic igneous rocks (basalt, gabbro, monzonite) and the podsolic soils that derive from acid igneous rocks (rhyolite, trachyte). Rainforest stands may also be found on alluvial soils along rivers and on soils derived from sedimentary rocks. Many of the small pockets of rainforest found in gullies and ravines in sedimentary rocks grow in soil enriched by the down slope movement of colluvium and nutrients. Some examples of littoral rainforest occur on poor sandy soils; their nutrient supplies may be supplemented by salt spray.

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**Location:** Armidale - Dorrigo Rd, Ebor [Bellingen]

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**EUROKA CEMETERY**

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**Item Type:** Area/Complex/Group  
**Group:** Cemeteries and Burial  
**Category:** Cemetery/Graveyard

**Item Name:** EUROKA CEMETERY

**Statement of Significance:**
This cemetery was originally within the grounds of the Methodist Church, with its earliest burial being for John Booth, d. 15 August 1880, 76 years. Its status is closed to all but pre-bookings and interments, and has approximately 50,120 burials.

**Owner:** Local Government

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:** Statutory Instrument  
**List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP):**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**
Item Name: EUROKA CEMETERY
Location: EUROKA ROAD, EUROKA [Kempsey]

Further Comments:

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**Suburb / Nearest Town:** EUROKA  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey

**Other/Former Names:**

**Area/Group/Complex:**

**Aboriginal Area:**

**Curtilage/Boundary:**

**Item Type:** Private - Individual

**Admin Codes:** 7421

**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

The school residence built in 1894 is the only residence to survive of those designed by the architect for public schools, William Kemp. Those at east Kempsey and Smithtown have been demolished. Local builder Jacob Healy was the builder. The brick building set on cement foundations is described as being of economical construction. The 1890s depression was having an affect on the colony. The residence is close to its original form.

The school closed in 1970s and was converted to a private residence. The Junior Farmer Organisation was formed by the teacher Mr. Tozer.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**
**Item Name:** OLD SCHOOL

**Location:** 255 EUROKA ROAD, EUROKA [Kempsey]

**Recommended Management:**
- Statutory Instrument
- List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:**
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# Kempsey Heritage Inventory

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- **Date Updated:** 16/09/2005  
- **Status:** Basic

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**Item Name:** OLD SCHOOL RESIDENCE  
**Location:** 249 EUROKA ROAD, EUROKA [Kempsey]

**Address:** 249 EUROKA ROAD  
**DUAP Region:** Northern  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** EUROKA  
**Historic region:** North Coast  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**Parish:**  
**State:** NSW  
**County:**

**Other/Former Names:**

**Area/Group/Complex:**

**Aboriginal Area:**

**Curtillage/Boundary:**

- **Item Type:** Built  
- **Group:** Education  
- **Category:** Staff housing  
- **Owner:** Private - Individual  
- **Admin Codes:** 7420  
- **Code 2:**  
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**Current Use:**

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**Assessed Significance:**

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**Statement of Significance:**

The school residence built in 1894 is the only residence to survive of those designed by the architect for public schools, William Kemp. Those at east Kempsey and Smithtown have been demolished. Local builder Jacob Healy was the builder. The brick building set on cement foundations is described as being of economical construction. The 1890s depression was having an affect on the colony. The residence is close to its original form.

The School at Euroka is significant as a school built by local builder Jacob Healy and designed by William Kemp. (Architect for public schools) The school closed in 1970s and was converted to a private residence. The Junior Farmer Organisation was formed by the teacher Mr. Tozer.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**

**Year Completed:**

**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**
Kempsey Heritage Inventory

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Item Name: OLD SCHOOL RESIDENCE
Location: 249 EUROKA ROAD, EUROKA [Kempsey]

Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:
Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:
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**Statement of Significance:** Significant in the history of religion on the Macleay. Built in 1940 the brick church replaced a timber building 1872. This was the only church on the Macleay with its own cemetery. Early Euroka residents were devoted to their religion, which was first Wesleyan then Primitive Methodists and later Uniting Church. Euroka was regarded as the home of local Methodism.

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:** Statutory Instrument

**Management:** List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

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Item Name: UNITING CHURCH
Location: 235 EUROKA ROAD, EUROKA [Kempsey]

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Date Updated: 08/10/2005 
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Item Name: **BOAT RAMP AND KSC PARK**
Location: **MACLEAY STREET, FREDERICKTON [Kempsey]**

**Address:** MACLEAY STREET

**Suburb / Nearest Town:** FREDERICKTON 2440

**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey

**State:** NSW

**State Heritage Inventory**

**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

**Statement of Significance:**

The site of the wharf is significant as an integral part of transport. In the nineteenth century shipping was the only means of transport for people and cargo. Frederickton was a river town dependent on shipping as a way of transporting produce from the area. Beside the wharf was a landing for the ferry which crossed from East Frederickton on the opposite side of the river.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

Brief History: As early as 1863 the residents of Frederickton petitioned for a wharf to be erected claiming that the riverbanks were so severely damaged by the floods that they had considerable trouble loading and unloading their goods.

The Government Gazette 1887 page4 7567 advertised for tenders to be lodged for building a wharf opposite Frederickton, Macleay River. Plans and specifications were at the office of the Engineer in Chief for harbours and Rivers, Sydney and at the Court House Kempsey.

The following year 1888, the Government Gazette Vol.1 page 303 advised that the tender was accepted from G. Parkins. The site was known as East Frederickton, off South West Rocks Road and is now known as Rowes Lane or East Frederickton Lane.

The wharf was used for a ferry which crossed to the township. When the large vessels were approaching Frederickton, the ferry line had to be slackened and dropped to enable the ship to proceed up river.
**Item Name:** BOAT RAMP AND KSC PARK  
**Location:** MACLEAY STREET, FREDERICKTON [Kempsey]

**Themes:**  
- National Theme: 3. Economy  
- State Theme: Transport  
- Local Theme: (none)

**Designer:** Department of Public Works  
**Maker / Builder:** Messrs Rankin and Batty  
**Year Started:** 1870  
**Year Completed:** Circa: No

**Physical Description:** The site included a ferry landing and a wharf for ocean going steamers. The site of the wharf is close to the small park which is being developed as rest area with a table and seat.

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:** That the site be preserved by establishing a small park with appropriate signage pertaining to the history of the wharf and indicating that a ferry landing was in the vicinity. It would be important to show a ferry landing and a wharf was on the opposite side of the river. There is a space between the hotel and the boat ramp, which would provide a rest area. There is already a table and seating on the grass bank.

**Management:**  
- Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)  
- Statutory Instrument Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

**Further Comments:** This area includes the Frederickton Wharf and Boat Ramp and KSC Park and also the East Frederickton Ferry wharf on the opposite side of the River.

**Criteria a)** Frederickton Wharf site is important as part of the history of shipping on the north coast. Ocean going ships pulled into the township. The town was regarded as a thriving place and deserving of a substantial wharf.

**Criteria b)**

**Criteria c)**

**Criteria d)**

**Criteria e)** Research Potential. In researching the history of shipping on the north coast there is a potential for information to be gained from this site.

**Criteria f)**

**Criteria g)**

**Integrity / Intactness:** There is nothing left of the old wharves on either side of the river. A boat ramp has been
Item Name: **BOAT RAMP AND KSC PARK**
Location: **MACLEAY STREET, FREDERICKTON [Kempsey]**

Built for modern craft on the old ferry site.

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Location: CNR PACIFIC HIGHWAY, FREDERICKTON [Kempsey]

Address: CNR PACIFIC HIGHWAY
Suburb / Nearest Town: FREDERICKTON 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Current Use:
Former Uses:

Statement of Significance:
The building is of a high significance for its role in the early economy of the district. It is associated with the names of many dairy farmers who supplied milk to the factory. The boats which transported the milk from the farms are part of the history of the factory buildings.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
The Frederickton Butter Factory was built by Edward Debenham who had built the first butter factory on the corner of Chapman and Macleay Streets. Debenham built the present factory in 1905 on land leased from the Anglican Church. This was Glebe Land, which was entailed to enrich the church by way of rental. Debenham sold to the Macleay regional Co-operative Dairy Company in 1920. The Co-op decided to turn to cheese manufacturing. In 1976 the Co-op sold to United Dairies who now use the building as a milk depot for the milk vendors. In 2004 the building was once again sold to a local person who may develop the site into business premises.

Assessed Significance: The building is of a high significance for its role in the early economy of the district. It is associated with the names of many dairy farmers who supplied milk to the factory. The boats which transported the milk from the farms are part of the history of the factory buildings.

Endorsed Significance:

Designer:
Item Name: BUTTER FACTORY
Location: CNR PACIFIC HIGHWAY, FREDERICKTON [Kempsey]

Maker / Builder: Edmund Debenham
Year Started: 1905  Year Completed:  No  Circa:  No

Physical Description: The original timber building still stands. A large brick building has been added in sections over subsequent years.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates: 1920 - Macleay River Coop Dairying Company - became a Cheese Factory. Two brands of butter were manufactured - Maclae Brand butter for local consumption and Allowrie Butter for the Sydney market.

1975 - 21/11/75 - Frederickton Factory was purchased by United Dairies Pty Ltd a Sydney based company. The Frederickton factory was solely used for the manufacture of cheeses until recent time when the Kempsey factory ceased making butter. Both butter and cheeses are now manufactured at Frederickton. Additions to the plant and buildings since 1940 make it one of the largest of its kind in NSW.

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument  List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
Statutory Instrument  Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments:

Criteria a) Frederickton butter factory has a special association with the population of the village. It was an important part of the economy for the district both for dairy farmers and employees.

Criteria b) The factory equipment represented changing technology in dairy manufacturing products. Some of the machinery is still intact and photographs show the workers employed at various tasks in the manufacture of butter and cheese.

Criteria c) There is a strong social significance in the history of the factory in that the industry was locally owned and employees lived in the village.

Criteria d) The factory site has the potential to yield items connected with the history of the shipping around the wharves where the milk boats pulled in to deliver milk and service the enterprise.

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Item Name: FREDERICKTON CEMETERY
Location: 15-33 GREAT NORTH ROAD, FREDERICKTON [Kempsey]

Address: 15-33 GREAT NORTH ROAD  
Suburb / Nearest Town: FREDERICKTON 2440  
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern  
Historic region: North Coast  
Parish: Yarrabandini  
County: Dudley

Current Use: Former Uses:
Statement of Significance: Frederickton Cemetery reflects the styles and tastes of the period in which the headstones were constructed. The site holds a spectacular view over the flats of the Macleay. This follows a tradition of placing a cemetery in a picturesque place. The more opulent grave stones have given way to a simple lawn cemetery in the grounds.

Historical Notes or Provenance: Brief History: The Frederickton cemetery was dedicated in 1892. It holds over 3000 burial sites with many more unmarked and unknown graves. The oldest headstone is that of John Egan from Ireland. He was accidentally drowned aged 12 years in 1845. This early burial was before the land was subdivided to form a township.

Themes: National Theme 9. Phases of Life  
State Theme Birth and Death  
Local Theme (none)

Designer: Architect: Kempsey Borough Council
Maker / Builder:
Year Started: 1892  
Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description: The cemetery is in a beautiful setting overlooking the Macleay River country and the low set farming lands around the town. Many of the graves are in need of maintenance but overall

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there is not much deterioration as in other cemeteries.

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
Statutory Instrument Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments:

Date of Dedication: 1892

Criteria a) Frederickton Cemetery is historically significant in that the names of early settlers and in some cases whole families are recorded. Health history can be found in the epidemics of contagious illnesses often noted on children’s graves. The name of a stonemason could identify a local craftsman.

Criteria b)

Criteria c) Frederickton Cemetery shows a rich storehouse of Victorian symbolism. As well there is creativity in some of the simple headstones i.e. a beautiful piece of weather worn cedar and a solid piece of iron metal.

Criteria d) The social significance is evident in that the grave markers provide a tremendous amount of personal and local information not found elsewhere in the same combination.

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g) The monuments reflect the styles and tastes of the period in which they were constructed. National affiliations may also be discerned through the use of certain styles.

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The Frederickton School Group is to be considered a group that consists of a number of individual items including the School, Headmaster’s Residence and the Shelter Shed.

A fine example of a typical Victorian school building by an important Australian architect, masters residence and shelter shed, well and pump, etc. Grouped on dominant hill. Mature trees add to the townscape significance.

The three Horbury Hunt school buildings and the spatial relationships between them are collectively of state significance for their ability to demonstrate the aesthetic and technical innovations of their John Horbury Hunt design and his adaptation of a standard school plan, and for their ability to demonstrate the importance of the development of public education in New South Wales and the North Coast region in particular.

The former School House is an item of state significance for its associations with John Horbury Hunt and his unique design of the building based on a standard Council of Education floor plan. The building is also significant for its association with the then leading technologies employed by Hunt in the form of stained glass to windows, operable ventilation system to the gables and central bellcote to the schoolroom window.

One of J Horbury Hunt’s early commissions from the Council of Education illustrating his exceptional architectural ability to handle brick and timber in a simple and individualistic way. A delightful complex set high on rising ground overlooking river flats, the group is a distinctive local landmark.
The former Teachers residence is an item of state significance for its association with John Horbury Hunt and his unique design of the building based on a standard Council of Education floor plan.

The shelter shed is an item of state significance for its association with John Horbury Hunt and his unique design of the building based on his many stables and shed designs with exposed roof structures. (DPWS 2002: 38) And although partly enclosed the building has not been structurally altered and still exhibits the ability of the architect to handle timber as a medium for building to create something both practical and aesthetically pleasing.

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Themes:
Maker / Builder: G.J.T. Lawon and Reynolds and Son.
Year Started: 1879 Year Completed: 1880 Circa: No

Physical Description: Simple Gothic style brick school and residence plus timber shelter shed, well and pump grouped nicely on hill adjacent to cemetery, in a very dominant position in the tiny town. Bell tower and wind vane emphasize landmark quality of the group.

The Headmasters Residence is a brick house now painted built in 1879-80 to a design of JHH. Like the adjacent school house it has several of the usual architectural features of Hunt's work. These include the high chimneys with flared corbels and brick string coursing around the building above and below the windows entrance. The entrance is through a two way recessed south eastern corner.

The Shelter Shed is a massive corrugated iron roof supported by a series of ironbark posts. It is enclosed by vertical timber sheeting at either end divided into areas for boys and girls.

Physical Condition: Overall the buildings are largely intact and in good condition but painted cream throughout. More accurate historic colour scheme would help.

Individually; the Headmaster's Residence extensions to provide a bathroom and laundry were made in 1896 and an extra bedroom in 1903. In the Public School; the interior has lost much of its detail but the superb scissors truss system can still be seen.

Modification Dates: A new building is being created in the school grounds for school purposes but retaining significant structures designed by Architect: John Horbury Hunt. A Conservation Management Plan has been set up by the NSW Department of Public Works and Services in December 2002. The plan includes a comprehensive account of the historical development of the school.

Recommended Management:

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Item Name: FREDERICKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL GROUP
Location: GREAT NORTH ROAD, FREDERICKTON [Kempsey]

Management:

Further Comments: The majority of the information of this information is sourced from the NSW Department of Public Works data base of the National Trust.

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**MACLEAY RIVER HOTEL**

**Address:** 10 MACLEAY STREET

**Suburb / Nearest Town:** FREDERICKTON 2440

**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey

**State:** NSW

**Statement of Significance:** An example of good class accommodation of the late nineteenth century. Placed as it was on the main highway and adjacent to a wharf, the business attracted the traveling public. The hotel has been trading continuously as a hotel for 116 years.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** Brief History: The hotel was built in 1887 and known as Skobeloffs Hotel, later as the Post Office Hotel. In 1887 the building was described as "lofty spacious and well ventilated". The builder was Henry Lancaster who built the hotel for George Cooper Jnr. The hotel was leased to Solomon Freidlander known as Skobeloffs who came to Kempsey in 1886 to buy a watch making and jewellery business owned by S.H.Cohen.

**Designer:** Henry Lancaster

**Maker / Builder:** Henry Lancaster

**Year Started:** 1887

**Year Completed:** Circa: No

**Physical Description:** The hotel is made of bricks made at the brick works off Great North Road opposite the school. The Upper floor hall opens onto a large balcony overlooking Macleay Street. The bedrooms are large with each one opening into the hall. Bathrooms are at the rear and are typical of the design of the day. The verandah at the rear has been enclosed.
Item Name: MACLEAY RIVER HOTEL  
Location: 10 MACLEAY STREET, FREDERICKTON [Kempsey]

Modification Dates: Modifications have been carried out to meet the changing demands of the patrons. An extension has been added to the main bar to provide a place for entertainment. The bar extends from the old premises into the new premises into space with access for staff to serve behind the bar. Snooker tables have been placed in the old bar room. The original hotel incorporated a billiard room.

Recommended Management: Statutory Instrument Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments: Comment supplied by "Kempsey Shire Council Heritage Consultant" stated, "We were courteously received by Mrs. Janette Kemperle (owner) who agreed to allow us to see the upper floor which still holds accommodation facilities but is no longer providing this service. The hotel has (had) changes in appearance over the years but the main building bears its history well. Of particular interest is the fine ornamental plaster work around the architraves on the ground floor. In a small room now housing the poker machines is an old fire place with ornamental timber surrounds. Old brick and mortar is exposed.

Criteria a) The historical significance. The history of the township is reflected in the hotel, which has been trading for 116 years. The hotel is significant in that it represents the style of accommodation of its era.

Criteria b)  
Criteria c)  
Criteria d)  
Criteria e) The hotel has the potential to provide information, which will contribute to history of early hotel industry.

Criteria f)  
Criteria g)  

Integrity / Intactness: The hotel has been modified to meet the demands of present day trading. The upstairs accommodation is not used but the rooms are still intact and could be made into a hotel representing old country standards. The plumbing would necessarily have to be up-graded but the hotel is still a substantial building with a commanding view of the district and river.

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**Statement of Significance:**
The Post Office is significant for its historical association and social meaning. It was an integral part of town life and played a vital part in the communication of the district. It was a Telegraph Office providing a link with the Capital City. In the nineteenth century the telegraph was the only swift means of communication. The office would have housed the old system of Morse code.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**
Brief History: The building has an LEP listing. Edmund Debenham was Frederickton's first developer. His enterprise closed another Post Office which had been rented to the Post Masters General Department. Debenham secured the P.M.G. Lease which operated until 1900. It then became an "unofficial Post Office". On September 13, 1993, the Post Office closed its doors. Currently the Post Office is being used as a craft retail business.

**Physical Description:**
The two storey building is made of local brick manufactured in a nearby kiln. It was constructed solely for a Post and Telegraph Office with residence and is an outstanding example of the work of Debenham and his father in law, George Parkins. Debenham used bricks 335mm by 22mm in the building which was skillfully restored in the 1980's. Cast iron balustrades to the timber verandah have been reinstated, along with the trim to the timber verandah posts and barge board. There are four bedrooms on the first floor and two French
Item Name: **POST OFFICE**  
Location: **14 MACLEAY STREET, FREDERICKTON [Kempsey]**

doors giving access to the balcony. On the ground floor there was an office and public space, large dining room, an ante room, kitchen and utility room. The original plan shows the kitchen was detached and a large underground tank was installed which filled from water caught off the roof. This recorded by the builder who commented to the P.M.G. in correspondence that the tank already had sufficient water in it.

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:** The building is in sound condition and is in the process of restoration such as painting and adapting to future needs. The rooms have been slightly modified to house the retail business now operating as interior furnishings and craft wares. The counter has been removed between the office and the public area. The dining room also occupies the wares.

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:** Statutory Instrument Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

**Further Comments:**

**Criteria a)** Frederickton Post Office is associated with the early development of the town and is linked with the postal services, which were already established in the district. The post Office was purpose built and housed a telegraph station. The building of this post office in 1887 showed the importance of Frederickton as a town, which developed as an urban society.

**Criteria b)**

**Criteria c)**

**Criteria d)** The post office is a prominent building and a landmark. Although now a private residence it had a long association with local postal services. It is highly significant as a sense of place.

**Criteria e)** The research potential is important. The underground tank and brickwork could provide valuable understanding of early building materials. Bricks were locally made.

**Criteria f)**

**Criteria g)**

**Integrity / Intactness:** Intactness. The building is in good condition. The public office has been modified but the living quarters are still evident on the second storey.

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**Item Type:** Built  
**Group:** Residential buildings  
**Category:**

**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:** 10841  
**Code 2:**  
**Code 3:**

**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:** Police Station

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:** The house at 41 Macleay Street Frederickton is a well-built house typical of its era and may have been an imposing home. It was built by a local builder for his family home. The timber structure represents a style often designed for rural towns with extensive use of timber material and lager roof, which covered a verandah on several sides.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** The house was built by John Brenton in approx. 1918. It was intended for a private home when the family retired from a farm at Bellimbopinni. The home later became the third police station in the town during the 1920s. It is once again a private residence. This house was entered in the Royal Australian Institute of Australian architects in 1995. There is little documentation about the building.

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:** John Brenton

**Year Started:** 1918  
**Year Completed:** 1940  
**Circa:** Yes

**Physical Description:** Single storey residence. Outstanding example of international stylistic influence on individual building set within predominant edwardian rural townscape. red brick and cream fence and string courses

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:** c1940
Item Name: RESIDENCE
Location: 41 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, Frederickton [Kempsey]

Recommended Management:
The house is still in a good condition despite the rusting roof. The timber fence is intact. If attention were to be paid to the look of the house it could be an outstanding example of early twentieth century architecture and a feature of the streetscape.

Management:

Further Comments:

Criteria a)
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**Location:** 41 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, Frederickton [Kempsey]

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| Statement of Significance:                    |
| Historical Notes or Provenance:              |
| Themes:                                       |
| Designer:                                     |
| Maker / Builder:                              |

| Year Started:                                 |
| Year Completed:                               |
| Circa: No                                     |

| Physical Description:                        |
| Physical Condition:                          |

| Modification Dates:                           |
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Location: 1-3 MACLEAY STREET, FREDERICKTON [Kempsey]

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Integrity / Intactness:

References:

Studies:

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 10/08/2005 Date Updated: 15/09/2005 Status: Basic

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Item Name: RESIDENCES/TIMBER MILL/SHIP BUILDERS
Location: LAWSON STREET, FREDERICKTON [Kempsey]

Address: LAWSON STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: FREDERICKTON 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Old/Former Names:
Area/Group/Complex:
Aboriginal Area:
Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type:
Group:
Category:

Owner:
Admin Codes:
Code 2:
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Current Use:
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Assessed Significance:
Endorsed Significance:
Statement of Significance:

Historical Notes or Provenance:
Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder:
Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:
Physical Condition:
Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:
Management:

Further Comments:
Item Name: RESIDENCES/TIMBER MILL/SHIP BUILDERS
Location: LAWSON STREET, FREDERICKTON  [Kempsey]

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### Kempsey Heritage Inventory

#### Item Name: SCHOOL OF ARTS

**Location:** 20 MACLEAY STREET, FREDERICKTON [Kempsey]

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**Owner:** Private - Community

**Admin Codes:** 10867

- **Group:** Community Facilities
- **Category:** School of Arts

- **Curtilage/Boundary:**
  - **Type:** Built

- **Designer:** George Blight

- **Year Started:** 1893
- **Year Completed:** 1893

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

- Edmund Debenham donated the land where the hall stands, a corner piece of the block where his home stood. Sir Harry Rawson, RN KCB, Governor of NSW laid the foundation stone on 24th November 1903. The hall consisted of a library and reading room behind the stage. Downstairs was a large supper room and kitchen. Acetylene gas was installed in 1906 and a social was held to defray the cost. A tablet containing the names of Frederickton war heroes was unveiled on 24th May 1922 by Mrs Charles Dornan.

**Themes:**

- **Designer:** George Blight

**Physical Description:**

- A single storey timber building with the slope of the land permitting a supper room to be constructed beneath the southern end. The façade is surrounded by a false parapet that gives the impression of gabling. The exterior is unadorned except for double doors with skylights, quarter pane windows, a corrugated iron roof which is semi circular and a simple side entrance. Internally it is unceiled and is supported on curved timber ribs. The plates and strutted ties are exposed. Wall and stage linings are tongue and grooved mahogany.

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Item Name: SCHOOL OF ARTS
Location: 20 MACLEAY STREET, FREDERICKTON [Kempsey]

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:
It would be a great cost to replace the hall. It is important that regular maintenance and painting be carried out. Peter Knauer was a president of the institution from 1897 to 1917. A tribute to him in the form of a plaque was placed in the hall. A tablet containing the names of Frederickton’s war heroes was unveiled on 24th may 1922 by Mrs Charles Dornan. These items need to be noted and retained in any heritage listing.

Management: Statutory Instrument Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments:
The residents regard the hall an important part of the town’s history. The building is one hundred years old and is a community-based facility.

Criteria a) The importance of Frederickton as a river town was emphasised by the fact that the community was able to enlist the Governor of NSW to lay the foundation stone of this hall in 1903. The hall is in a commanding position standing on what was the road to the wharf and on the main highway.

Criteria b)

Criteria c)

Criteria d) The Frederickton School of Arts was the cultural centre for the district, housing a library and reading room.

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness:

References:
- Author: Macleay River Historical Society files
- Title: Macleay River Historical Society files
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Studies:

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 02/10/1998 Date Updated: 18/09/2005 Status: Basic
**Item Name:** WAR MEMORIAL  
**Location:** 1 GREAT NORTH RD, FREDERICKTON [Kempsey]

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<td>Frederickton War Memorial is a link with generations. The monument was erected by the Trustees of the Recreational Group. It is dedicated solely to the men who enlisted from Frederickton in WW1. It is simple in design and represents local participation as a tribute to the village enlistment.</td>
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**SHI Number**
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**Item Name:** WAR MEMORIAL  
**Location:** 1 GREAT NORTH RD, FREDERICKTON [Kempsey]

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**Physical Condition:** There is no allowance for movement. There is a need for 75cm expansion joint. Lettering needs blackening.

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:** Monument needs cleaning (NOT WITH POWER TOOLS). Light clean with carborundum stone.

Needs re-pointing. There is a crude cement patch on the raven fieldstone but cement is harder than the stone.

Steps need repairing and re-grouting to open a grout expansion.

**Management:**

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**Further Comments:** Owners: Lower Macleay RSSAILA

- **Criteria a)**
- **Criteria b)**
- **Criteria c)**
- **Criteria d)** Represents an instinctive characteristic of mankind that an event such as the wars should be kept in remembrance.
- **Criteria e)**
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**Integrity / Intactness:**

**References:**

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Item Name: WAR MEMORIAL
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FORMER INSURANCE BROKERAGE (LEWELLYN)

Item Name: FORMER INSURANCE BROKERAGE (LEWELLYN)
Location: 35 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Address: 35 KINCHELA STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: GLADSTONE 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW
DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Current Use:
Former Uses:

Statement of Significance:
This two-storey home built of timber shows a style of architecture, which emerged, as a more prestigious residence in the village in the late nineteenth century. It is a gracious home which has retained the French doors, which were popular in that era.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
H.W.T. Lee built this home in the late nineteenth century. From it he operated his business as an insurance broker, stock and station agent and auctioneer. The yards for selling livestock were at the rear of the premises. The house became a café in the 1990s.

Themes:

Designer:
Maker / Builder: H.W. Lee

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:
Physical Condition: The down piping is in need of repair. Water flows down the side of the building and will affect the beautiful timber walls.

Modification Dates: The wrought iron has been removed from the balcony and replaced with timber but the French doors and the main entrance have remained. The ground floor has been modified to accommodate the café furniture and to meet the standards of public use.

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**Kempsey Heritage Inventory**

**Item Name:** FORMER INSURANCE BROKERAGE (LEWELLYN)

**Location:** 35 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

**Recommended Management:**
- Statutory Instrument
- List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
- Statutory Instrument
- Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

**Further Comments:**

**Criteria a)**

**Criteria b)**

**Criteria c)** The house at No 35 demonstrates the splendid style which was emerging in Gladstone. It is clearly the home of a progressive businessman who gave the village an air of prosperity.

**Criteria d)**

**Criteria e)**

**Criteria f)**

**Criteria g)**

**Integrity / Intactness:**

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**Item Name:** FORMER INSURANCE BROKERAGE (LEWELLYN

**Location:** 35 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE  [Kempsey]

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Date Updated: 07/10/2005  
Status: Basic
Item Name: GLADSTONE HALL
Location: 5 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Address: 5 KINCHELA STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: GLADSTONE 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Owner: Private - Community
Admin Codes: 8199

Current Use:
Former Uses:

Assessed Significance:
Endorsed Significance:

Statement of Significance:
The School of Arts was built in 1893. It was decided that a cultural centre was needed for the growing community. It has been the venue for farewells and welcome homes to young men of world wars. An honour board hangs in the hall with a tribute to the service men of the first world war.

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder:

Year Started: 1893
Year Completed:
Circa: No

Physical Description:
Physical Condition:

Modification Dates: In 1922 the hall underwent a major programme of renovation. Residents of Gladstone keep up the maintenance on the building. Toilets have been built in the foyer which detracts from the entrance. Recently the annex was extended and ceiled to provide a gallery for art works and exhibitions.
Item Name: GLADSTONE HALL
Location: 5 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
Statutory Instrument
Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments:
Criteria a)
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Integrity / Intactness:

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Location: 5 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Data Entry: Date First Entered: 05/05/2005  Date Updated: 16/09/2005  Status: Basic
Item Name: GLADSTONE HOTEL GROUP INCLUDING BELL A
Location: 21 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Address: 21 KINCHELA STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: GLADSTONE 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Current Use:
Bell: used as a garden feature. Anchor: used as a garden feature.

Former Uses:
Bell: as a bell at Trial Bay Gaol before 1903. Anchor: as a ship’s anchor

Statement of Significance:
Hotel: Gladstone Hotel is of social significance to the town. It is associated with the development of the area and stood within a short step of the wharf when river traffic was the mode of traffic. The hotel is typical of the accommodation houses built in the nineteenth century.

Bell: This moveable heritage is a bell in the garden of the hotel at Gladstone is a relic of Trial Bay Gaol. The bell is associated with a system of prison reform which was the encouragement of prisoners to labour on a public works project. This was to construct a break wall at Laggers Point to provide a harbour of safety for ships plying the N.S.W. coast. The gaol was to house and employ a new category of prisoners. These men had a favourable recommendation from their gaolers and were in the last months of their sentence. They would be paid for working on the construction of the break wall. Whilst in the prison grounds they would be answerable to prison authority but were to be overseen by officers of Public Works when working on the break wall. It was deemed to be a concept ahead of its time. The break wall was not a success and the gaol closed after seventeen years. Items such as the bell were sold to other organisations in the district.

Anchor: The ship’s anchor is associated with the shipping history of the Kempsey Shire. The anchor is a link with the maritime heritage and the history of Gladstone as a river town.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
The two storey hotel was built in 1889. The builder was James Anderson. It was described as "a great ornament to the town". The bell in the grounds was retrieved from the racecourse and kept in "safe custody" when the racecourse was declared unsuitable for racing. The bell is believed to have come from Trial Bay Gaol.
Bell: The bell is believed to have come from Trial Bay Gaol when the prison was closed as a penitentiary. It is said to have been given to Gladstone Race Club to use for the correct weight signal. When the Race Club was abandoned in the 1970s the licensee of the Gladstone Hotel brought the bell to the hotel for safe keeping. It was erected in the garden and each subsequent hotelier has preserved it as a garden feature. The bell is regarded as part of Gladstone history and is remembered by racing patrons from the days of race meetings at the township. In 1908 a similar bell was purchased from Trial Bay Gaol by the Kempsey Jockey Club for six pounds.

Anchor: The Ship's Anchor is believed to have come from the ketch ACIELLE which was wrecked at Hat Head in September 1929. The ketch was a wooden vessel owned by Mr. Lebbus Hordern and used as a parent ship for his seaplane. A syndicate headed by Mr. L. Littlechild of Rushcutters Bay sold the Acielle to Australian Iron and Steel Company and she was refitted for a cruise to the north west coast of Australia. The anchor is believed to have lain under the sand but frequently exposed by sea movement. The anchor was dragged from the sand by a member of the Jordan family who is a fisherman at Hat Head. In 1974 it was transported to Gladstone and accepted by Jim Tedd, the then publican of Gladstone Hotel. It was placed in the garden of the hotel and remains there in 2004. All attempts to trace any other history has failed but the research is now in the hands of Dr. David Nutley, Maritime Heritage at the State Heritage Council in Parramatta.

Themes:

Designer:


Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:

Physical Condition: Bell: Good Anchor: Very Good

Modification Dates: Hotel: Extensions were carried out in 1925 and after 1968 the lower section was bricked, the interior modernised and a restaurant added. Further alterations have been carried out to meet changing lifestyle. Bell: The bell has been removed to cleaned Anchor: painted with black paint

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP) Statutory Instrument Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments: Bell: The Hotelier, Mr. Peter Land is anxious to preserve the bell and present it in the best condition. It is unfortunate that he may not have sought advice on the cleaning. Anchor: The ship's anchor is at present in the care of the publican of Gladstone hotel, Mr. Peter Land who is anxious to have the item protected by a heritage listing. This will
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ensure that the anchor is not removed or sold.

Criteria a)  
Gladstone Hotel is typical of the late nineteenth century hotels in country towns. The hotels offered accommodation and a ‘fine table’. The changes and modification provide evidence of the changing nature of hotels and the customer’s expectations.

Criteria b)  
Bell: The bell has a link with the life of the men at Trial Bay Gaol. The Gaol is important in the history of the district. The concept of the gaol was to provide employment and teach skills to inmates to prepare them for a better life on their release.

Criteria c)  
Gladstone hotel is a particularly fine building and is a prominent landmark in the centre of an attractive town.

Criteria d)  
Gladstone Hotel has been the centre of social life since the early days of the township. It suggests a prosperous town and would have been the centre of social life in the days of regattas and race meetings.

Bell: The bell has a strong association with the Trial Bay community and must have played a part in their everyday life.

Anchor: The ship's anchor has an association with the shipping history of the Kempsey Shire. The crew of the wrecked ketch Acielle, came ashore at Hat Head. The anchor has been preserved by proprietors of the Gladstone Hotel since 1974. The anchor is not out of place at Gladstone which was a river port until 1950s. The anchor provides a link with the maritime history of the N.S.W. coast.

Criteria e)  

Criteria f)  
Bell: The bell is a rare item in NSW history. Used as a signal to indicate a time or a change relating to work procedures the bell has now been replaced by electronic systems. It is rare to see a bell of such dimensions.

Criteria g)  
Gladstone is part of a group of hotels popular in the nineteenth century in NSW. Similar hotels are to be found throughout the country towns but few have remained in such good appearance as this building.

Integrity / Intactness:  
Bell: The bell is intact. An initial inspection did not reveal any markings. ref. Mrs. Jim Tedd, owner of the hotel when the bell was removed from the race course to the hotel garden.  
Anchor: The ship's anchor is a genuine item as part of the heritage of shipping. It is well preserved and worthy of a State listing.

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Author 
Macleay Argus Newspaper
Title 
29th March 1925
5th June 1925
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**Item Name:** GLADSTONE POLICE RESIDENCE

**Location:** 2 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

**Address:** 2 KINCHELA STREET

**Suburb / Nearest Town:** GLADSTONE 2440

**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey

**State:** NSW

**State Heritage Inventory**

**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

**Statement of Significance:**
The Police Residence and Lockup together with the former Courthouse provide evidence of the growth of Gladstone as an administrative centre in the final decades of the nineteenth century.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** Walter Vernon designed the police residence and associated buildings which were built in 1898. Messrs Manning and Morrison of Kempsey were the builders and the cost of the work was $2459. The brick building included accommodation for the resident police officer, three bedrooms and a living room on Kinchela Street and other household services at the rear. The prisoner’s yard separated two brick cells on the southern side. Extensive renovations were carried out in 1983.

**Themes:**

**Designer:** W.L.Vernon, Colonial Architect's Office

**Maker / Builder:** Messrs Manning and Morrison

**Year Started:** 1897  **Year Completed:** 1898  **Circa:** No

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Item Type:** Built  **Group:** Law Enforcement  **Category:** Staff Accommodation

**Owner:** NSW Police Service

**Admin Codes:** 13158

**Curtilage/Boundary:**

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:** It is evident that maintenance is carried out regularly and that the condition of the building is in good repair. The old cells building adjacent to the residence is very solid and used as a storage room. The brickwork shows no signs of cracks but ferns are growing out of the joins which may need to be addressed.
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Modification Dates: The Police Residence and lockup have been renovated. The old brick cell was cleaned and put into a condition so that it could be used in 1983 but as the lock-up is no longer used for that purpose the exercise yard is now a court yard attached to the residence. The original thick archway which may have been the toilets, has been retained as the outer wall. A modern kitchen has been designed but this is within the building. The bathroom has been updated but the old plan has been retained for the rest of the house.

Recommended Management:

Management:
- Statutory Instrument
- List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
- Statutory Instrument
- Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments:

Criteria a) The building is historically significant because it is one of a group of police stations and associated residences erected in the region in the late nineteenth century. Together with the adjacent courthouse and police station these buildings provide evidence of the growth of Gladstone as an administrative centre in the late nineteenth century.

Criteria b)

Criteria c) The sitting of the residence alongside the former courthouse between the Macleay River and the major road frontage of Kinchela Street, enhances its role as an aesthetically important streetscape.

Criteria d) The residence represents the presence of a police officer and indicates that a family lived permanently in the township. Despite changing needs of a community, this residence has remained the home of the appointed officers throughout its history. Representative The residence is a typical example of the small rural police residences designed by the Government Architect's Office under W. Vernon. 'Its simple Federation character displays both Bungalow and Arts and Crafts influences but is not particularly distinguished in formal or decorative Qualities.'

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness: Much of the building's fabric and architectural elements are intact.

References:

Author: Macleay Argus Newspaper
Title: 16th April 1983
Year:

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S.P.Riggs quoting B.Roser
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Location: 4-6 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Address: 4-6 KINCHELA STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: GLADSTONE 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Current Use: Police Residence
Former Uses: Police Residence

Statement of Significance:
The Police Station which now includes the former Court House, provides evidence of the important role of Gladstone as an administrative centre and a river port on the lower Macleay River in the nineteenth century. The well proportioned building shows that it was intended to be a permanent structure to house the magistrates for the hearing of cases under the "Statute and Criminal Law". The presence of a Court House gave the township a status not experienced in the other villages.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
Walter Vernon designed the police residence and it was built in 1898. Messrs Manning and Morrison of Kempsey were the builders and the cost of the work was $2459.00. The brick building included accommodation for the resident police officer and included three bedrooms and a living room on Kinchela Street and other household services at the rear. The prisoner's yard separated two brick cells on the southern side.

The Courthouse section was built in 1885 under the supervision of James Barnet, Colonial Architect. The builder was John Gabriel, a brick maker of Kempsey. Court sittings were held regularly until 1970. In 1983 the decision was made to convert the courthouse to enlarge the police station.

There is no record of when the old police station on the northern side of the court house was demolished but the Police had been using the annex of the courthouse as a station. The buildings are now integrated to make the Gladstone Police Station. The plans and specifications for the Gladstone Court House were prepared under the colonial architect, James Barnet. The successful tenderer was the Kempsey brick maker John Gabriel who bid one thousand pounds. The tender was announced in March 1884 and Gabriel
completed the building in October 1885. The contract included the erection of the office of the Clerk of Petty Sessions on the south side of the court. This annex is now the Police Station which had a Magistrates Room on the river side with direct access from a passage way.

Physical Description:
The building is in good condition and has been renovated to suit present living conditions. Plumbing and electricity installed at the same time.

The enclosure or exercise yards have been made into family courtyard and roofed over living area. There are two very thick arched walls on the southern side. These may have been a toilet/ablution section. At some stage probably in 1983 cells have been fitted with stainless steel toilets.

The cells have been cleaned and the paint is in good condition but these cells are no longer used. No prisoners are housed at Gladstone. The old brick walls show no signs of cracking but ferns are growing in the crevices. This may lead to deterioration.

The original thick archway which may have been the toilets has been retained as the other wall. A modern kitchen has been designed but this is within the building. The bathroom has been updated but the old plan has been retained for the rest of the house.

The Courthouse and Magistrates Room is now converted into a police Station and used as an office and record room. The old bench has been restored and used as a counter. It is approximately 7 metres long and divided into the office at the front entrance. There is a low divider intended in 1983 to separate the charge room. The cedar work has been retained in the skirting boards and the architraves. A picket fence was added in 1983 because it was believed that there had been one there originally.

A new garage and SES station have been built adjacent to the courthouse. This is an essential service and the building does not create a undesirable impact on the street as it is set back from the sidewalk.

Physical Condition:
Extensive restoration in 1983.

Modification Dates:
Court House was converted to enlarge the Police Station. The century old cedar timber and...
brickwork was cleaned and restored and plaster work renewed. The cedar courtroom bench became an inquiry counter. The skirting boards have been preserved. The slate damp course was replaced with an aluminum damp course. Extra electrical wiring and plumbing were concealed. Extensive renovations and restorations were carried out in 1983 by the NSW Department of Public Works. The police lockup keepers house and the old cell block were steam cleaned and renovated and the overnight lockup was able to be used again.

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument Nominated for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments:

Court sittings were continued until 1970 when proceedings were transferred to Kempsey. The cells are not used for holding people charged with offences. The courthouse building was started in 1884 & completed in 1885.

Criteria a) The building is historically significant because it one of a group of police stations and associated residences erected in the region in the later nineteenth century. Together with adjacent courthouse these buildings provide evidence of the growth of Gladstone as an administrative centre in the later nineteenth century.

Furthermore, the court house is linked to the history of law administration in the district. There are records indicating that there were court sittings as far back as 1869. In his speech, at the opening of the Court House, Mr. JW Wilson, a visiting Justice referred to the new building as a "marked contrast to the confined miserable premises in the police barracks where the court had conducted its business for the past seven years." It is not recorded where the earlier sittings were held.

Criteria b) People who have had dealings with the law in Gladstone have a strong association with the building. The building is a symbol of law and order for the area.

Criteria c) The formal layout of the buildings and the attractive decorative work add to the aesthetic significance. The retention of the early components add to its enhancement. The buildings make an important contribution to the streetscape of this charming village.

In addition, the courthouse's structure stands as an example of a restrained Victorian public building which forms part of an historic townscape. It is sited between the road and the river and this contributes to its landmark role in views from land and water. It is a simply detailed brick building and console brackets are the only decorative features.

Criteria d) The residence represents the presence of a police officer and indicates that a family lived permanently in the township. Despite the changing needs of a community, this residence has remained the home of the appointed officers throughout its history.

The Courthouse and Police Station are also evidence of the importance placed on the village as an administrative centre in earlier times. The Court House is a prominent building and local landmark. It has been the centre of administration since 1885 and as well as the court sittings to administer the law, was also the centre where local births were registered.

Criteria e) The site has some potential to contain archaeological information relating to the previous
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use as a courthouse and police station. The building has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the area's cultural history.

Criteria f) It has been pointed out in earlier surveys that the courthouse is one of the few of Barnet's design to have an unbalanced Palladian as it has only one pavilion attached to the two storey high courtroom.

Criteria g) The residence is a typical example of a small rural police residence designed by the Government Architects Office under W Vernon. Its simple Federation character displays both Bungalow and Arts and Crafts influences but is not particularly distinguished in formal or decorative qualities. Part of a group of Court Houses which were designed by Colonial Architect's Office under the supervision of James Barnet.

Integrity / Intactness: Although the original interior has been substantially altered the buildings retain the features which make it culturally significant. Also, extensive renovations were carried out in 1983 by the department of Public Works.

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Item Name: GLADSTONE SCHOOL AND BELL

Location: 13 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Address: 13 KINCHELA STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: GLADSTONE 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Current Use: School
Former Uses: School

Statement of Significance: Gladstone Public School reflects the importance which the community placed on education in the nineteenth century when travel was difficult for these children. Gladstone Public School is inseparable from the history of Gladstone and the Macleay District. The brick building built in 1898 has survived to be part of the present school.

Historical Notes or Provenance: Originally one room, it has been partitioned to form a second smaller room. In 1948 the room was divided into two by a fixed glass petition. A verandah is built along the southern side. The smaller room is entered through a door in the partition.

There is sufficient evidence of the 1898 building remaining to warrant attention. Modern class rooms have been added since 1948 but to date there has been no record of the recent buildings.

There has been a school in Gladstone since 1877. The present school, 1989, is built on the site of the 1877 school. In 1919, it was decided to exchange part of the land facing Barnard Street at the back of the school for a block of land on the southern side of the site in Kinchela Street. Once that was done the school site took the form it is now.

Designer:
Maker / Builder:
Year Started: 1898 Year Completed: 1898 Circa: No
Item Name: GLADSTONE SCHOOL AND BELL
Location: 13 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Physical Description:

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates: Originally one room, it has been partitioned to form a second smaller room. In 1948 the room was divided into two by a fixed glass partition. A verandah is built along the northern side. The smaller room is entered through a door in the partition.

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments: There is sufficient of the 1898 building remaining to warrant attention. Modern classrooms have been added since 1948 but to date there is no record of the recent building.

Criteria a) Gladstone Public School is part of the history of Gladstone and the Macleay. The town has had a school on this site for over 160 years. It is remarkable that the school has continued to function as a school with transport improving in recent years and the tendency of the Department of Education to close smaller schools and transporting the students to the larger town in the area.

Criteria b) 

Criteria c) Gladstone Public School is in an attractive setting and compliments the fine buildings in the block. The distinctive chimneys are a feature of the nineteenth century building.

Criteria d)

Criteria e) 

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness: Whilst the interior has been altered through the years and the later classrooms added to the grounds, the original building retains its features which make it culturally significant including the classical chimney pots.

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**Aboriginal Area:**

**Curtilage/Boundary:** Corner of Kinchela and Darkwater Streets, Gladstone.

**Item Type:** Built  
**Group:** Religion  
**Category:** Church

**Owner:** Religious Organisation

**Admin Codes:** 15754  
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**Current Use:** Church  
**Former Uses:** Church

**Assessed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:** The Gladstone Uniting Church building provides evidence of origins and beliefs of local people and also the names of former residents on memorials and furnishings within the church.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** Gladstone Uniting Church was built in 1921. The builder was George Welch. The tiles for the roof were brought from Trail Bay Jail which had been partly demolished. It is built of brick with cement facing described as Gothic in style with a steeply pitched roof. The battlement bell tower is pierced by the conical spire which overhangs timber louvers. The present church replaced the Wesleyan church built in 1883. The foundation stone was laid on 05/11/1921 by Rev, WH Butler. The bell is no longer rung for the Sunday Service but is rung for the celebration of marriage.

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:** George Welch.

**Year Started:** 1921  
**Year Completed:**  
**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:** Inside the Gladstone Uniting Church:

- **FOUNDATION STONE:** Laid by Rev WH Butler 05/10/1921.
- **PEWS:** The pews are the original ones from the weather board church replaced in 1921. These have been restored and each donated and dedicated.
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Location: KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

LEFT SIDE FROM THE ALTAR:
2. In loving memory of Bessie and Cecil Firth by their children Joy, Barbara and Dennis.
3. Restoration of this pew by Magnus Everson.
4 - 7. Blank
8. In loving memory of Alick and Hilda Thurgood.
9. In loving memory of George and Ivy Jeffrey for their children Tez, Elsie, Fred and Mary, their grandchildren and JH Brown OAM and Glad.

RIGHT SIDE FROM THE ALTAR:
10. Same
11. Same
12. In loving memory of Harold and bertha Wickham by their children Dorothy, Clare, Sybil, Marie and Peter.
13. Restoration of this pew dedicated to the memory of Harry and olive Snashall.
15. In loving memory of Edna Cassie.
17. In memory of Percy and Eden (Frith) Lewis. Dick and family.

THE ORIGINAL BAPTISM EWER (water jug with wide mouth pitcher) - this is in a case. In memory of Joyce Irene Eggins 26/1/1935.

STAND: Presented by Shirley and jack Secomb in loving memory of their infant son John (Tony).
Also on stand: In loving memory of my dear wife Effie Z. died 31/1/1982 Sylvan. In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Towers.

CHAIR: In memory of Albert and Jane Barnett by Alf and Olive.

PULPIT: Presented to Mr. And Mrs. GA Jeffrey and family.

RAIL:

BRASS VASES: Father and mother, H and A Eggins from Bert and Sylvan. Our brother Reggie and Cecil Eggins from Bert and Sylvan.

PLATE FROM SMITHTOWN CHURCH

LECTERN: From the catholic Church in Kempsey.


STAND: A Higgins

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Item Name: GLADSTONE UNITING CHURCH
Location: KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]


CHURCH WALL:
1. Eleanor L Barnett by her husband and family.
2. Dedicated to the memory of Bertie R Eggins by his wife, family and sister and brother.

PORCH: These lights in memory of Mr. and Mrs. A W Betts.

Physical Condition: In 1988 a new roof was put on the building. This replaced the old tiles which were originally from Trial Bay Gaol. In 1991 structural problems were addressed by the Parish Council. The church is in good condition and maintenance is regular.

Modification Dates: Brick fence was built in 1931. New roof replaced the tile roof in 1988.

Recommended Management:
Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
Statutory Instrument Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments:
Criteria a) Gladstone Uniting Church is associated with the history of the district and the strong influence of the Methodist Religion which is underlying in the religious history of the Macleay. The church was built during the year of a flood with enormous losses to property and stock. The cost of the church was over two thousand pounds funded by the parish people which meant generous gifts in time of hardship.

Criteria b)
Criteria c) Gladstone Uniting Church is a particularly fine example of a twentieth century rural church. It is part of a pleasing landscape in the main street and adds to the attractiveness of the town.

Criteria d) Gladstone Uniting Church is a prominent building and has been part of the social life of the township. As well as fulfilling a religious role in the lives of the families who have lived in the district and still have a sense of belonging to the church.

Criteria e)
Criteria f)
Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness: The outward appearance demonstrates a solid building which has not greatly changed since the church was built. The entrance to the vestry was to be similar to the main entrance but modified in the final design.

References: Author Title Year
1921

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Mrs Gwen Edwards of Gladstone.
Pastor Frank Van Korput
Pat Riggs and Billie Crawford  
Survey of Gladstone  
1992
Rev Brian Harvey  
A brief summary of the Gladstone Circuit

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 22/04/1999  
Date Updated: 16/09/2005  
Status: Basic
Item Name: MACLEAY MEMORIAL POOL
Location: KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Address: KINCHELA STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: GLADSTONE NSW
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: 2440

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Other/Former Names:
Area/Group/Complex:
Aboriginal Area:
Curtillage/Boundary:

Item Type: Group: Category:
Owner:
Admin Codes: 8198
Code 2:
Code 3:

Assessed Significance:
Endorsed Significance:
Statement of Significance:
Historical Notes or Provenance:
Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:
Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:
Management:

Further Comments:

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**Item Name:** MACLEAY MEMORIAL POOL  
**Location:** KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

### Criteria
- Criteria a)
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### Integrity / Intactness:

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- **Date First Entered:** 10/08/2005  
- **Date Updated:** 15/09/2005  
- **Status:** Basic
Item Name: MONUMENTAL PLAQUES

Location: MEMORIAL AVENUE, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Address: MEMORIAL AVENUE
Suburb / Nearest Town: GLADSTONE 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW
DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex:
Aboriginal Area:

Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: Built
Group: Monuments and Mem
Category: Monuments
Owner: Local Government

Admin Codes: Code 2:
Code 3:

Current Use:

Assessed Significance:
The monuments stir the memory of someone who enlisted in WWII. The tributes are all to young men who lived around Gladstone and the stones were built by the local residents.

Statement of Significance:

Historical Notes or Provenance:
The plaques were erected by the local residents. A mould was made so that the stones would be uniform in size and style. It is thought that the monuments were made during the 1950's. It is not known who actually made the monuments. Eight of the men were killed in action and the local RSL and Kempsey Shire Council have named the streets in their honour. Other names have been added for people who died after the monuments were built. One of the plaques carries the name of a WWII veteran and also the name of a relative who served in the Boer War.

Themes:

Designer: Not known.

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: 1950
Year Completed:
Circa: No

Physical Description:
The monuments are small square concrete structures with a tapered top on which are placed small plaques carrying names of the enlisted people.

Physical Condition: Excellent. Residents attend the lawn around the monuments.

Modification Dates:

Criteria a) The monuments enable us to retain impressions of the past sacrifices that these men made for their country during three wars. The names on the plaques signify a link with the township.
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**Item Name:** OLD POST OFFICE (1902-1926)  
**Location:** 27 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

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**Aboriginal Area:**

**Curtilage/Boundary:** RESIDENCE IS ON EAST SIDE OF KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE.

**Item Type:** Built  
**Group:** Postal and Telecomm  
**Category:** Post Office

**Owner:** Private - Individual

**Admin Codes:** 8192  
**Code 2:**  
**Code 3:**

**Current Use:**  
**Former Uses:**

**Assessed Significance:**  
**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:** The cottage at 27 Kinchela Street Gladstone is typical of the homes built in Gladstone in the last quarter of eighteenth century. No 27 compliments the cottages in Darkwater Street and is one of the last buildings with a frontage right on the footpath.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** This building is believed to have been built by Charles Hibbard in the late 1870s. It was leased as a post office from 1883, lost its status in 1902 and then conducted as a non-official post and telegraph office. The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd. also had an office in the building until 1911.

**Themes:**  
**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:** Chas Hibbard

**Year Started:** 1880  
**Year Completed:** Circa: No

**Physical Description:** The building is in good condition, has a steeply pitched gable roof and skillion over the verandah anchored by timber posts.

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:** A timber infill on one side has broken the line of the verandah. Iron has replaced a shingle roof.
Item Name: OLD POST OFFICE (1902-1926)

Location: 27 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Recommended Management:

Management:
- Statutory Instrument
- List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
- Statutory Instrument
- Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments:

Criteria a)
Criteria b)
Criteria c)
Criteria d)
Criteria e)
Criteria f)
Criteria g) The house at N0 27 represents the style of the first homes in Gladstone. The house adds to the charm of the streetscape and should be preserved.

Integrity / Intactness:

References:

Studies:

Parcels: Parcel Code LotNumber Section Plan Code Plan Number
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- **Date Updated:** 16/09/2005
- **Status:** Basic

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Item Name: OLD POST OFFICE (1926 -)
Location: 10A KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Address: 10A KINCHELA STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: GLADSTONE 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Other/Former Names:
Area/Group/Complex: Group ID:
Aboriginal Area:
Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: Built
Group: Postal and Telecomm
Category: Post Office
Owner:
Admin Codes: 22413
Code 2:
Code 3:

Current Use: Former Uses:

Assessed Significance: Endorsed Significance:
Statement of Significance: The former post office was built later than the houses surrounding it but the extensive use of timber and the simple design is in keeping with the earlier residences in the village. The building represents the importance of Gladstone as a commercial centre. A telephone exchange showed the post office held a vital link with the communications on the lower Macleay.

Historical Notes or Provenance: The Gladstone Post Office replaced the former leased premises and was built in 1926. The history of the post Office began in 1864 when the Postmaster requested that a direct mail service be dispatched from Gladstone (then Darkwater) to Sydney and return. A telegraph service was opened in 1879 showing that Gladstone was an important centre for the information of local farmers who shipped their produce to Sydney.

Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder:
Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:
Physical Condition:
Modification Dates:
**Item Name:** OLD POST OFFICE (1926 -)

**Location:** 10A KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

**Recommended Management:**
Statutory Instrument  List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
Statutory Instrument  Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

**Further Comments:**
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Location: 10A KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

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Data Entry:
Date First Entered: 02/10/1998
Date Updated: 16/09/2005
Status: Basic
Item Name: PATTERSON’S BUTCHERY
Location: BARNARD ST, GLADSTONE  [Kempsey]

Address: BARNARD ST
Suburb / Nearest Town: GLADSTONE 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Current Use: Residence.
Former Uses: Butchery.

Statement of Significance:

Historical Notes or Provenance:
Researcher has gone to considerable lengths to try to find the history of this building with no results so far. Numerous inquiries have revealed that the buildings were probably built by the Patterson family (father of Les and Roy) sold to Allan Ball in 1958 used as a butchery until 1990s when sold to Leighton Campbell. Used for a short time as a craft shop now closed.

Themes:

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:
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**Item Name:** PATTERSON'S BUTCHERY  
**Location:** BARNARD ST, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

- **Management:** Statutory Instrument  
- **List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)**  
- **Statutory Instrument**  
- **Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)**  

**Further Comments:**
- Criteria a)
- Criteria b)
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**Data Entry:**
- **Date First Entered:** 05/05/2005  
- **Date Updated:** 12/10/2005  
- **Status:** Basic
Item Name: RESIDENCE
Location: 3 DARKWATER STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Address: 3 DARKWATER STREET  
DUAP Region: Northern

Suburb / Nearest Town: GLADSTONE 2440  
Historic region: North Coast

Local Govt Area: Kempsey  
Parish: 

State: NSW  
County: 

Other/Former Names: 

Area/Group/Complex: 
Group ID: 

Aboriginal Area: 

Curtilage/Boundary: 

Item Type: Built  
Group: Residential buildings  
Category: House

Owner: Private - Individual

Admin Codes: 8147  
Code 2:  
Code 3: 

Current Use: 

Former Uses: 

Assessed Significance: 

Endorsed Significance: 

Statement of Significance: This cottage combined with several others in Darkwater Street creates the character of Gladstone. The style reflects a popular design of late nineteenth century.

Historical Notes or Provenance: This residence was built in the mid 1860's. It has a hip roof and bull nose iron over the front verandah. This building has had extensive renovations.

Themes: 

Designer: 

Maker / Builder: 

Year Started: 1860  
Year Completed: 
Circa: No

Physical Description: Is on the south side of Darkwater Street.

Physical Condition: 

Modification Dates: This building has had extensive renovations.

Recommended Management: 

Management: Statutory Instrument  
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Statutory Instrument  
Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

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Item Name: RESIDENCE
Location: 3 DARKWATER STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Further Comments:
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Data Entry:

Date First Entered: 02/10/1998
Date Updated: 16/09/2005
Status: Basic

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Item Name: RESIDENCE
Location: 1 DARKWATER ST, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Address: 1 DARKWATER ST
Suburb / Nearest Town: GLADSTONE
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

State Heritage Inventory
Current Use: Former Uses:
Statement of Significance:
Built in the last quarter of nineteenth century, the cottage reflects the character of Gladstone as a well-planned village.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
This is believed to be one of the earliest residences in Gladstone built around 1880. Until recent times it was unlined except for packing paper. The vertical tallow wood planks used in its construction were 200-300mm wide. Note the steep pitch of the hip roof and skillion. The building has always been used as a residence.

Physical Description:
The vertical tallow wood planks used in its construction were 200-300mm wide. Note the steep pitch of the hip roof and skillion.

 Assessment: State
Endorsed Significance:

Year Started: 1880
Year Completed: Circa: No
Physical Condition:
Modification Dates: Until recent times it was unlined except for packing paper.

Recommended Management:
Item Name: RESIDENCE
Location: 1 DARKWATER ST, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Management:
- Statutory Instrument
- List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
- Statutory Instrument
- Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments:
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Data Entry:
- Date First Entered: 08/04/1995
- Date Updated: 16/09/2005
- Status: Partial

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Item Name: RESIDENCE
Location: 1 DARKWATER ST, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]
**Item Name:** RESIDENCE  
**Location:** 25 BARNARD STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

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**Statement of Significance:**

This building is described as a cross between colonial and federation style. It is double fronted with gabled roof and has a bull nosed iron roof over front and side verandahs supported by timber posts with curved bracing. The bargeboards are elaborately carved. Arched cowls finish the chimneystack. The residence is believed to have been built by George Jeffery, an early Queensland insurance Agent.

**Designer:**

George Jeffery, an early Queensland Insurance Company Agent.

**Year Started:**  
**Year Completed:**  
**Circa:** No

**Recommended Management:**

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**Aboriginal Area:**

**Curtilage/Boundary:** Frontage to Barnard Street.

**Item Type:** Built  
**Group:** Residential buildings  
**Category:** House  
**Owner:** Private - Individual

**Admin Codes:** 8112  
**Code 2:**  
**Code 3:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Themes:**

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Owner:** Private - Individual

**Other/Former Names:**

**Area/Group/Complex:**

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**Curtilage/Boundary:** Frontage to Barnard Street.

**Item Type:** Built  
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**Themes:**

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

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Item Name: RESIDENCE
Location: 25 BARNARD STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Management:
- Statutory Instrument
  List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
- Statutory Instrument
  Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

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Item Name: RESIDENCE
Location: 49 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Address: 49 KINCHELA STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: GLADSTONE 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex:

Aboriginal Area:

Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: Built
Group: Residential buildings
Category: House
Owner: Private - Individual

Admin Codes: 18272
Current Use: 
Former Uses:

Assessed Significance: 
Endorsed Significance: 

Statement of Significance: This single gable residence, with skillions, was built around 1883. The original owner is not known, but it seems to be a twin to the Rowe residence opposite at number 52. The dwelling is still occupied. The detached kitchen has been demolished.

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Themes:

Designer: 
Maker / Builder: 

Year Started: 
Year Completed: 
Circa: No

Physical Description:

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates: The detached kitchen has been demolished.

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
Statutory Instrument
Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

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Item Name: RESIDENCE
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**Area/Group/Complex:**

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**Curtillage/Boundary:**

**Item Type:** Built  
**Group:** Residential buildings  
**Category:** House

**Owner:** Private - Individual

**Admin Codes:** 8207

**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:** This cottage at no 18 signifies the emergence of Gladstone as a commercial centre. One of the early owners was the agent for the North Coast Steam and Navigation Company. The building reflects the style of country town dwelling in 1870s.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** This triple gabled dwelling has been in four generations of the same family since 1878 and was built on the first lot sold in Gladstone in 1861 soon after the township was proclaimed in 1860. It was purchased by Wm Anderson from Mary Smith and soon after Anderson put up the first double gabled building. It is the families understanding that when William’s son, James, purchased the place from his father in 1887 he added a third gable as the family increased. James ran the Gladstone Agency of the North Coast Steam Navigation Company, the wharf being almost directly behind the premises. A portion of the office screen and some fittings are still intact.

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**

**Year Completed:**

**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

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Item Name: RESIDENCE
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Recommended Management:
Management: Statutory Instrument
Statutory Instrument
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments:
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Date First Entered: 10/12/1998  Date Updated: 16/09/2005  Status: Completed
Item Name: RESIDENCE

Location: 23 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Address: 23 KINCHELA STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: GLADSTONE 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

State Heritage Inventory

Current Use: Former Uses:

Statement of Significance:
The building is significant for the many roles it has played in Gladstone. The use of corrugated iron is unusual in a main street even for the 1925 era. The building began as a saddlery then changed to a billiard room before becoming a barber's shop.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
This shop with residence at the rear was built during 1925 by the publican W.G. Slocombe as an adjunct to the hotel. Its first use was believed to be a saddlery but later became a billiard room then a barber's shop, which also sold confectionery. The builder was Jack Allen. The exterior is sheathed with corrugated iron. Internally it is lined with mahogany planks. It is now a private residence.

Assessed Significance: Endorsed Significance:
The building is significant for the many roles it has played in Gladstone. The use of corrugated iron is unusual in a main street even for the 1925 era. The building began as a saddlery then changed to a billiard room before becoming a barber's shop.

Themes:

Designer: Jack Allen

Year Started: 1925 Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description: The exterior is sheathed with corrugated iron. Internally it is lined with mahogany planks.

Physical Condition: In very good condition.

Modification Dates: In late years the house has had lattice added to the front verandah.
**Item Name:** RESIDENCE  
**Location:** 23 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

**Recommended Management:**  
Keep the building intact.

**Management:**  
- Statutory Instrument  
- List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
- Statutory Instrument  
- Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

**Further Comments:**
- Criteria a)
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**Item Name:** RESIDENCE  
**Location:** 20 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

- Statutory Instrument
- List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
- Statutory Instrument
- Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

**Further Comments:**

- **Criteria a:** The building at no 20 Kinchela Street is historically significant because of its association with a large banking company, which saw fit to forming a separate branch to conduct the business of primary producers around Gladstone. The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd. opened in 1911 and closed in 1970s.

- **Criteria b)**

- **Criteria c)**

- **Criteria d)**

- **Criteria e:** There is potential for further research, which may reveal the extent of the bank’s influence in Gladstone.

- **Criteria f)**

- **Criteria g:** The former Commercial bank building is representative of the style of building which this bank erected in smaller country towns in the early twentieth century. The vault is still intact in the former banking chamber.

**Integrity / Intactness:**

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**SHI Number** 1850279

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**Address:** 19 KINCHELA STREET  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** GLADSTONE 2440  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW  
**DUAP Region:** Northern  
**Historic region:** North Coast

**Current Use:**  
**Former Uses:**  

**Statement of Significance:** Known as the Federal Store Thomas Cannane built this store in 1897. The shopfront denotes a progressive business and suggests that Gladstone attracted business on a large scale. The Store was ideally situated across from the wharf and in the heart of the town.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** The Federal Store was built by Tom Cannane in 1897. Early photographs show that the building has not changed greatly over more than a hundred years. Cannane, who first started as with a horse and cart but by perseverance established a flourishing business. He was popular with the school children and distributed "lollies" on Empire Day. Eric Dodds bought the store in 1921 and his son Eddie collected orders and delivered groceries by horse and sulky before purchasing a truck. They travelled along Belmore, Kinchela Back Creek, Jerseyville and Smithtown crossing the Macleay River twice by punt. The store is now a craft shop.

**Item Type:** Built  
**Group:** Commercial  
**Category:** Other - Commercial

**Owner:**  
**Admin Codes:** 8195

**Curtilage/Boundary:** LOT 10 ON EAST SIDE OF KINCHELA STREET, CNR OF MACLEAY STREET, GLADSTONE.

**Item Type:** Built  
**Group:** Commercial  
**Category:** Other - Commercial

**Assessed Significance:**  
**Endorsed Significance:**  

**Physical Description:** The shop at 19 Kinchela Street Gladstone is built flat to the ground, has a hipped roof and on two sides has a skillion supported by timber posts. The shop front with French doors has been retained.

**Designer:**  
**Maker / Builder:**  

**Year Started:**  
**Year Completed:**  
**Circa:** No
**Kempsey Heritage Inventory**

**SHI Number** 1850279

**Item Name:** RESIDENCE (CANNANES)

**Location:** 19 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:** The shop is painted a bright red. It would be more in keeping to paint it in quieter colours in harmony with the rest of the street.

**Management:**

- Statutory Instrument
- List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
- Statutory Instrument
- Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

**Further Comments:**

- **Criteria a)**
- **Criteria b)**
- **Criteria c)**
- **Criteria d)**
- **Criteria e)**
- **Criteria f)**
- **Criteria g)** The shop represents a time when Gladstone was a thriving commercial centre. The wide windows are characteristic of a progressive business. The shop was ideally situated beside the wharf and in the main street.

**Integrity / Intactness:**

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Item Name: RESIDENCE (FRED TOWERS)
Location: 11 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Address: 11 KINCHELA STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: GLADSTONE 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex: Group ID:
Aboriginal Area:
Curtilage/Boundary: Lot 7 Kinchela Street, East side.

Item Type: Built
Group: Residential buildings
Category: House
Owner: Private - Individual
Admin Codes: 8197
Current Use:
Former Uses:

Assessed Significance:
Endorsed Significance:

Statement of Significance:
The building was erected in the 1890’s by Fred Towers, a hairdresser and tobacconist. The shop came first, the residence pictured after his marriage. The shop's service was extended to include confectionary and icy drinks. The painted advertising sign on the shop window still remains. The building has been carefully restored.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder:

Year Started: 1890
Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:
Physical Condition:

Modification Dates: The building has been carefully restored.

Recommended Management:
Management: Statutory Instrument
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
Item Name: RESIDENCE (FRED TOWERS)
Location: 11 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Further Comments:

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**Item Name:** RESIDENCE (OLD LODGE POTTERY)

**Location:** 8 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

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**Assessed Significance:**

The two-storey building is significant in that it represents three phases of Gladstone's history. The lower section was the Methodist Church. The two-storey structure became the Masonic Temple of Loftus Lodge and later a gallery displaying superior pottery and art work.

**Current Use:**

Former Uses:

The Old Lodge Pottery was once the Masonic temple of Loftus Lodge. The lower section was the Gladstone Methodist Church built in 1883 and stood across the street where the present Uniting Church stands. In 1921 the church was purchased by Loftus lodge and rolled across the road to its present position. A second storey was added but the cathedral type windows on the lower floor were retained as well as the porch. Roof tiles were purchased from trial bay gaol after its disestablishment as an internment camp. The building was sold to John and Shann Blake in late 1970s and became a gallery for displays and sales of artwork and pottery.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:** 1883  **Year Completed:** Circa: No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**
RESIDENCE (OLD LODGE POTTERY)

8 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Conversion Dates: Converted to two-storeys in 1921. At the rear of the building is an outdoor café. The garden has been landscaped into an attractive area. The top floor is now a residence.

Recommended Management:

Management:
- Statutory Instrument
- List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
- Statutory Instrument
- Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments: The building now is in private ownership.

Criteria a): The old lodge is significant as an historical building which has seen three phases of history in its use since 1883. It began as a church and the history of the early Methodists in Gladstone is associated with this building. The Loftus Lodge held meetings in both sections of the building until it was converted to a gallery in 1980s.

Criteria b): The timber building is set on a large allotment surrounded by an attractive garden. The building blends with the timber cottages in the streetscape.

Criteria c): The old lodge is significant as an historical building which has seen three phases of history in its use since 1883. It began as a church and the history of the early Methodists in Gladstone is associated with this building. The Loftus Lodge held meetings in both sections of the building until it was converted to a gallery in 1980s.

Criteria d): The timber building is set on a large allotment surrounded by an attractive garden. The building blends with the timber cottages in the streetscape.

Criteria e):

Criteria f):

Criteria g):

Integrity / Intactness: Although a second storey has been added the ecclesiastical look is preserved in the lower section.

References:

Author: Title
- MRHS files (Gladstone history notes).
- Methodist History of Gladstone.

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**Area/Group/Complex:** Group ID:  
**Aboriginal Area:**  
**Curtilage/Boundary:**  

**Item Type:** Built  
**Group:** Residential buildings  
**Category:** House  
**Owner:** Private - Individual  
**Admin Codes:** 13325, 13327  
**Code 2:**  
**Code 3:**  

**Assessed Significance:**  
**Statement of Significance:** This group of buildings is particularly significant for the complete complex which denotes the residence and the ancillary buildings which show the life style of its occupants.  
**Historical Notes or Provenance:** From its first purchase in 1861 this property had several owners before being sold to Mr. Rowe, a pioneer grazier, on July 20th 1872. It was Rowe who built the crude timber buildings. These are still standing, and he occupied the property with his wife, Mary Anne Clegg, the step daughter of the architect John Verge, owner of the vast station nearby called Austral Eden.  
In this group are a sulky and harness sheds, stables, outside lavatory detached kitchen/fireplace. The present owners are concerned to have the buildings preserved for what they are representative of early settlement on the Macleay River. Hardwood planks, vertical and horizontal, and cut out Austral Edden have been used throughout. Some of the five rooms have been papered.  
**Themes:**  
**Designer:**  
**Maker / Builder:**  
**Year Started:** 1872  
**Year Completed:**  
**Circa:** No  
**Physical Description:** In this group are a sulky and harness sheds, stables, outside lavatory detached kitchen/fireplace. The present owners are concerned to have the buildings preserved for
**Item Name:** RESIDENCE (ROWES)  
**Location:** LOT 4-5, 54-56 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE

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**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:** The present owners should be encouraged to preserve the buildings, which are a very good example of the structure and design of a group, which shows the arrangement of the house and out buildings. There are few examples left of this kind.

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**Further Comments:**

Criteria a) The buildings are of great historical significance. The owner’s wife, Mary Ann Clegg was the stepdaughter of architect John Verge from Austral Eden. William Rowe was a member of a well-known family who were early citizens and graziers on the lower Macleay.

Criteria b)

Criteria c)

Criteria d)

Criteria e)

Criteria f) It is rare to find an entire group of buildings, which represent the style of home and outbuildings, which were in a country village. There is an opportunity for the group to be preserved and an incentive might be found for the owners who have been keen to keep the buildings intact.

Criteria g)

**Integrity / Intactness:**

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Item Name: RESIDENCE/BAKERY
Location: 61 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Address: 61 KINCHELA STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: GLADSTONE 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Statement of Significance:
This site was the Gladstone bakery since the late 1800s. The town bakery was a prosperous industry and showed the importance of the town’s self-sufficiency. The bakery business was emerging from the “home made” bread made by the housewife as is indicated by the wide area the “baker’s cart” served by Paddy Baulman in early twentieth century. The house represents the prosperity enjoyed by the baker who built the home adjoining the bakery.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
The house was built adjoining the bakery by Paddy Baulman. C1915. The residence is described as a Federation style. The home is an attractive building and is commented about by visitors to the town. The home was later bought by Dan Gleeson who ran the bakery. He is remembered fondly by the women of the town who mixed their Christmas cakes and then took them to Dan to be baked in his oven. It is not known when the bakery closed but the house has remained as a private residence.

Themes:

Designer:
Paddy Baulman

Maker / Builder:
Paddy Baulman

Year Started: 1915  Year Completed:  Circa: No

Physical Description: The residence has a prominent bay window with coloured glass sidelights, hipped and garbled slate roof and timber verandah columns with descriptive timber trim. An aged cedar tree grows in the front garden, a remnant from the days when cedar grew thick along the riverbank.
Item Name: RESIDENCE/BAKERY
Location: 61 KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management:

Further Comments:

Criteria a) The house has a link with the business sector of the town. The house is an important item in the streetscape showing the trend towards the prosperous turn that Gladstone must have taken from the days of the early cottage style housing.

Criteria b)

Criteria c)

Criteria d)

Criteria e)

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Integrity / Intactness:

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Item Name: RIVERSIDE MEMORIAL PARK (INCLUDING MONUMENT)
Location: KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Address: KINCHELA STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: GLADSTONE 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Other/Former Names:
Area/Group/Complex:
Aboriginal Area:
Curtilage/Boundary: ON WEST SIDE OF KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE.

Item Type: Landscape
Group: Parks, Gardens and
Category: Other - Parks, Garden
Owner: Local Government
Admin Codes: 8209
Current Use: Memorial site
Former Uses: Memorial site

Assessed Significance:
Endorsed Significance: The Gladstone Memorial Monument is a public witness of importance created for posterity. In this memorial it can be seen what a community considered worthwhile in expense and effort. This monument represents a place in artistic history.

Historical Notes or Provenance: Memorial: The monument was unveiled on 4th August 1920 by Brigadier-General Cox, CB, C.M.G., D.S.O. It was the sixth anniversary of the declaration of the war against Germany. The monument is founded on concrete, mounted on three flights of trachyte steps polished and roughcast. The monument is of trachyte surmounted by an Italian marble figure representing an Australian soldier with grounded arms. The cost of the monument was $660 which had been raised by functions and donations. It was erected in honour of those who enlisted from Gladstone and district in 1914-1918. Inscription on base:"Erected in honour of those who enlisted from Gladstone and district in the world's greatest war, 1914-1919." Above this the names of the thirteen fallen soldiers, either side the names of the thirty-five returned soldiers.

Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder: Alfred Goode
Year Started: 1920  Year Completed: 1920  Circa: No

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RIVERSIDE MEMORIAL PARK (INCLUDING MONUMENT)

Location: KINCHELA STREET, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

Physical Condition: Memorial: In need of strengthening.

Modification Dates: Memorial: Repairs to fingers of the sculpture in 1991. The rifle had been stolen several years before was replaced but moulded in fibre glass.

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Further Comments: Memorial: The Gladstone Monument is an outstanding feature of the township. There is no mention of the sculptor Alfred Goode inscribed on the monument.

Criteria a) Gladstone War Memorial is associated with the enlistment in World War 1 in Gladstone. In the aftermath of war every centre wanted to show its appreciation of the contribution made by the service personnel of that era. The monument is a public register of many names represented in the district at that time and perpetuated in present times. The monument is an interaction between past and present Australia.

Criteria b)

Criteria c) The Gladstone Memorial Monument is placed in a commanding position in the township. It is an outstanding piece of sculpture made before the age of mechanical reproductions and has a place in the artistic history of the country.

Criteria d) The Gladstone Memorial Monument is a local landmark. It is important to the community's sense of place.

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g) The figure on Gladstone Memorial Monument is made of Italian marble. Every detail is authentic as regards the Australian uniform. It represents the WW1 soldier rather than the imported models which were popular at that time and were not correct in uniform detail.

Integrity / Intactness: The Gladstone Memorial Monument needs to be assessed for maintenance. The last work was carried out in 1991 and it may be time to inspect the sculpture for any signs of deterioration. This has been carried out in recent months.

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**Location:** FROGMORE, GLADSTONE [Kempsey]

**Address:** FROGMORE  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** GLADSTONE  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW  
**DUAP Region:** Northern  
**Historic region:** North Coast

**Current Use:**  
**Former Uses:** Grain Silo

**Statement of Significance:** These structures are remarkable feats of building considering they were erected before the advent of highly technical machinery. Silos are scattered over the landscape in the farming areas in the Kempsey Shire and were considered one aspect of good farm management. A silo on a property was a sign of a progressive farm.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**  
**Year Completed:**  
**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Admin Codes:**

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**Curtilage/Boundary:** In private property adjacent to SWR road.

**Owner:**

**Other/Former Names:**

**Area/Group/Complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal Area:**

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Statement of Significance:
The St Barnabas Church provides evidence of the origins and beliefs of the local people. The furnishings provide the names of former residents. The church is significant in that it is one of the finest brick churches on the lower North Coast.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
The site, corner of Barnard and Darkwater Streets is on the second site chosen for St Barnabas. Originally the church was to have been built on the corner of the Macleay and Barnard Streets. The design was the joint work of Rev. Charles Chambers and Miss Laurel Dennis who carried out the architectural drawing. The church is built of brick and owing to the fact that it was built on the flood plain, the foundations are buttressed. The dedication was performed by Bishop Aston of Grafton in August 1927. The design is in pointed Gothic with a stately tower and spire. The interior was described as; "the articles of wood are of oak and the silverware is solid." A stained glass window in honour of Cuthbert Wheeldon who died in World War I "represents a Soldier of the Cross receiving the commendation of the Lord."

Themes:

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: 1919  Year Completed: 1927  Circa: No

Physical Description: ST Barnabas Church represents in style the Gothic revival of the era. It may have been considered to make a building "look like a church".
ORGAN: No inscription.

VESTRY: 1. On the wall a framed Diploma acknowledging the skill of Laurie Dennis.  
2. Sydney School of Mechanical Drawing and Correspondence. Miss L. Dennis completed 
the full course of instruction and passed the examination with honours in Architectural 
Drawing. Dated 11/10/1918 and signed by Geoffrey Dixon (Examiner) and Telford Martin 
(the Principal).  
3. Small plaque in memory of John Edward and Alice Saul by their daughter, Jean, and 
4. Under the clock a plaque, "In loving memory of our parents Janet and Leonard 
Crossingham presented by the family."

SANCTUARY: 
1. The bell in this tower was a gift of Elizabeth Worthing who died on 5/11/1942. Given in 
memory of herself and her late husband, Richard James Worthing.  
2. To the glory of God and in memory of Jon Clegg died 18/3/1917. May eternal light shine 
upon him. 3. This cabinet and refurbishment of the Sanctuary was provided by the bequest 
of John and Laurel Swan with great thanks to Almighty God, 23/11/1990.

PEWS: Some pews are marked as a tribute to parishioners: 
2. Phillip and Mrs. Rowe 7/8/1927.
3. In memory of our father and mother from Walter, Ray, Harry and Gladys Lee.
4. Given by Queenie Wickham in memory of her parents Emma and mark Sargent 
7/8/1927.

COLLECTION PLATE: Silver and inscribed; Nancy and Geoffrey Kemp 7/8/1927.

LECTERN (SMALL): In memory of Pauline Allen. Given by her husband and family.

FOUNDATION STONES: There are two foundation stones. One was laid in 1919 by Right 
Rev. CH Druitt previously on the corner of Macleay and Barnard Streets. Construction was 
halted because of World War I. The second foundation stone was laid by the Right Rev. JW 
Ashton, Bishop of Grafton, on the corner of Barnard and Darkwater Streets, May 2 1927.

WINDOWS: The windows were replaced at some time. First lead light the light amber 
glass. The design may be ecclesiastical. There are four windows in the western wall and 
three on the eastern wall. The windows are in the rear wall (high) and in differing heights. 
Three windows behind the altar are now boarded up and disguised by a heavy cream 
curtain. The light was too bright in the body of the church. One window in the entrance 
of the church is dedicated to Cuthbert Wheeldon who died in World War I "represents a Soldier 
of the Cross receiving the commendation of the Lord." Baptismal Ewer is dedicated in 1977 
in memory of EH Brown, church warden for about 40 years.

Physical Condition: The building is in very good condition and it is obvious that maintenance is regularly carried 
out both internally and externally.
Modification Dates: At some time the lead light windows have been replaced with light amber glass. The design may be ecclesiastical. These windows in the wall behind the altar are now boarded on the inside to reduce the glare in the church. This is disguised by a heavy cream curtain.

Recommended Management:

Management:
- Statutory Instrument
- List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
- Statutory Instrument
- Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments: It is unfortunate that the leadlight windows have been removed. One remains in the sanctuary. Application has been made to the Archivist Geoffrey Foley in Lismore to determine if the bricks that were purchased came from a local source.

Criteria a) St Barnabas Church is linked with the history of the lower Macleay. It is one of the first churches built in the smaller towns in the district and is important in the course of the local area's cultural history.

Criteria b) St Barnabas Church has strong or special association with the lives of the residents who have a regular association in their daily lives with the church for worship and family celebrations.

Criteria c) St Barnabas Church is aesthetically significant because it is placed in a prominent position at the entrance of the township. The scale and style along with the prominent spire make it a focal point and give it landmark qualities.

Criteria d) It reflects the determination of the people to reach the community. The parish system allowed a minister to preach regularly in outlying areas and the local parishioners worked diligently to retain the service. The church was the social centre before transport became more common to the main town to attend a place of worship.

Criteria e) St Barnabas Church has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the area's cultural history.

Criteria f) St Barnabas Church possesses uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of the area's cultural history.

Criteria g) St Barnabas Church has local significance.

Integrity / Intactness:

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Location: **8 DARKWATER STREET, GLADSTONE  [Kempsey]**

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MILLINGTON AVENUE

Address: GRASSY HEAD
Suburb / Nearest Town: GRASSY HEAD
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Historical Notes or Provenance:
Millington Avenue is the site of the first Pilot Station and pilot’s residence at Grassy Head. The Pilot’s residence and boatmen’s cottages were located under Razorback which is the ridge above Millington Avenue where a beacon was mounted to alert ships movements in the river. The steps to Razorback are still visible. The Pilot Station was opened in 1862.

Themes:

Designer:
Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:
Physical Condition:
Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:

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- Date First Entered: 15/09/2005
- Date Updated: 12/10/2005
- Status: Basic
RAZORBACK RESERVE INCLUDING STONE STEP

MILLINGTON AVENUE, GRASSY HEAD [Kempsey]

Address: MILLINGTON AVENUE
Suburb / Nearest Town: GRASSY HEAD 2441
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Address: Smith St
Suburb / Nearest Town: Kempsey 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Curtilage/Boundary: Above Millington Avenue, Grassy Head.
Item Type: Built
Owner: Land & Water Conservation

Group ID:
Code 2:
Code 3:

Assessed Significance:
Statement of Significance:
Razorback is the site of part of the first Pilot Station on the Macleay River. The old fairway was beneath this ridge and a flag mast stood on the narrow point. The signal mast was a second station to guide ships in and out of the river because of the limited visibility of ships rounding this part of the river known as Double Corner. A set of steps cut into the rock was the access for the pilot and his crew to attend the flag. This site provides evidence of the Pilot Station at Grassy head and the entrance to the river before 1893. There is also a stand of brush box on the ridge which is important factor in the ecology of the area.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
The first Pilot Station was established at Grassy Head in 1862. Alexander McKenzie was the first pilot. His residence and that of the crew was on the flat below Razorback and probably took in Millington Avenue. Here a Post and Telegraph Station was attached to the Pilot's House. A second flag mast was erected behind Millington Avenue above a place known as Double Corner. This flag guided ships in and out of the river as ships entering the river could not see a ship moving downstream. The Pilot Station was in this location until after the 1893 flood which changed the course of the river. In 1902 the Pilot Station was moved to South West Rocks and ships enter the river at what is known as the New Entrance.

*The old fairway was close past Razorback point, from there straight across to North head

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MILLINGTON AVENUE, GRASSY HEAD [Kempsey]

and along its southern side. In this portion of the channel there is no outlying rocks and after freshes a depth of twenty feet over a sandy bottom. There is however one pinnacle rock about a hundred feet east of the end of the shelving rock at Razorback Point." (A report by Captain Howard RN appendix to Sir John Goddes Report 1890).

The first stopping place was Stuarts Point for sea going vessels.

Physical Description: The site is easily found because of the stone steps cut out of the rocks which was an access route for the pilot to reach Razorback to attend the signals. This site was first established in 1862. It is a natural formation, a high ridge which signifies the name; Razorback.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management:

Further Comments:

Criteria a) Razorback is associated with a significant phase in the history of the Shire. The site with its signal station was a vital link in the communication from 1862. The safety of ships and their passengers was the reason for this settlement at Grass Head.

It also shows evidence of a way of life. Signal stations have been phased out and very few places have retained these historic sites. The Pilot Station at South West Rocks is intact due to the sincerity and dedication of the citizens of Kempsey Shire. With a minimum amount of effort the site at Razorback could be adequately signposted and listed as an important heritage destination.

Criteria b)

Criteria c) Razorback shows evidence of significant human occupation. The stone steps cut into the rocks was the access to the flag mast.

Criteria d)

Criteria e) This site has the potential to yield new or further substantial archaeology information. Relics have already been found near the site of the Pilot's residence.

Criteria f) Landmark status: Razorback is a landmark in the Shire. With improved safety measures the walk at Razorback could be a heritage walk. There is a stand of brush box on the top of the
Item Name: RAZORBACK RESERVE INCLUDING STONE STEP  
Location: MILLINGTON AVENUE, GRASSY HEAD [Kempsey]

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness: Although the Signal Station is now only a site the stone steps cut into the rock on the Northern side of the ridge are still intact. These steps are an historic landmark and should be preserved and marked as an important site.

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 05/02/1998  
Date Updated: 08/10/2005  
Status: Partial

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WHARF SITE BELOW RAZORBACK

Grassy Head was the site of one of the first Pilot Stations on the coast of NSW, at the entrance to the Macleay River. The Pilot Station was set up in 1862. There are the remains of an old wharf under Razorback, which may have been where the pilot's crew launched their boats.
Item Name: WHARF SITE BELOW RAZORBACK
Location: GRASSY HEAD [Kempsey]

Further Comments:
Criteria a)
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Integrity / Intactness:

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 15/09/2005 Date Updated: 08/10/2005 Status: Basic

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Item Name: GRASSY HEAD WALK
Location: GRASSY HEAD TO STUARTS POINT [Kempsey]

Address: GRASSY HEAD TO STUARTS POINT
Suburb / Nearest Town: GRASSY HEAD TO STUARTS POINT
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Current Use: Former Uses:

Statement of Significance:
This walk is a suggestion only. After signposting Grassy head and Stuarts Point historic features a walk could be designed to take in all the historic sites. There is a walk from the hall at Stuarts Point to Millington Avenue at Grassy Head. This is a designated walk, which is along the riverbank and takes approx. 45 mins to walk. This walk could be highlighted as a nature walk if an environmentalist were to write short descriptions of the terrain.

Assessed Significance: Endorsed Significance:

Historical Notes or Provenance:
Themes:

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:
Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:

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Item Name: GRASSY HEAD WALK
Location: GRASSY HEAD TO STUARTS POINT [Kempsey]

Management:

Further Comments:

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Data Entry: 
Date First Entered: 15/09/2005  
Date Updated: 13/10/2005  
Status: Basic

This report was produced using State Heritage Inventory database software provided by the Heritage Office of New South Wales.
Item Name: HAT HEAD NATIONAL PARK (1977 boundary)
Location: Hat Head [Kempsey]

Address: Suburb / Nearest Town: Hat Head 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex:
Aboriginal Area:

Curtillage/Boundary: About 3988ha, comprising coastal area extending south from Smoky Cape to Killick Beach. Located 20km east of Kempsey.

Item Type: Landscape
Group:
Category:

Owner:

Admin Codes: 003480
Code 2:
Code 3:

Curtilage/Boundary: About 3988ha, comprising coastal area extending south from Smoky Cape to Killick Beach. Located 20km east of Kempsey.

Item Type: Landscape
Group:
Category:

Owner:

Admin Codes: 003480
Code 2:
Code 3:

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Themes:

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description: Complex mosaic of wetlands and diverse swamp communities the whole area is sandy plain and dunes built up by sea level changes of the Ice Ages.

Statement of Significance: Hat Head National Park is a crescent of seashore, dune systems and wetlands stretching from south of Hat Head to Smoky Cape. The area is a mosaic of wetlands, and various scrub and heath communities with one pocket of coastal rainforest on the slopes of Smoky Cape. The area is important for landscape and recreation values. It also included relict coastline dunes. (The Commission is in the process of developing and/or upgrading official statements for places listed prior to 1991. The above data was mainly provided by the nominator and has not yet been revised by the Commission.)

Assessed Significance: Endorsed Significance:
SHI Number 1850041

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Item Name: HAT HEAD NATIONAL PARK (1977 boundary)
Location: Hat Head [Kempsey]

Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:
Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:
Criteria a)
Criteria b)
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Integrity / Intactness:

References:
Studies:
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Heritage study
Register of the National Estate Nom. 28/03/1977. 003480 21/03/1978

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**Location:** Hat Head [Kempsey]

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Item Name: HICKEYS CREEK UNITING CHURCH
Location: ARMIDALE RD, CNR OF KESBYS ROAD, HICKEYS CREEK

Address: ARMIDALE RD, CNR OF KESBYS ROAD
Suburb / Nearest Town: HICKEYS CREEK
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

State Heritage Inventory

Current Use: Still used as a church.
Former Uses: Still used as a church.

Statement of Significance: Hickeys Creek Uniting Church reflects the beliefs of a small group of people who work to retain a solitary church building. The church has been a gathering place for worship and fellowship for over ninety years. Family names are still associated with the church since its origins. The church is a landmark on the Armidale Road and attracts visiting groups to learn about the history of the district. It is the only remaining building which bears the name Hickeys Creek.

Historical Notes or Provenance: Hickeys Creek church was built in 1913 and replaced a chapel on land owned by Aaron Sillitoe. An exchange of land was made and recently it was determined that the old chapel was near graves of Aaron and Richard Sillitoe on the property of Peter Friedland. The church measures 9m by 6m and is 4.8 m high. The church has a small vestry. A steep roof is built of galvanised iron. The exterior walls are rusticated blackbutt timber purchased from Hennessey and Son in River Street, Kempsey. This was carried to the site by a bullock team. The pointed windows were made by Harvey and Son of Kempsey. The church is lined with New Zealand red pine. Originally this was varnished but then painted in 1953 when electricity was connected. W Hefron was the builder. The church bible was donated by O O Dangar, one time MLA for Macleay. The minister traveled from Kempsey to conduct the Sunday services.

Designer: W H Hefron
**Item Name:** HICKEYS CREEK UNITING CHURCH

**Location:** ARMIDALE RD, CNR OF KESBYS ROAD, HICKEYS CREEK

**Year Started:** 1913  **Year Completed:** 1913  **Circa:** No

**Physical Condition:** Very well maintained.

**Modification Dates:** Building was restumped some years ago. The walls are lined with New Zealand red pine and varnished until 1953 when the timber was painted. Electricity was connected in 1953.

**Recommended Management:** Statutory Instrument

**Further Comments:** site area: 2023sqm

**Criteria a)** Hickeys Creek Church is associated with early years of the settlement in the Hickeys Creek Area. The farming people were resolute in their determination to build and support a church building where the congregation could gather. There had been several chapels in the area but the church became the focal point for Sunday services. The church was not built in a town but located on this piece of ground which must have been central to the people concerned.

**Criteria b)**

**Criteria c)** Hickeys Creek Uniting Church is a pleasing spectacle in a bush setting beside a road leading to Bellbrook and ultimately to Armidale. The church is typical of its day and is a landmark denoting the district's association with the religious beliefs of some of the community.

**Criteria d)** The social significance is evident in that after ninety years with improved transport, the church is still used for services. The church community attracts visiting coach groups who attend a talk on history of the church and Hickeys Creek and enjoy a luncheon in the grounds. Originally known as Methodist, the church became Uniting in the 1970's. A roll of honour with names inscribed of WW1 servicemen, is hanging in the church.

**Criteria e)** It is a rare and isolated church building in present times.

**Criteria f)**

**Criteria g)**

**Integrity / Intactness:** The church is well maintained and is in its original form. The timber is well preserved and the building retains the features which make it culturally significant.

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Item Name: HICKEYS CREEK UNITING CHURCH
Location: ARMIDALE RD, CNR OF KESBYS ROAD, HICKEYS CREEK

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## TOM'S GULLY CEMETERY

**Address:** TOM'S GULLY ROAD  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** HICKEYS CREEK  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW  
**DUAP Region:** Northern  
**Historic region:** North Coast

**Location:** TOM'S GULLY ROAD, HICKEYS CREEK  
[Kempsey]

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**Item Type:** Area/Complex/Group  
**Group:** Cemeteries and Burial  
**Category:** Cemetery/Graveyard

**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:** 19093

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:** Statutory Instrument

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:** Toms Gully Cemetery is significant in that it is a rural burial ground away from the main towns. The first burial carried out among the trees began a trend which resulted in a small cemetery. The history of the surrounding district is reflected by the inscriptions on the headstones.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** This cemetery’s earliest burial is for Luke Killmore, d. 9 March 1891. Its status is open and current with over 40 burials. The Gazettal was 15 January 1892.

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**  
**Year Completed:**  
**Circa:** No

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Item Name: TOM’S GULLY CEMETERY
Location: TOM’S GULLY ROAD, HICKEYS CREEK [Kempsey]

Further Comments:

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Integrity / Intactness:

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 18/05/2005 Date Updated: 16/09/2005 Status: Basic
Item Name: FISHING FLEET TIE-OFF

Location: MAIN STREET, JERSEYVILLE [Kempsey]

Address: MAIN STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: JERSEYVILLE
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Current Use:
Former Uses:

Statement of Significance:
Jerseyville is important as the centre for the fishing industry when it was first organised as a co-operative business. The river port is where the fishing boats tie up.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:
Management:

Curtilage/Boundary:

Other/Former Names:
Area/Group/Complex:
Aboriginal Area:

Endorsed Significance:

Admin Codes: Code 2: Code 3:

Owner:

Recommended Management:

Further Comments: Located on riverfront.

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**Item Name:** FISHING FLEET TIE-OFF

**Location:** MAIN STREET, JERSEYVILLE [Kempsey]

**Criteria a)**
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## Item Name: JERSEYVILLE WHARF

### Location:

MAIN STREET, JERSEYVILLE  [Kempsey]

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### Current Use:

### Former Uses:

### Assessed Significance:

Statement of Significance:

Jerseyville is an important historic village and deserves to be recognised as such. Ocean going steamers tied up at the wharf and passengers whose destination was South West Rocks were conveyed to there by horse drawn vehicle.

Historical Notes or Provenance:

The Jerseyville wharf was "rescued" at a cost of $4000 in 1982. The collapse of the wharf was due to the weight of the visiting boats tying up there for too long. Kempsey (Macleay) Shire Council has control of the wharf and has set time limits for tying up and unloading. The wharf had to be chocked and lifted while new piles were driven in. The wharf is not used by fishermen who sell their catch through the Macleay Fishermen's Co-Operative. It is however a public facility.

Themes:

### Designer:

### Maker / Builder:

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### Physical Description:

### Physical Condition:

### Modification Dates:

Modification Dates: The wharf was in a dilapidated condition in 1982 when Macleay Shire Council agreed to repair it for the use of boats not permitted to tie up at the Fisherman's Co-operative wharf where the local fishing boats moored further up-stream. Up-stream and close by is the old

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**Location:** MAIN STREET, JERSEYVILLE  [Kempsey]

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**Recommended Management:**

An Interpretive Bay could be set up on the bank of the river in Wharf Street to explain the history of the old town. This is a most attractive site and has a sweeping view of the opposite side of the river where a park has already been set and could be similarly used to describe the settlement of Rainbow Reach. The wharf at Jerseyville is in constant use for private boats.

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**Further Comments:** Located on riverfront.

**Criteria a)**

**Criteria b)**

**Criteria c)**

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**Integrity / Intactness:**

**References:**

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Location: MAIN STREET, JERSEYVILLE [Kempsey]

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 15/09/2005 Date Updated: 08/10/2005 Status: Basic
Item Name: LONGREACH HOUSE
Location: 2471 SOUTH WEST ROCKS ROAD, JERSEYVILLE [Kemps

Address: 2471 SOUTH WEST ROCKS ROAD
Suburb / Nearest Town: JERSEYVILLE
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW
Duap Region: Northern
Historic Region: North Coast

Current Use: Former Uses:

Statement of Significance:
The house at Longreach is a fine example of a country home 1890c. The house was built as a family home for an early settler on the lower-Macleay, Charles and Ann Ball. The house epitomises the colonial type construction. Popular at that time. The dormer window adds interest to the home.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
The house at Longreach was built around 1890 for Charles and Ann Ball. Ann Ball was a member of the Dorman family and her house was almost a replica of the house built for her brother Alexander Dorman at Pola Creek. William Rowe built the house for $12,000 using tallowwood flooring, mahogany and cedar. About 1921 the original detached kitchen was removed and a new kitchen and dining room added.

Themes:
Designer: W.H. Rowe.

Physical Description:
Physical Condition:
Modification Dates: 1921.
Item Name: LONGREACH HOUSE
Location: 2471 SOUTH WEST ROCKS ROAD, JERSEYVILLE [Kemps

Further Comments: The house is in a low lying area and the owners obviously attend to its maintenance.

Criteria a) The house at Longreach is a historical building which represents a family ownership for over a hundred years. The house was once a homestead on the farm run by Charles Ball, which incorporated a large dairy.

Criteria b)

Criteria c) The house at Longreach can be seen by the traveller on the main SWR Road and stands out as a significant building in a paddock surrounded by large trees. The house is a topic of inquiry by the numerous visitors to the lower Macleay.

Criteria d)

Criteria e) Family history could reveal the significance of this house and its value to the family. The house was built by Ann Ball who was the sister of Alexander Dornan who built a similar house at Pola Creek. The house at Longreach is in outward appearance, the same as when it was built in 1889c.

Criteria f) Kempsey Shire is fortunate in having a number of well maintained timber dwellings which are now becoming desirable for home seekers and landscape artists. The house at Longreach is rare in that the buildings in the rural districts have not survived. This house represents a homestead style, which started to appear after dairying added a better income to the community.

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness:

References:
Patricia Riggs
Portrait of Kempsey 1988

ii) Title: Portrait of Kempsey

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Studies:

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LOT PT14 Section DP Plan Code 754396

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| Item Name: | LONGREACH HOUSE |
| Location: | 2471 SOUTH WEST ROCKS ROAD, JERSEYVILLE [Kemps |

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**Item Name:** OLD GAOL HOUSE  
**Location:** CNR MAIN ST AND SOUTH WEST ROCKS RD, JERSEYVILLE

| Address: CNR MAIN ST AND SOUTH WEST ROCKS RD | DUAP Region: Northern |
| Suburb / Nearest Town: JERSEYVILLE | Historic region: North Coast |
| Local Govt Area: Kempsey | Parish: |
| State: NSW | County: |

**Other/Former Names:**  
**Area/Group/Complex:**  
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**Assessed Significance:**  
**Statement of Significance:** The first house, timber with tiled roof is said to have been a cottage removed from the gaol at Trial Bay when the buildings were sold in 1918. There was a slaughter house behind this residence.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**

**Year Completed:**

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**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:**

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- Date Updated: 08/10/2005  
- Status: Basic

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Item Name: OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
Location: 10 MAIN STREET, JERSEYVILLE [Kempsey]

Address: 10 MAIN STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: JERSEYVILLE
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Other/Former Names:
Area/Group/Complex: Group ID:
Aboriginal Area:
Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: Built
Group: Education
Category: Staff housing
Owner: Private - Individual
Admin Codes: 4595
Current Use:
Code 2: Code 3:

Former Uses: Assessed Significance: Endorsed Significance:
Statement of Significance: This building has been nominated but it is now a private residence. The verandah and "hat room" have been enclosed. The chimney is intact. The school closed in 1971. The playground was on the western side and a weather shed stood on this side. A paddock at the back of the school was where the pupils left their horses. Some children rode in from Pelican Island across the river. They crossed on the punt.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder: Alfred Ede, Dungiven Park, Mossvale.
Year Started: 1922
Year Completed:
Circa: No

Physical Description:
Physical Condition:
Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:

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Item Name: OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

Location: 10 MAIN STREET, JERSEYVILLE [Kempsey]

Management:

Further Comments: (Previous school had been at Pelican Island across the river. This school was advertised for sale in July 1926.)

Present owners of school in Main Street: Garry Morphett and Gillian Gay North, 61 Panorama Ave Charmhaven 2263.

 Criteria a) 
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Integrity / Intactness:

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Item Name: OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
Location: 10 MAIN STREET, JERSEYVILLE [Kempsey]

Data Entry: Date First Entered: 15/09/2005  Date Updated: 08/10/2005  Status: Basic

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**Item Name:** PERROT'S HOUSE  
**Location:** 2930 SOUTH WEST ROCKS RD, JERSEYVILLE [Kempsey]

### Address
2930 SOUTH WEST ROCKS RD

### Suburb / Nearest Town
JERSEYVILLE

### Local Govt Area
Kempsey

### State
NSW

### Other/Former Names:

### Area/Group/Complex:

### Aboriginal Area:

### Curtilage/Boundary:

**Item Type:** Built
**Group:** Residential buildings
**Category:** House

**Admin Codes:** 4038

**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

### Assessed Significance:

**Statement of Significance:**
Across Spencers Creek, at the corner near the bridge is the home built by Dar Perrett. Originally there were wrought iron railings on the balcony but these disappeared and have been replaced by timber features.

### Historical Notes or Provenance:

### Themes:

### Designer:

### Maker / Builder:

### Year Started:

### Year Completed:

### Circa:
No

### Physical Description:

### Physical Condition:

### Modification Dates:

### Recommended Management:

### Endorsed Significance:

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Item Name: PERROT’S HOUSE
Location: 2930 SOUTH WEST ROCKS RD, JERSEYVILLE [Kempsey]

Further Comments:

Criteria a)
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Integrity / Intactness:

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Studies:

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Heritage study

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Item Name: RESIDENCE
Location: 30-32 MAIN STREET, JERSEYVILLE [Kempsey]

Address: 30-32 MAIN STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: JERSEYVILLE
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Other/Former Names:
Area/Group/Complex: Group ID:
Aboriginal Area:
Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: Built
Group: Residential buildings
Category: House
Owner: Private - Individual
Admin Codes: 4601
Current Use:

Code 2:
Code 3:

Former Uses:
Assessed Significance:
Endorsed Significance:

Statement of Significance: This Victorian Style weatherboard residence has been raised probably after the 1949-50 floods, it now stands on brick piers. The decorative barge board and brackets are still intact. This was the residence of Mr. Pund who was the "punt man" in the mid 1920s. Present owners Michael Edward Betts 34 Quarry Road Frederickton 2440 and Harold John Allen 5 Goolagong Crescent South West Rocks 2431.

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Themes:

Designer:
Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:
Physical Condition:
Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:
**RESIDENCE**

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**Item Name:** RESIDENCE  
**Location:** 30-32 MAIN STREET, JERSEYVILLE [Kempsey]

**Management:**

Further Comments:

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**Integrity / Intactness:**

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**Data Entry:**

Date First Entered: 15/09/2005  
Date Updated: 08/10/2005  
Status: Basic

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Item Name: SCHOOL RESIDENCE
Location: 8 MAIN STREET, JERSEYVILLE [Kempsey]

Address: 8 MAIN STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: JERSEYVILLE
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Current Use: Former Uses:

Statement of Significance: No 8. was the School Master's residence. Built in 1924 by G. F. Brest at a cost of 847.10 Pounds. A fine of 3.0.0. Pounds per week applied for not completing the residence in the specified time.

Assessed Significance:

Endorsed Significance:

Historical Notes or Provenance:
Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:

Management:

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Item Name: SCHOOL RESIDENCE
Location: 8 MAIN STREET, JERSEYVILLE [Kempsey]

Further Comments:
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Integrity / Intactness:

References:
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Date Entry: Date First Entered: 15/09/2005 Date Updated: 08/10/2005 Status: Basic
The bridge over Spencers Creek at Jerseyville is a timber bridge. Date of construction unknown. The bridge was originally known as Perrett’s Bridge. Robert Perrett was one of the first landowners in Jerseyville and was the first licensee of the Pelican island Hotel at Jerseyville. Perrett was a shopkeeper and built the fine house on the edge of Spencers Creek beside the bridge.
Item Name: SPENCERS CREEK BRIDGE
Location: OVER SPENCERS CREEK, JERSEYVILLE [Kempsey]

Management:

Further Comments:

Criteria a)
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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 15/09/2005 Date Updated: 13/10/2005 Status: Basic
Item Name: AJS BANK
Location: Belgrave Street, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Address: 3-5 BELGRAVE STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: KEMPSEY 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Address: Belgrave Street
Suburb / Nearest Town: KEMPSEY 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Other/Former Names: Australian Joint Stock and Chartered Bank

Current Use: As part of Hotel Kempsey
Former Uses: As a banking institution

Assessed Significance:
Statement of Significance: The Australian Joint Stock and Chartered Bank has the distinction of being designed by John Sulman (later Sir John) architect who arrived in Australia in 1885 and as an early advocate of town planning. The building is a good example of late 19th century Italianate-style architecture and the only building in the district to have been designed by Sulman.

Historical Notes or Provenance: The building was designed by John Sulman who arrived from England in the midst of the Colony's building boom and immediately became involved in the design of many notable buildings. Cedar was extravagantly used for it was still plentiful in the forests around Kempsey. Like all major buildings in the township, Sulman had plenty of outhouses for horses, buggies, grooms and general hands. One of the outhouses remains today, probably a buggy shed with loft up top. In 1910 the bank was reconstructed under The Australian Bank of Commerce Ltd. Early in 1918 began the amalgamation of several banking companies. The building was bought by Mrs Jessie Ellis. The National Bank occupied the building until it merged with The Commercial banking Company of Sydney Ltd and in 1988 the old building was bought by Mr. Con Gavrilis who used the premises to enlarge his hotel next door. Mr. Gavrilis ever mindful of the town's heritage has been able to maintain the original look and yet run a modern business.

Endorsed Significance:
Item Name: AJS BANK
Location: Belgrave Street, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Physical Description: The Australian Joint Stock and Chartered Bank is still an imposing structure. The old embossed entrance doors are still intact.

Physical Condition: Good.

Modification Dates: In 1973, a major renovation saw the old the old slate roof dismantled to make way for galvanised iron. A commemorative plaque bearing in bas-relief a palm leaf and the year of the building’s completion (AD 1892) have been obscured from view by a covered way erected over the Hotel Kempsey's Entrance.

Alterations and additions to the Post Office were completed c1904, probably including the northern single-storey parapeted addition expanding the public space and creating another entry to the building, one either side of the western facade. (1903–4 additions: Hocking Brothers of Canterbury)

Plans from 1917 indicate the location of several outbuildings, including lavatories, lineman’s store and a horse shelter, as well as rearrangement of the western first-floor original rooms and installation of a stair to a former balcony on the southeastern corner of the two-storey section.

During 1927–28, plans indicate alterations and additions were made to the building, including the creation of the front colonnade, relocation of the internal stair and the construction of the single-storey eastern wing along the southern boundary incorporating the telephone exchange, battery and power rooms and female retiring room. This construction saw the removal of the original two-storey terrace to the southern facade.

The weatherboard addition of staff facilities and storage occurred c1960s, and a further addition of the cycle shed to the eastern end occurred later. Removal of wall fabric to expand and open up mail sorting, storage and contractor’s room also occurred at this time.

Major rearrangements of the retail counter area occurred in 1982–3, along with repairs and maintenance to the building, and during 1985 air conditioning was installed.

The Australia Post retail fit out occurred c1990s and probably the installation of the concrete ramps to the western and southern facades.

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
Further Comments: This building, known as The Australian Joint Stock and Chartered Bank is one of the most outstanding in the state. Kempsey has the honour of having five eminent architects represented by building still standing: Sir John Sulman, John Horbury Hunt, James Barnet, Walter Vernon and today Glen Murcutt.

Owner: Mr Con Gavrilis

Criteria a) The Australian Joint Stock and Chartered Bank is historically significant for its banking history.

Criteria b) This building has the distinction of being associated with the renowned architect John Sulman.

Criteria c) The Australian Joint Stock and Chartered Bank is remarkable for the inclusion of such fittings as gas piping in anticipation of a supply coming to the town.

Criteria d)

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness: The building is now part of an hotel but has not lost the imposing look of an ornate structure which was built to endure and survived the ravages of the great flood of 1893.

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Location: Belgrave Street, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 02/10/1998 Date Updated: 07/10/2005 Status: Basic
Item Name: **AJS BUGGY SHED**
Location: **SAVAGES LANE, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]**

**Address:** SAVAGES LANE  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** KEMPSEY 2440  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW

**State Heritage Inventory**

**Current Use:**  
**Former Uses:**

**Statement of Significance:**
The Buggy Shed in Savages Lane is part of the Australian Joint Stock and Chartered Banking Company's ancillary buildings. This original buggy shed has the loft above the shed with a small door. The shed is characteristic of the times when horse drawn vehicles were the means of transport. Later used as a barber's shop, the red and white striped poles are still intact which was a well known trademark of a barber.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**
The building's history is included in the historical notes of the National Bank Building. The whole of the bank buildings were designed by John Sulman. The little shed is a splendid example of a building designed for the purpose of housing a horse drawn vehicle.

**Designer:** Sir John Sulman.  
**Maker / Builder:** James McMorrine.

**Year Started:** 1892  
**Year Completed:** 1893  
**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:** A rare building right in the heart of a busy shopping centre.

**Recommended Management:**

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Item Name: AJS BUGGY SHED
Location: SAVAGES LANE, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Management: Statutory Instrument | List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
Statutory Instrument | Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments:

Criteria a) The buggy shed is historically significant for its part in the National Bank premises. It is also significant as a reminder of the days of horse travel.

Criteria b)

Criteria c)

Criteria d) Socially significant for the example of the day to day life of the Bank Manager and his family.

Criteria e)

Criteria f) The Buggy Shed is a rare example of a building purposely designed to house a vehicle before the days of the motor car.

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness: Intact and presenting an image of by-gone days.

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**Location:** SAVAGES LANE, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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Address: 85 BELGRAVE STREET  
Suburb / Nearest Town: KEMPSEY 2440  
Local Govt Area: Kempsey  
State: NSW  

DUAP Region: Northern  
Historic region: North Coast  

Other/Former Names:  
Area/Group/Complex:  
Aboriginal Area:  
Curtilage/Boundary:  

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Admin Codes: 21941  
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Current Use:  
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Historical Notes or Provenance:  
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Designer:  
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Item Name: AMBULANCE STATION
Location: 85 BELGRAVE STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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Integrity / Intactness:

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**Location:** 10-12 SMITH STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:** 3191

**Current Use:**

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**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:** Barsby's was built after the fire of 1907. The light façade hides the old windows of Stewart & Stewart and offices of solicitors above the shop. The front glass has also been modernised.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**

**Year Completed:**

**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:** Statutory Instrument

**Management:** List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

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Item Name: BARSBY'S DEPARTMENT STORE
Location: 10-12 SMITH STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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| Historic region: North Coast |

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| Owner: |
| Admin Codes: 142, 143 |
| Code 2: |

| Code 3: |

| Assessed Significance: |
| Endorsed Significance: |

| Statement of Significance: |

| Historical Notes or Provenance: |

| Themes: |

| Designer: |

| Maker / Builder: |

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Item Name: **FIVE DAY CREEK BRIDGE**
Location: **ARMIDALE RD (MR75), KEMPSEY [Kempsey]**

**Address:** ARMIDALE RD (MR75)  
Suburb / Nearest Town: KEMPSEY 2440  
Local Govt Area: Kempsey  
State: NSW  
DUAP Region: Northern  
Historic region: North Coast

**Address:** Armidale Road  
Suburb / Nearest Town: Kempsey 2440  
Local Govt Area: Kempsey  
State: NSW  
DUAP Region: Northern  
Historic region: North Coast

**Item Type:** Built  
**Group:** Transport - Land  
**Category:** Road Bridge  
**Owner:** Local Government

**Admin Codes:**  
**Code 2:**  
**Code 3:**

**Current Use:** Five Day Creek Bridge no longer carries traffic it is still listed as a State Heritage item.

**Former Uses:** A bridge over Five Day Creek carrying traffic from 1893 to 2000.

**Statement of Significance:** The bridge is an important example in transportation first used in the period between settlement of the district and the commencement of rail and motor era. This bridge is a McDonald Truss Bridge and is a rare item of bridge construction. It is a familiar landmark for longtime residents.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** The Five Day Creek Bridge was built in 1893. That a new bridge was built demonstrates the importance of the road. Floods delayed the completion of the bridge. There was concern about the depth of the piers and the Supervising Engineer stressed that these had to be sunk deeper than originally thought. The Engineer wrote to the Supervising Engineer after the 1893 flood and in his report stated "the highest flood known on the Macleay occurred carrying away two pile engines, a cask of pitch and the whole of the staging. Engines were found, one at Kempsey and remainder at Sherwood. This flood was 8'6" over the deck of the bridge but a brush in a paint pot on the deck was not even knocked over, showing that no current exists at deck level." The bridge cost $5000. The truss design was by John A. McDonald and represented an improvement on the previous standard type of timber truss used in the Colony, which is now known as Old PWD Type.

Bullock wagons dragged the timber to the site. In September 1893 when work was
progressing it was found that one of the sawn principal rafters had been cut 2½ ins. short. The bullock teams had left the site and could only be brought back at great cost. The contractor requested that butting over the piers be extended to mend the problem. G & T Lawson were the contractors. There are details of the expenditure and the materials used in construction in the letter books of the Engineer in charge of Roads and Bridges.

People who lived near the bridge remember the bridge with affection and speak of meeting neighbours and the families enjoying moonlight walks to the bridge on summer evenings.

There is no walkway on the bridge but a pedestrian refuge is built into the structure on the upstream side. The bridge carried huge loads of timber in its day before and after motor trucks traveled the road. The area was a timber region and logs were hauled long distances to the ships or sawmills in Kempsey. The bridge was a vital link in this industry.

A new bridge has been built a few metres upstream from the old bridge and was completed in 2001

Themes:
- Designer: John A. McDonald
- Maker / Builder: Sup. Engineer T.P. Davies. Roads & Bridges West Kempsey
- Year Started: 1891 Year Completed: 1893 Circa: No

Physical Description:
- Physical Condition: Poor and no longer used for traffic.
- Modification Dates: Top chord bracing at the ends for lateral stability of top chord. Changes to the deck with longitudinal running planks added. Changes to suspension rods.

Further Comments: The bridge is held in high esteem by local people. It is a significant landmark. It is no longer a traffic possibility but is an historic place on a trunk road.

Criteria a) Five Day Creek Bridge is associated with the early settlement of the area. A crossing must have existed close by but the bridge would have lessened the danger of travel. It is an element of the history of the road. The bridge itself is an example of the style of bridge acceptable in the era in which it was built. The McDonald Truss is an historical piece of construction and should be preserved.

Criteria b) Five Day Creek Bridge is a major technical innovation. It is an important part of road building in the latter part of the nineteenth century. The setting makes a beautiful picture and it is aesthetically outstanding. It is a landmark in the countryside.
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Criteria d) Five Day Creek Bridge is important to the community’s sense of place. The local district is proud of its link with the timber industry and the bridge forms part of this pride. Socially the bridge was a focal point. Picnics were held nearby and residents tell of moonlight walks as family outings on summer nights.

Criteria e) There is potential for historians to trace the old road and the crossing which would have been used before the bridge was built.

Criteria f) The rarity lies in the fact that only four of these bridges now exist. There are no bridges of its type in the same type of terrain.

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness: The general integrity has been maintained but changes have been made to meet altered traffic conditions. Timber bridges are held in high esteem as heritage items. The new bridge compromises the need for the bridge to be maintained. As an example of a rare style, the bridge should be preserved as long as possible.

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**Location:** 134 RIVER STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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**Statement of Significance:**
Kempsey District Hospital is an essential component of the health care of the people of the community.

The original block was opened in 1914 and still stands. This building replaced a timber structure erected in 1881. The hospital is an example of community participation and for many years has been the recipient of vast fundraising activities. The hospital is part of the history of the shire as a whole.

Since its inception the local people have fought for and ensured that the hospital retains its standard of care as a public facility.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**
In 1880 a public meeting was held where voluntary subscriptions were called for. Foundation stone was laid in the same year. The hospital opened in 1881. A new hospital replaced this one in 1914. Additions in 1960s.

**Designer:**

**Date:** 14/06/2006

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**Item Name:** Kempsey District Hospital

**Location:** 134 River Street, Kempsey [Kempsey]

**Year Started:**

**Year Completed:**

Circa: No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:** 1914, 1955

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:** Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:** Subject to further information (Preliminary Heritage and Conservation Register - North Coast)

**Criteria a)** Of historical significance.

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**Kempsey Post Office**

**Item Name:** Kempsey Post Office

**Location:** 3-5 Smith St, Kempsey [Kempsey]

**Address:** 3-5 Smith St

**Suburb / Nearest Town:** Kempsey 2440

**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey

**State:** NSW

**Owner:** Commonwealth Government

**Admin Codes:** 3076

**Current Use:** Post Office

**Former Uses:** Post Office

**Assessed Significance:** State

**Endorsed Significance:** State

**Statement of Significance:**

Kempsey Post Office is significant at a State level for its historical associations, aesthetic qualities and social meaning. It is a particularly elegant red brick and rendered building with a dominate Italianate tower situated on a busy corner of Kempsey and adjacent to the Macleay River bridge. Important for its architectural quality and townscape value.

Kempsey Post Office is associated with the early development of the town, as it is linked with the original postal services established in 1843 in East Kempsey, and in 1859 in West Kempsey. Kempsey Post Office has been the centre of communications for Kempsey for over a century, and reflects the growing population and increasing demands for mail, telegraph and telephone services in the area.

Kempsey Post Office also provides evidence of the changing nature of postal and telecommunications practices in NSW. The brief period when Kempsey Post Office became a Distributing Post Office to the local area in the early 1980s is also of some historical significance.

Kempsey Post Office is aesthetically significant because it is a particularly fine and distinguished example of the Victorian Italianate style, and makes an important aesthetic contribution to the civic precinct in Kempsey. Kempsey Post Office is also associated with the Colonial Architect's Office under James Barnet, a key practitioner of the Victorian Italianate style of architecture.

Kempsey Post Office is also considered to be significant to the Kempsey community's sense of place.
The first official postal service in Australia was established in April 1809, when Sydney merchant Isaac Nichols was appointed as the first Postmaster in the colony of NSW. Prior to this, mail had been distributed directly by the captain of the ship on which the mail arrived; however, this system was neither reliable nor secure.

In 1825 the colonial administration was empowered to establish a Postmaster General’s Department, which had previously been administered from Britain.

In 1828 the first post offices outside of Sydney were established, with offices in Bathurst, Campbelltown, Parramatta, Liverpool, Newcastle, Penrith and Windsor. By 1839 there were forty post offices in the colony, with more opening as settlement spread. The advance of postal services was further increased as the railway network began to be established throughout NSW from the 1860s. Also, in 1863, the Postmaster General WH Christie noted that accommodation facilities for postmasters in some post offices was quite limited, and stated that it was a matter of importance that ‘post masters should reside and sleep under the same roof as the office’.

The appointment of James Barnet as Acting Colonial Architect in 1862 coincided with a considerable increase in funding to the public works program. Between 1865 and 1890 the Colonial Architects Office was responsible for the building and maintenance of 169 post offices and telegraph offices in NSW. The post offices constructed during this period were designed in a variety of architectural styles, as Barnet argued that the local parliamentary representatives always preferred ‘different patterns’.

The construction of new post offices continued throughout the Depression years under the leadership of Walter Liberty Vernon, who retained office from 1890 to 1911. While twenty-seven post offices were built between 1892 and 1895, funding to the Government Architect’s Office was cut from 1893 to 1895, causing Vernon to postpone a number of projects.

Following Federation in 1901, the Commonwealth Government took over responsibility for post, telegraph and telephone offices, with the Department of Home Affairs Works Division being made responsible for post office construction. In 1916 construction was transferred to the Department of Works and Railways, with the Department of the Interior responsible during World War II.

On 22 December 1975 the Postmaster General’s Department was abolished and replaced by the Post and Telecommunications Department, with Telecom and Australia Post being created. In 1989, the Australian Postal Corporation Act established Australia Post as a self-funding entity, which heralded a new direction in property management, including a move towards smaller, shop-front style post offices away from the larger more traditional buildings.
For much of its history, the post office has been responsible for a wide variety of community services including mail distribution, as agencies for the Commonwealth Savings Bank, electoral enrolments, and the provision of telegraph and telephone services. The town post office served as a focal point for the community, most often built in a prominent position in the centre of town close to other public buildings, creating a nucleus of civic buildings and community pride.

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Europeans first settled in the Kempsey area in the mid-1830s, when limekilns were built along the Macleay River to supply the penal settlement at Port Macquarie. In 1836 Enoch Rudder, a squatter, advertised land for sale on his property, in a town he named Kempsey, where East Kempsey now stands. In the same year the Commissioner for Crown Lands established his regional headquarters on the river bank opposite Rudder’s land. These two establishments, along with a growing timber industry and fertile farming land, encouraged the further settlement of the area and growth of the town of Kempsey.

The first Postmaster, Edgar Alderidge was appointed to Kempsey in August 1843, with the first office opening one week later on 1 September. Between 1843 and 1859 the Kempsey office was located in East Kempsey; however, from 1859 the post was delivered to West Kempsey, where the new Postmistress, Miss E P Dangar, was building a new store, part of which she proposed to be used as the Post Office. In August 1859 the Post Office was relocated to Dangar’s store.

In May 1870 the first telegraph line was connected to Kempsey, with the Telegraph Office being located in West Kempsey, being the only intermediate station on the Armidale to Port Macquarie line. The Telegraph and Post Office operated out of separate buildings, due to both services being conducted by different departments.

In July 1875, RB Smith, MP applied for the erection of an official Post Office at West Kempsey, and £1,850 was put on estimates for the purchase of land and erection of the building. At this time there was a post office at Kempsey, West Kempsey and East Kempsey, and it was pointed out that a site for the new West Kempsey office would need to be carefully considered, as there was much more business being conducted at Kempsey than at the other two offices. By 1878, there was enough confusion between the three offices that it had been proposed that both Kempsey and East Kempsey offices should be closed and all mail directed to the new West Kempsey office.

In early 1880 moves were begun to have the Kempsey Post Office and the Telegraph Office amalgamated, which was achieved by July of the same year. By 1882 the combined office had an annual revenue of £750, including post, telegraph, money order and Savings Bank business. The same year, a postal inspector reported that the only Government land available for the erection of a new office was at the wharf reserve, which was a hazardous spot during flood periods. Meanwhile, the premises of Mrs Mary Smith were being rented for use as a Post and Telegraph Office from 1 January 1882, for an annual sum of £40. Mrs Smith’s building was in Smith Street, on the river side of the road.

£2,500 was put aside for the erection of a new post office for Kempsey, with a site still to be
found. Mrs Smith offered a site in Smith Street, known as Barrie’s Corner for £600. The block was adjacent to the wharf reserve, and had a building used as a hotel standing on it, which Mrs Smith offered to remove. The land had a frontage of 50 feet to Smith Street and a depth of two chains, although when surveyed it was revealed that it encroached on the wharf reserve by 28 feet. With this in mind, and the wharf reserve unavailable, tenders for a site were called. However, Mrs Smith’s site was eventually purchased for the original cost of £600.

The Colonial Architect’s office, under the administration of James Barnett, drew the plans. Tenders were called for the erection of the Post Office building, with the builders Messrs Gabriel and McMorrine being accepted for £2,679. The building was completed and occupied on 23 March 1886. So impressed were the citizens of Kempsey with their new office, that they sent a telegram to the Department of Works congratulating them on it. The two-storey building contained the Post Office, a drawing room, dining room, four bedrooms, a bathroom with force pump and the clock tower.

A ball was erected on the top of the clock tower to announce the arrival of steamers at the town wharf. However, within five months the ball was found to be out of order, and was replaced by a flagstaff. The clock itself was also delayed, being installed in 1892. In 1903, £489 was spent to increase the amount of public space available in the postal section of the Office. It had been noted that, due to the small size of the original office, during mail delivery periods anyone could read the telegrams that were being written. A new room was added to the north side of the building, with a door to the street to allow more public space.

In January 1908 the Kempsey Manual Telephone Exchange opened in the former battery room at the Post Office, while the fodder storeroom in the stable was converted into the battery room.

In 1927 the building was extensively remodelled at a cost of £5,496, with work being undertaken by Mr J Danton of Sydney. The work included the infill of the original entrance in the northern corner, with the front of the office being converted to an entrance lobby, including private boxes. The telephone exchange was moved to a room of its own, providing extra space within the office for the enlargement of the Postal Department room and public space.

New rooms were constructed to house the battery and power rooms, as well as extra bathrooms, a bicycle shed, and a storeroom at the rear of the office. A new entrance was also opened where the old letter box lobby had been. A new stairway from here lead to the Telegraph and Postal Inspector and Clerk’s offices on the upper floor.

From 1927 until 1981 no major alterations were carried out at Kempsey, other than ongoing maintenance. In 1981 Kempsey was rearranged to become a Distributing Post Office, as part Australia Post’s decentralising plan. As a DPO, Kempsey was to act as a focal point for the redistribution of local area mail with air and rail connection to Sydney for regular next day delivery. Due to the increase in the number of staff and the volume of mail the DPO caused, the DPO office was relocated to a separate building in October 1983.

During the same month the Post Office building was rearranged, with an increase in the
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Public space available, the remodelling of the Postmaster's office for the Senior Postal Clerk and the relocation of the Postmaster's office to the old telegraph room. New floor coverings were laid and the building repainted.

The DPO was closed in July 1988 and their buildings were used by Kempsey Post Office to overcome the continuing need for extra space.

Physical Description: Kempsey Post Office is symmetrical about a three-storey corner clock tower and is in the Victorian Italianate Style. It is a two-storey English Bond brick building with a cream painted, ashlar pattern rendered ground floor front facade. The side and rear facades are of red face brick, and there is rendered quoining to the original corners of the two-storey section.

The building has a hipped roof of green corrugated steel and the clock tower is capped by a pyramidal corrugated steel roof. The clock tower has four clock faces installed of unusual design, having white lettering and hands on a black face. The two storey section has three rendered and cream painted corbelled brick chimneys with terracotta pots, punctuating the eastern and northern sides of the building and at the centre.

The ground floor of the western facade is classically detailed, with a three-bay arched masonry colonnade, with tan painted keystones to the centre and tan and red painted dentilled entablature above. The colonnade is paved with red clay tiles and has a plaster soffit with moulded cornice. The first floor is face red brick with rendered quoining to corners, a wide rendered band below window sill level and bracketed eaves. This band extends to form a balustraded parapet wall to the single-storey northern addition. The square corner tower has classically detailed arched windows to the first floor level and red painted rendered background to the clock faces of the second level, surmounted by a squat belvedere. There is a recent, intrusive concrete ramp and stairs to the front colonnade.

The southern facade is red face brick with cream painted, rendered string courses at ground floor window sill level and ground floor eaves level. There is a recent, intrusive concrete ramp at the centre of the facade matching the ramp to the western facade, accessing the post boxes located within a recessed, tiled porch.

Designer: Designed by the Colonial Architect’s Office under James Barnet.
Maker / Builder: Original construction: Gabriel and McMorrine
Year Started: Year Completed: 1886 Circa: No

Themes:
- National Theme
  - 3. Economy Communication (none)
  - 3. Economy Technology (none)
  - 4. Settlement Towns, suburbs and village (none)
Kempsey Post Office appears to have been constructed in four main stages. These include the original two-storey section with corner tower, followed by the single-storey infill to the north in c1904, the eastern single-storey complementary face brick wing addition of c1927–28 and the later, detached, single-storey weatherboard addition along the northern boundary.

The main building has been altered and added to substantially since first constructed, a major change being the addition of the complementary stretcher bond brown brick, single-storey wing to the eastern facade of the original two-storey building along the southern boundary.

Flush against the adjacent building is a long, single-storey addition of weatherboard and asbestos cement sheet, with a corrugated steel skillion roof. This addition comprises staff amenities to the western end and cycle shed and storage to the eastern end. There is a carport at the easternmost end of this addition.

Fenestration of the building is regular. There are arched and squared sash windows to the ground floor, with a fixed multi-pane window over the post boxes to the southern facade. There are tan painted, flat arched lintels over the southern facade windows and rendered voussoirs to the western facade. Doors to the building are non-original; however, there are some earlier doors with decorative fanlights located to the western porch side walls. There are recent automatic sliding glass doors located behind the centre arch to the colonnade.

The ground floor of Kempsey Post Office comprises four main areas, including the carpeted retail area at the western end of the building with the standard Australia Post fitout of display wall panels and laminated counters in a grey colour scheme. The three remaining areas include large sheet vinyl areas for mail sorting, storage and contractors to the rear of the building, offices at the centre and staff amenities within the later weatherboard addition to the north.

The ceilings of the ground floor include plaster, board and batten, and plasterboard, all with moulded cornices. There are several exposed beams and the lighting of the ground floor consists of suspended fluorescent lights. Intrusive air conditioning ducting is suspended from the ceiling.

Architraves to the ground floor openings appear to be original or early. There are sections of original skirting left to original wall fabric showing the effects of general wear and tear and there is a cut dado line in the wall render. Walls are predominantly rendered brick in a pastel pink colour scheme, with plasterboard stud walls enclosing the retail area and office behind. No fireplaces appear to have been retained to the ground floor.

Two original four-panel doors are retained to the current cleaner’s room and adjacent store; however, the remaining internal doors are modern and there are fanlights over external doors.

The main stair is not original and has been constructed within the base of the clock tower. It is a complex polished timber stair with squared posts and balusters, having a yellow/beige
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Elegant Victorian period masonry post office with tower and clock at important intersection in Kempsey. Tourist centre and carpark to original forecourt.

**Physical Condition:** Kempsey Post Office is generally in good condition. There is potential for recovering evidence of earlier buildings or structures, such as the previous building on the site used as a hotel.

**Modification Dates:**

- Original construction in 1886 comprised the Post Office, a drawing room, dining room, bathroom, four bedrooms and a clock tower. It was occupied on 23 March 1886. The original entry to the Post Office was via the western side base of the tower, to a small public space and counter.
- A flagstaff was installed in 1888 to replace the ball erected on the tower to announce the arrival of steamers.
- In 1892, the clock was installed to the tower.
- Alterations and additions to the Post Office were completed c1904, probably including the northern single-storey parapeted addition expanding the public space and creating another entry to the building, one either side of the western facade.
- Plans from 1917 indicate the location of several outbuildings, including lavatories, lineman’s store and a horse shelter, as well as rearrangement of the western first-floor original rooms and installation of a stair to a former balcony on the southeastern corner of the two-storey section.
- During 1927–28, plans indicate alterations and additions were made to the building, including the creation of the front colonnade, relocation of the internal stair and the construction of the single-storey eastern wing along the southern boundary incorporating the telephone exchange, battery and power rooms and female retiring room. This construction saw the removal of the original two-storey terrace to the southern facade.
- The weatherboard addition of staff facilities and storage occurred c1960s, and a further addition of the cycle shed to the eastern end occurred later. Removal of wall fabric to expand and open up mail sorting, storage and contractor’s room also occurred at this time.
- Major rearrangements of the retail counter area occurred in 1982–3, along with repairs and maintenance to the building, and during 1985 air conditioning was installed.
- The Australia Post retail fitout occurred c1990s and probably the installation of the concrete ramps to the western and southern facades.
Kempsey Post Office is generally in good condition; however, some cracking, peeling paint, previous patching and general wear and tear is evident to the interior walls, particularly the ground floor.

There is some archaeological potential for the site considering the numerous additions and alterations that have occurred over time and the openess to the rear of the site. There is potential for recovering evidence of earlier buildings or structures, such as the previous building on the site used as a hotel.

Intrusive elements to Kempsey Post Office include the loading dock awning and carport to the rear of the building, modern ramps to the southern and western facades and the air conditioning ducting and first-floor toilets within the building.

Notable features of the building are the unusual black clock faces with white hands and lettering. The 1903/4 additions: Hocking Brothers of Canterbury

Criteria a)
Kempsey Post Office is associated with the early development of the town, as it is linked with the original postal services established in 1843 in East Kempsey, and in 1859 in West Kempsey. The current Kempsey Post Office has been the centre of communications for Kempsey for over a century.

The history of changes and modifications to the earlier post offices and the current post office in Kempsey reflect the growing population and increasing demands for mail, telegraph and telephone services in the area.

Kempsey Post Office also provides evidence of the changing nature of postal and telecommunications practices in NSW. The brief period when Kempsey Post Office became a Distributing Post Office to the local area in the early 1980s is also of some historical significance.

Kempsey Post Office was designed by Colonial Architect James Barnet, a key practitioner of the Victorian Italianate style of architecture. The Colonial Architect’s Office under Barnet designed and maintained a large number of post offices across NSW between 1865 and 1890.

Criteria b)

Criteria c)
Kempsey Post Office is aesthetically significant because it is a particularly fine example of the Victorian Italianate style. It is distinguished by its use of stucco and face brickwork and by its prominent Italianate corner tower, which compares with earlier examples at Kiama (1878), Cootamundra (1880-81) and Yass (1884).

The scale, architectural style and location of the building, along with the prominent corner
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Location: **3-5 SMITH ST, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]**

Clock tower, also make it a focal point defining the centre of the civic precinct of Kempsey, endowing it with landmark qualities.

**Criteria d)** Kempsey Post Office is a prominent civic building and a local landmark, and has been the centre of communications for the town for over a century. It also has a long association with Kempsey’s postal services. As such, it is considered to be highly significant to the Kempsey community’s sense of place.

**Criteria e)** The site has some potential to contain archaeological information relating to the previous use of the site as a hotel and the evolution of the building and out-buildings associated with the use by the Post Office.

**Criteria f)** Kempsey Post Office is a particularly fine and distinguished example of the Victorian Italianate architectural style in NSW.

**Criteria g)** Kempsey Post Office is part of the group of nineteenth-century post offices in NSW designed by the Colonial Architect’s Office under James Barnet.

**Integrity / Intactness:** While the original interior fabric has been substantially altered, Kempsey Post Office retains the features which make it culturally significant, including the prominent tower with classical motifs, the pyramidal tower roof, the arcaded loggia, the stucco wall finish and polychromatic brickwork, along with its overall style, scale and location.

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Item Name: KEMPSEY RAIL BRIDGE OVER MACLEAY RIVER
Location: NORTH COAST RAILWAY, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Address: NORTH COAST RAILWAY
Suburb / Nearest Town: KEMPSEY 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex:

Aboriginal Area:

Curtilage/Boundary: The Boundary of the bridge is an area for 20 metres around the bridge and viaduct approaches, including abutments and embankments at the end of Kemp St and the end Railway St to the south and the bridge itself crossing the river.

Item Type: Built
Owner:

Group: Transport - Rail
Category: Railway Bridge/ Viadu

Admin Codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current Use:

Former Uses:

Assessed Significance: State
Endorsed Significance: State

Statement of Significance:
The Macleay River bridge is one of the major river crossings on the North Coast Railway. When opened in 1917, the crossing of the river was achieved by 3 x 200’ steel truss spans, approached by timber trestles. After experience of the 1950’s floods, the steel trusses were raised about 1 metre and the approaches replaced by pre-stressed concrete spans.

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Themes: National Theme  State Theme  Local Theme
3. Economy  Transport  (none)

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: 1917  Circa: No
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Item Name: KEMPSEY RAIL BRIDGE OVER MACLEAY RIVER
Location: NORTH COAST RAILWAY, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Physical Description: STRUCTURES
rail bridge crossing Macleay River, steel truss 1917 - 3x200’ spans, bridge approaches relocated to this site at time of construction. In 1966 the bridge spans were raised by 1 metre due to the 1950’s floods and pre-cast concrete approaches constructed, 502.4km

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:
Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:
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Item Name: KEMPSEY RAILWAY STATION GROUP
Location: KEMP STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Address: KEMP STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: KEMPSEY 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast
Parish: Yarravel
County: Dudley

Statement of Significance:
This Kempsey Railway Station Group is to be considered as a group that consists of a number of individual items including the Railway Station, Station Master’s Cottage and Railway buildings (including Goods Shed).

Kempsey is a major railway location on the North Coast line with a substantial station building largely built in 1940 to cater for the traffic to Brisbane. The station is one of the largest buildings in the town, centrally located and a major structure in the townscape. It is surrounded by major plantings which contribute to the street and townscape. The building is an excellent and rare example of a large station building from the 1940’s period and is of high significance. The remaining buildings contribute to the site and add to its completeness and context. The residences have a strong visual contribution to the streetscape.

Also, located at 5 Kemp Street and built in 1917, the station master’s cottage is part of the Kempsey railway complex.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
The station was opened in 1917.

Themes: National Theme State Theme Local Theme

Assessed Significance: State
Endorsed Significance: State

Admin Codes:
Code 2:
Code 3:

Current Use:
Former Uses:

Owner: State Rail Authority

Curtilage/Boundary: The listing boundary is formed by Kemp street to the west, Gladstone Street to the east, a line 50 metres to the north of the platform crossing the tracks and the Belgrave St level crossing to the south, excluding private property fronting Gladstone St near the corner of Belgrave St but including the railway residences fronting Gladstone St.

Item Type: Area/Complex/Group
Group: Transport - Rail
Category: Railway Platform/ Stati

Other/Former Names:
Area/Group/Complex: Group ID:

Aboriginal Area:

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Item Name: KEMPSEY RAILWAY STATION GROUP
Location: KEMP STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

3. Economy Transport (none)

Designer:
Maker / Builder:
Year Started: Year Completed: 1917 Circa: No

Physical Description: BUILDINGS:
station building - type 13, second island building, 1940, brick
refreshment rooms - brick 2 storey with accommodation, c. 1917
residence - station master's, type 7, timber J3 style facing Kemp St
goods shed - side shed with awning corrugated iron and timber, 1917, 70' x 16'

STRUCTURES
platform face - concrete

LANDSCAPE
plantings - palm trees behind station building

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates: Except for the alterations to the main entrance, the station and the former railway
refreshment rooms are intact, as is the station master's cottage nearby.

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments: The Railway Refreshment Rooms occupied the area from and including the two-storey
section to the extreme right of photograph (see photograph directly facing facilities). The
second storey was the Manager's Flat. (Note: the skylight above what was the dining-room
and counter service area - also in above mentioned photograph)

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**Area/Group/Complex:**

**Aboriginal Area:**

**Curtilage/Boundary:**

**Item Type:** Built  
**Group:** Commercial  
**Category:** Other - Commercial  
**Owner:** Private - Corporate  
**Admin Codes:** 146  
**Code 2:**  
**Code 3:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

Statement of Significance: Significant as a building built by William Knauer as a butchery in 1912. The building has housed a butchery continuously since that year. Now under different ownership, the business remained in the family name for many years probably until 1970s. Also, Town Centre Masterplan reviewed proposal for Heritage aspects of Town Centre.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**  
**Year Completed:**  
**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:** Statutory Instrument  
**List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)**
Item Name: **KNAUER'S BUILDING**

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**MACLEAY COLONIAL BUILDING**

**Address:** 46-48 SMITH STREET  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** KEMPSEY 2440  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW  
**DUAP Region:** Northern  
**Historic region:** North Coast

**Statement of Significance:**
This imposing building has graced Smith Street since 1927. The building was erected by The Colonial Mutual Insurance Company to serve as offices for this business. The building shows the confidence that the firm had in the town as an investment.

**Assessed Significance:**  
**Endorsed Significance:**

**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:** 3180  
**Code 2:**  
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**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

**Year Started:**  
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**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:** Statutory Instrument  
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
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Location: 46-48 SMITH STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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**Owner:** |

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**Statement of Significance:** |

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** |

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**Designer:** |

**Maker / Builder:** |

**Year Started:**  
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**Circa:** No |

**Physical Description:** |

**Physical Condition:** |

**Modification Dates:** |

**Recommended Management:** |

**Management:** |

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**Location:** BELGRAVE STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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**Statement of Significance:**
This wharf was a hive of activity in the heyday of shipping when the river was the highway. Photographs reveal that a wharf was there as early as 1866 showing sailing ships. NCS&N Company built a wharf for its ships where passengers embarked and alighted.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:** 12601

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**Former Uses:**

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NORTH COAST STEAM AND NAVIGATION COMP
BELGRAVE STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Further Comments: Most of the wharves around the town of Kempsey are now sites only. It is important that this subject (wharves) be a separate study when time allows.

Criteria a) 
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Integrity / Intactness:

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 10/08/2005 Date Updated: 13/10/2005 Status: Basic
Item Name: ODDFELLOWS HALL
Location: 22 KEMP STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Address: 22 KEMP STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: KEMPSEY 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Current Use: Not in use.
Former Uses: As a Lodge for meetings and social functions.

Statement of Significance: The Oddfellow’s Hall was once the social hub of West Kempsey. The hall was built at a time when West Kempsey was the fashionable address of the gentry. It was built in 1882 and the building features a graceful triple arch colonnade and windows with curved heads. It is the only remaining building in the valley with timber arches.

Historical Notes or Provenance: The Grand United order of Oddfellow’s Hall was built in 1881. The land was donated by Sydney Verge, son of architect John Verge of Austral Eden. The building was once the social scene of balls and concerts and a skating rink. When the membership of the Lodge declined, one room was retained for meetings and the main hall leased to institutions one being the then PMG. In later years the building was used as a second hand business. When the Lodge decided that the building was no longer necessary the hall was given to the Macleay Arts Council as a venue for their activities. Kempsey Shire Council assisted by listing it on a local environmental plan. The GUOF donated a substantial sum of money so that restoration could begin.

Themes:
Designer: J.M. Mitchell
Maker / Builder: Thomas Nance & G. Grace
Year Started: 1881
Year Completed: 1882
Circa: No

Physical Description:
Item Name: ODDFELLOWS HALL
Location: 22 KEMP STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Physical Condition: Needs immediate attention.

Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:
Management: Statutory Instrument Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments: The building has been neglected for many years. The local Arts Council is at present starting renovations.

Criteria a) The "Oddfellow's Hall" is of great historical significance. It was built at a time when Lodge memberships were regarded as social status. The building has endured the rigours of long years of neglect and yet remains an outstanding hall. It is connected with the name Verge who donated the land and had in earlier years conducted a sugar mill close by. The hall has a tallow wood floor, which has defied the years by remaining intact. The timbers for the most part will be able to be repaired.

Criteria b)
Criteria c) The hall is socially significant. It is built in a part of Kempsey, which still retains its attractive timber cottages. The building has seen the days of grand concerts and balls. The hall reflects the days of Lodge activities and the first health benefits organisation

Criteria d)
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Integrity / Intactness:

References:
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**Kempsey Heritage Inventory**

**SHI Number**
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**Item Name:** OLD MATERNITY HOSPITAL

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OLD MATERNITY HOSPITAL

18 REGENT STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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| Item Name: | PREENS BRICK BUILDING |
| Location: | 53-57 SMITH STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey] |

| Address: | 53-57 SMITH STREET |
| Suburb / Nearest Town: | KEMPSEY 2440 |
| Local Govt Area: | Kempsey |
| State: | NSW |

| DUAP Region: | Northern |
| Historic region: | North Coast |

| Other/Former Names: |
| Area/Group/Complex: |
| Aboriginal Area: |
| Curtillage/Boundary: |

| Item Type: | Built |
| Group: | Commercial |
| Category: | Commercial Office/Bui |

| Owner: |
| Admin Codes: | 3088 |
| Code 2: |
| Code 3: |

| Current Use: |
| Former Uses: |

| Assessed Significance: |
| Endorsed Significance: |

| Statement of Significance: | Town Centre Masterplan reviewed proposal for Heritage aspects of Town Centre. |

| Historical Notes or Provenance: |
| Themes: |
| Designer: |
| Maker / Builder: |

| Year Started: |
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| Physical Description: |
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| Recommended Management: |
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| Statutory Instrument |
| List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP) |

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Location: 53-57 SMITH STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 29/10/1998 Date Updated: 16/09/2005 Status: Basic
**Item Name:** RAILWAY HOTEL  
**Location:** 91 BELGRAVE STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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**Current Use:** Hotel.  
**Former Uses:** Hotel.  
**Physical Description:** Two-storey hotel. Large hipped roof built of brick with timber verandahs.

**Statement of Significance:** The Railway Hotel once dominated the early the growing Government town of West Kempsey when it was built in 1884. The hotel is built on a piece of land, which was part of Mary Smith's grant (1859) and one of the early subdivisions of Kempsey.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** Robert Masterton was the owner-builder of The Court House Hotel now Railway Hotel in 1884. Masterton’s old pub wraps itself around the corner of Kemp and Belgrave Streets and remains easily distinguishable from The Kemp Street additions made in 1922 by John Brosnan. The tiled section is the old, the brick the new. Masterton’s ground appears to have extended northward beyond the railway goods yard. There was a cinder track for gaslight foot racing. The Court House Hotel became the Railway hotel in 1919 during John Brosnan’s ownership, which started in 1910. Brosnan fought a long battle with the Department of Railways, which wanted to demolish the hotel to make way for the railway line in 1917. The Department agreed to route the line past, instead of through the hotel.

**Designer:** Robert Masterton.  
**Maker / Builder:** Robert Masterton.  
**Year Started:** 1884  
**Year Completed:** 1885  
**Circa:** No

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Themes:**

**Admin Codes:** 166  
**Designer:** Robert Masterton.  
**Maker / Builder:** Robert Masterton.  
**Year Started:** 1884  
**Year Completed:** 1885  
**Circa:** No  
**Physical Description:** Two-storey hotel. Large hipped roof built of brick with timber verandahs.  
**Physical Condition:**

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Item Name: RAILWAY HOTEL
Location: 91 BELGRAVE STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Modification Dates: Alterations made in 1922.

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
Statutory Instrument
Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments: Listed by National Trust and Royal Institute of Architects

Criteria a) The Railway Hotel is associated with the early growth of the Government town of West Kempsey. It forms an historic precinct in the triangle including the Court House Churches and Railway Station.

Criteria b)
Criteria c)
Criteria d)
Criteria e) There is potential to yield information, which would demonstrate the history of the site. The old stables may reveal valuable material such as equipment and perhaps the existence of the cinder tracks.

Criteria f)
Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness:

References:

Author: Patricia Riggs
Title: Notes during research for history of West Kempsey
Year: 0

Studies:

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**Location:** 91 BELGRAVE STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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Custom Field Three: 1922

Custom Field Four: RAIA Register June 2000

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 02/10/1998  
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### Residence

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Criteria g) This item is aesthetically representative

Integrity / Intactness:

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Suburb / Nearest Town: Kempsey 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW
Location: Kempsey

Current Use: Former Uses: Statement of Significance:

Historical Notes or Provenance:
Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder:
Year Started: Year Completed: 1900 Circa: Yes

Physical Description: Single storey residence. Fine example of timber architecture displaying regional characteristics. Federation style

Physical Condition:
Modification Dates: c1900
Recommended Management:
Management:
Item Name: **Residence**

Location: **91 Smith Street, Kempsey [Kempsey]**

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Item Name: RESIDENCE

Location: 114 SMITH STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Address: 114 SMITH STREET

Suburb / Nearest Town: KEMPSEY 2440

Local Govt Area: Kempsey

State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern

Historic region: North Coast

Owner:

Admin Codes: 3157

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Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex:

Aboriginal Area:

Curtilage/Boundary:

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Group: Residential buildings

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Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

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Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

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Location: 114 SMITH STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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Suburb / Nearest Town: KEMPSEY 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast
Parish:
County:

Other/Former Names:
Area/Group/Complex:
Aboriginal Area:

Curtillage/Boundary:

Item Type: Group:
Category:

Owner:

Admin Codes: Code 2:
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Current Use:
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Assessed Significance:
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Statement of Significance:

Historical Notes or Provenance:
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Designer:
Maker / Builder:

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Physical Description:
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Further Comments: Typical

Criteria a)
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Criteria g) This item is aesthetically representative

Integrity / Intactness:

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Item Name: RURAL BANK BUILDING
Location: 65 SMITH STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Address: 65 SMITH STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: KEMPSEY 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Statement of Significance: The two-storey building indicates a demand for increased banking facilities in the 1930s. It reflects the progress of the Macleay district despite the years of the great depression.

Historical Notes or Provenance: Negotiations for the purpose of a suitable site commenced in 1933. Final negotiations were made through W.T.E. Francis, Auctioneer, to purchase Lot 2 adjacent to the Presbyterian Church in Smith Street. As one half of this block had already been disposed of, the bank opted for the other half. A contract was signed for 1275 pounds (2550) on 22nd February, 1934. The premises were designed on modern lines to provide every convenience for customers. The Rural Bank accounts, which since the Savings Bank amalgamation had been kept at the local Commonwealth Bank, were then transferred to the new branch of the Rural Bank. The first manager was Mr. S. Fleming. The top storey provided a residence for the manager. The solicitor for the vendor was H.J. Stewart Esq. and the vendor was Elizabeth J. Stewart. The land was described as lot no2 of a subdivision of the whole of the land comprised in conveyance dated 31st July 1919 from Eliza Ann Hogan to John Sampson May reg. no 98 book 1162 being part of a Crown Grant of 109 acres dated 25th June, 1850 to William Smith numbered 55 in the parish Yarravel. There was access to the rear by way of Forth Street (12ft wide).

Designer:
Maker / Builder: Welch Bros. Ltd.

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**Item Name:** RURAL BANK BUILDING

**Location:** 65 SMITH STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

**Year Started:** 1934  
**Year Completed:** 1935  
**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:** Two storey brick building purpose built premises for banking company. Residence on upper storey.

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:** Front open section on upper storey was windowed and a sundeck was added to the rear section. The bank Coat of Arms was removed (date unknown).

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:** Statutory Instrument  
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:** The building is a substantial structure and enhances the streetscape.

**Criteria a)** The Rural Bank building is historically significant in that it represents the importance of the commercial sector of Kempsey. The site itself indicates that this is one of the original grants by purchase of a parcel of land after the release of Crown Land in the Macleay district.

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**Integrity / Intactness:** The building is a splendid example of a commercial premises of its time built to enhance Main Street sense of place.

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Item Name: Sherwood Canoe Tree
Location: Sherwood Rd, Kempsey [Kempsey]

Address: Sherwood Rd
Suburb / Nearest Town: Kempsey 2440
LocalGovt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW
DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Address: Link Rd
Suburb / Nearest Town: Kempsey 2440
LocalGovt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW
DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Other/Former Names: Frenchman's Creek Canoe Tree

Area/Group/Complex: Group ID:
Aboriginal Area: 
Curtilage/Boundary: Situated about 300m north-east of the junction of Sherwood and Aldavilla Roads approximately 9km west-north-west of Kempsey.

Item Type: Archaeological-Terrestrial
Owner:
Admin Codes: 018974
Current Use: 
Former Uses: 

Assessed Significance: 
Endorsed Significance: 
Statement of Significance: Probably the only Aboriginal canoe tree in the district, the bark would have been removed more than 150 years ago. (from nominators)

Historical Notes or Provenance:
Themes: 
Designer: 
Maker / Builder: 
Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description: The canoe tree is located in a cleared paddock. The scar is on the western side of a tree, facing the junction of the Aldavilla and Sherwood Roads.

Physical Condition:
Item Name: Sherwood Canoe Tree
Location: Sherwood Rd, Kempsey [Kempsey]

Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:
Management:

Further Comments:
Criteria a)
Criteria b)
Criteria c)
Criteria d)
Criteria e)
Criteria f)
Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness:

References:
Studies:

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Date Updated: 24/05/2005  
Status: Partial

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Item Name: Shopfront

Location: 33-37 Smith Street, Kempsey [Kempsey]

Address: 33-37 Smith Street
Suburb / Nearest Town: Kempsey
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Year Started: 1940
Year Completed: 1940
Circa: Yes

Physical Description: Shops of Interwar art deco style.

Modification Dates: c1940'S

Recommended Management:

Further Comments: Typical
Item Name: Shopfront
Location: 33-37 Smith Street, Kempsey [Kempsey]

Criteria a)  
Criteria b)  
Criteria c)  
Criteria d)  
Criteria e)  
Criteria f)  
Criteria g) This item is aesthetically representative

Integrity / Intactness:

References:
Studies:

Parcels: Parcel Code LotNumber Section Plan Code Plan Number
LOT PT55 DP 752439

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Listings: Name: Title: Number: Date:
Royal Australian Institute of Architects register

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 24/05/2000 Date Updated: 14/09/2005 Status: Basic
Item Name: SHOPFRONT
Location: 82 BELGRAVE STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Address: 82 BELGRAVE STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: KEMPSEY 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Current Use: Former Uses:

Statement of Significance: Town Centre Masterplan reviewed proposal for Heritage aspects of Town Centre.

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Themes:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:
Item Name: SHOPFRONT
Location: 82 BELGRAVE STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Criteria a)
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Criteria c)
Criteria d)
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Integrity / Intactness:

References:
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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 05/05/2005 Date Updated: 16/09/2005 Status: Basic
SHOPFRONT - BULK HEALTH FOODS/KEMPSEY

Address: 30-32 SMITH STREET  
Suburb / Nearest Town: KEMPSEY 2440  
Local Govt Area: Kempsey  
State: NSW  
DUAP Region: Northern  
Historic region: North Coast

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Town Centre Masterplan reviewed proposal for Heritage aspects of Town Centre.

HISTORICAL NOTES OR PROVENANCE:

Themes:

DESIGNER:

MAKER / BUILDER:

YEAR STARTED:  
YEAR COMPLETED:  
CIRCA: No

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

MODIFICATION DATES:

RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT:

MANAGEMENT:

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT  
LIST ON A LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN (LEP)

FURTHER COMMENTS:
**Item Name:** SHOPFRONT - BULK HEALTH FOODS/KEMPSEY  
**Location:** 30-32 SMITH STREET, KEMPSEY  [Kempsey]

**Criteria a)**

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**Data Entry:**

- **Date First Entered:** 05/05/2005
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- **Status:** Basic
**Item Name:** SHOPFRONT - HARVEYS FURNITURE ONE  
**Location:** 21-25 SMITH STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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**Area/Group/Complex:**

**Aboriginal Area:**

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**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:**

Town Centre Masterplan reviewed proposal for Heritage aspects of Town Centre.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

In 1881 William Harvey purchased a carpentry and joinery works owned by George May. He learnt the trade of carpentry under the guidance of his cabinet maker Frederick Chadwick. He went on to become a skilled tradesman. The shop in Smith Street was built in 1908. Harvey saw the devastation left by the fire of 1907 when the opposite side of Smith Street was razed to the ground. He decided to build in brick. The two-storey building is still there today. The building has been modified but sympathetically to keep intact the old outline. The awning and façade are the original building. The business has been owned by four generations of the Harvey family.

**Themes:**

**Designer:** William Harvey

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:** 1908  **Year Completed:** Circa: No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**
The building occupies a vast area. The furniture shop dominates the centre of Smith Street and the stately façade gives a sense of character to Smith Street. Harvey's will be an integral part of the Main Street programme.

Criteria a) Harvey's is one of three businesses' which have survived for over a hundred years. The building has been modified internally but the shop front shows little change since the rebuilding in 1930.

Criteria b)
Criteria c)
Criteria d) Harvey's has a strong social association with the town. The business has been owned by four generations of the same family.

Criteria e)
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**Statement of Significance:**

Town Centre Masterplan reviewed proposal for Heritage aspects of Town Centre.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**

**Year Completed:**

**Circa:**

**No**

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:**

Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:**

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**Kempsey Heritage Inventory**  
**SHI Number** 1850317  

**Item Name:** SHOPFRONT - Raine and Horne to Randalls  
**Location:** 07-29 Smith Street, Kempsey [Kempsey]

**Criteria:**
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**Integrity / Intactness:**

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**Item Name:** SHOPFRONT - THE WAREHOUSE  
**Location:** 26-28 SMITH STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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**Aboriginal Area:**

**Curtillage/Boundary:**

**Item Type:**

**Group:**

**Category:**

**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:** 18231

**Code 2:**

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**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:**

Town Centre Masterplan reviewed proposal for Heritage aspects of Town Centre.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**

**Year Completed:**

**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:** Statutory Instrument

List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:**

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Item Name: SHOPFRONT - THE WAREHOUSE
Location: 26-28 SMITH STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Criteria a)
Criteria b)
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Integrity / Intactness:

References:
Studies:

Parcels: Parcel Code LotNumber Section Plan Code Plan Number
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**Kempsey Heritage Inventory**

SHI Number 1850319

### Item Name

SHOPFRONT - TRACIES GIFTS AND HOMEWARE

### Location

22 SMITH STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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### Assessed Significance

#### Statement of Significance

Town Centre Masterplan reviewed proposal for Heritage aspects of Town Centre.

### Endorsed Significance

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Item Name: SHOPFRONT - TRACIES GIFTS AND HOMEWARE

Location: 22 SMITH STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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Integrity / Intactness:

References:

Studies:

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### Kempsey Heritage Inventory

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**Former Uses:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:**

Town Centre Masterplan reviewed proposal for Heritage aspects of Town Centre.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**

**Year Completed:**

**Circa:**

**No**

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:**

Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:**

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Item Name: SHOPFRONT DISPLAYING 1934
Location: 36-38 SMITH STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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Criteria c)
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Integrity / Intactness:

References:

Studies:

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This report was produced using State Heritage Inventory database software provided by the Heritage Office of New South Wales.
Item Name: SHOPFRONTS - GILMORES TO BARBERS
Location: 58-66 BELGRAVE STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Address: 58-66 BELGRAVE STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: KEMPSEY 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Owner:
Admin Codes: 193, 13410, 192, 191
Code 2:
Code 3:

Current Use:
Former Uses:

Assessed Significance: Town Centre Masterplan reviewed proposal for Heritage aspects of Town Centre.
Endorsed Significance:

Statement of Significance:
Historical Notes or Provenance:
Themes:

Designer:
Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:
Physical Condition:
Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:
Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:

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Location: 58-66 BELGRAVE STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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## Silent Cops (Traffic Control)

**Address:** CNR RUDDER AND SULLIVAN ST, EAST KEMPSEY AND CNR POLWOOD AND TOZER ST, WEST KEMPSEY

**Suburb / Nearest Town:** KEMPSEY 2440

**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey

**State:** NSW

**Historic region:** North Coast

**Parish:** Yarravel

**County:** Dudley

**Other/Former Names:** Traffic Domes

**Area/Group/Complex:** Group ID:

**Aboriginal Area:**

**Curtilage/Boundary:**

**Item Type:**

**Group:**

**Category:**

**Owner:** Local Government

**Admin Codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:**

The silent cop is the forerunner of the modern day roundabout at the junction of three or four streets. The raised dome indicated that the traffic went around the dome and it took place of a traffic policeman hence the colloquial name; "silent cop" entered the English language. The traffic dome becomes a historic item in its own right.

The traffic domes become noticeable when following the historic walks in Kempsey and are commented upon by the people on the walks.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

In the Kempsey Municipal Minutes of 1924; "Letter from Dr. McElhone suggesting placing dummy policemen at the intersection of the streets for the guidance of traffic. Moved by Alderman Land and seconded by Alderman Savage that the matter be referred to works committee." One silent cop at the intersection of Lachlan Street and Nicholson Street has currently been removed.

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:** 1920  **Year Completed:** 1920  **Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

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Location: CNR RUDDER AND SULLIVAN ST, EAST KEMPSEY AND C

Physical Condition: Sound.

Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:
Management:

Further Comments:
Criteria a)
Criteria b)
Criteria c) The silent cop was a simple technical device which added to traffic safety. The raised dome is aesthetically acceptable and does not mar the landscape.
Criteria d)
Criteria e)
Criteria f) The silent cop at both intersections referred to are in good condition and do not in their daily use impeded traffic or pedestrians.
Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness:

References: Author Title Year
Kempsey Municipal Minute Book 1924

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Item Name: ST ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND HA
Location: 67 SMITH STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Address: 67 SMITH STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: KEMPSEY 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Current Use: Retail
Former Uses: Place of worship

Statement of Significance:
St Andrew's Church is a small stuccoed brick structure with corrugated iron roof built in the Victorian Gothic style in 1890. The buildings reflect the evolution of the Presbyterian Church in Kempsey. The buildings are aesthetically important to the streetscape. (Heritage Office files)

Historical Notes or Provenance:
On 9 October 1861 a Mr W Smith presented the parcel of land on which the Church now stands and a small timber hall which was used as a schoolhouse was erected shortly afterwards on the land.

In September 1883 the Rev J. Miller Ross held a meeting of Presbyterians on the Macleay and he was told that there was room for two more Presbyterian Charges. It was decided to start with one, and the outcome was the ordination and induction of Mr Matthew Bell on Sunday, 30 March 1884, as the first Minister of the Kempsey Charge.

As a result the schoolhouse was converted into a Church in 1884. A church was also built at Fredrickton and preaching stations also included Gladstone, Belgrave and Green Hills.

Mr Bell was transferred to Urana in 1888. The Rev John Taylor was inducted on 24 June 1888 and at once formed a Session.

On 16 February 1890 a new church in Kempsey, costing 600 pounds and a further 150 pounds for furnishings was opened. It was constructed adjacent to the old church.

In 1983 the Heritage Council was advised that it was proposed to demolish the Church, old
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Item Name: ST ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND HA
Location: 67 SMITH STREET, KEMPSEY  [Kempsey]

schoolhouse (Church Hall) and manse for the development of a shopping centre. Following a site inspection and report of the Church the Heritage Council at its meeting of 2 November 1983 recommended that an Interim Heritage Order be placed over the property to allow the excision of a suitable curtilage for the Church.

Following representations by the Presbyterian Church, the local member and the developer it was agreed that a compromise was reached involving retention of the Church and Church Hall and a reduced curtilage, but provided for the demolition of the Manse. This compromise left the way open for the Church and Church Hall to be retained and reused.

The Interim Conservation Order was gazetted on 16 November 1984. A Permanent Conservation Order was placed over the Church and Church Hall on 19 July 1985.

The Church and Church Hall was transferred to the State Heritage Register on 2 April 1999 (Heritage Office files)

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Designer: 
Maker / Builder: 
Year Started: 1890   Year Completed:  Circa: No

Physical Description: St Andrew's Church is a small stuccoed brick structure with corrugated iron roof built in the Victorian Gothic style in 1890.

The interior displays an elaborately carved scissor truss roof lined with timber and several original stained glass windows. (Heritage Office files)

Physical Condition: Physical condition is good.

Modification Dates: 
Recommended Management:
Management:

Further Comments: The premises is currently used in a retail capacity; housing a video store, take away outlet and a gift store.

Criteria a) 
Criteria b)
Item Name: ST ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND HA
Location: 67 SMITH STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Criteria c)
Criteria d)
Criteria e)
Criteria f)
Criteria g) This item is aesthetically representative

Integrity / Intactness:

References:
Author: Rev C. A. White
Title: A History of the Presbyterian Church of Australia
Year: 1951

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**Location:** 14 BELGRAVE ST, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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**Other/Former Names:** Commercial Hotel. Pearl Perch.

**Statement of Significance:** Tattersalls Hotel is a landmark at the top of Smith Street. The name Tattersalls suggests a sense of place in that most important country towns had a Tattersalls, which boasted superior accommodation for the traveler. In its day the hotel offered all the elegance and style in traditional and historical surrounds. The name Tattersalls meant that the place was committed to excellence.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** There has been a hotel on the site in Belgrave Street since 1883. It was first the Commercial Hotel then in 1899 became Tattersalls and in 1979 The Pearl Perch. In 2003 a new owner in a moment of local favour reverted to the name Tattersalls.

In 1883 John Barrie renewed his licence to sell liquor at the Commercial Hotel in Smith Street. On 5th October that year he received permission to remove his licence to premises in Belgrave Street indicating a change of location and one that ties with negotiations being made by the Postmaster General’s Department to buy land on which to build a post and telegraph office. The department eventually settled on a block of land in Smith Street now occupied by the present Post Office, purchasing it from the widow Mary Smith. As documented condition of sale, Mrs. Smith agreed to remove a building on the corner known as Barrie’s Corner and used as an hotel. (Barrie was the licensee).

A question remains: did Mary Smith build the new Commercial Hotel? Although she was a wealthy lady owning most of central Kempsey, the land south of Belgrave Street was owned by John Verge. Would she rent there when she owned so much land herself? What is certain is that a new hotel known as The Commercial was doing good business near the Kempsey wharves. In 1883, that it was of colonial bonded brick, that it occupied a corner site and that its wide timber verandahs ran along the Belgrave Street frontage. It was a
Item Name: **TATTERSALLS**

Location: **14 BELGRAVE ST, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]**

Substantial hotel and it was here that John Barrie dispensed hospitality until he transferred his lease to George Tillbrook. Tillbrook had formerly owned a billiard room at the Star hotel in Smith Street and now he transferred it to the Commercial Hotel. By October he was advertising that he had added a billiard room to the hotel as well as a five acre paddock which suggests that he had ownership of some sort. The billiard room was like the hotel a two storey structure, but of timber. It was on the river side of the hotel and was eventually joined to it by a timber infill. Tillbrook became bankrupt in 1888 and he had transferred his licence to Thomas Keneally. There were structural changes to the two buildings from about 1906 onwards. The billiard room was an integral part of the hotel. A parapet was constructed part of which remains today and at the rear stables were converted to garages. By 1940 major repairs had been undertaken. The old style verandah was enhanced by an ached colonnade with stucco and tile façade to the frontage of Belgrave Street. The main building has a stamp of permanency and is one of Kempsey’s landmarks. To have a Tattersalls was a mark of a superior town in the early twentieth century.

Jack Needs, one time Auctioneer now retired told that “During 1960s Elringtons Stock and Station Agents owned the hotel. Part of the veranda was converted into an auctioneer’s room. A bench was installed and properties were bought and sold. Then you would go down to the bar and have a drink and the contract would be signed.”

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:** 1883  **Year Completed:** 1883  **Circa:** No

**Physical Description:** A building which gives the streetscape a sense of twentieth century charm. The building is typical of the hostelry accommodation of a country town.

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:** 1906, 1940’s.

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:** Statutory Instrument  List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:** The local community is devoted to retaining the old hotel. It would be a loss of identity to the streetscape if the building were entirely demolished. If the name Tattersalls is removed from the town, a part of its history would be irrevocably lost.

**Criteria a)** Tattersalls Hotel is associated with the growth of the town. It holds a unique place in the history of the country hotels and has strong link with the livestock selling industry as it was adjacent to the selling yards at the rear of the building. Producers and their families were known to stay at the hotel when in town for business.

**Criteria b)**
Criteria c) Tattersalls Hotel is aesthetically characteristic of the charm of a streetscape which has been lost to “made over” buildings. It is the only reminder of a river town which placed its accommodation close the wharf which served the ship’s travelers when the river was the highway.

Criteria d) There is potential to yield information, which will add to the history of the old building and the town. i.e. no doubt the grounds would reveal evidence of the early life of the hotel.

Criteria e) The hotel is rare in the fact that it is part of the life of the early town. The façade is unusually charming and gives a sense of place to the top of Smith Street.

Criteria g) Tattersalls is representative of the era of old country hotels. Hotels in Australian country towns had to display a certain superiority to the traveling public. The name Tattersalls became synonymous with the reputation of “good country pub.”

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UNITING CHURCH MANSE

83 BELGRAVE STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Address: 83 BELGRAVE STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: KEMPSEY 2440
State: NSW

Location: 83 BELGRAVE STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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Current Use: Offices of Rural Protection Board
Former Uses: Residences of Clergy of the Uniting Church

Statement of Significance:
The Manse is significant for its representation of the progress and prosperity of the Methodist Church (now Uniting) in Kempsey in 1921. It is built on a part of the old Leamington Estate, a Crown Grant (by Purchase) in 1850 to William Smith.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
The former Methodist Manse (now Uniting Church) was built in 1921. The Manse was close to the former Methodist Church in Belgrave until the church was devastated by the 1949-50 floods. The stone laying ceremony took place on the 22nd January 1921. The building replaced the old building off Smith Street in York Lane. The stone was laid by Rev.M. Bembrick, Superintendent of the Kempsey Methodist Circuit. The stone was described as freestone with marble inset for the inscription with copies of the two local newspapers, a report of the Parsonage project, the name of the presiding minister and the names of the trustees. The house was commodious and well equipped. The trowel was obtained through A.A. Pacey, of Kempsey and made of Sterling silver with a pearl handle. This trowel was presented to Rev. Bembrick. The building cost 1660 pounds ($3320).

Physical Description:
The Manse is built of brick with tiled floor. The rooms included dining room, drawing room, four bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, pantry, laundry, lobby hall and surrounded by verandahs on three sides. It is still an imposing building flanked by attractive cottages in Belgrave and

Maker / Builder: J.A. Campbell

Assessed Significance: Endorsed Significance:

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UNITING CHURCH MANSE

83 BELGRAVE STREET, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Gladstone Streets.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments: Since a new Manse has been built in Tozer Street beside the Uniting Church, (built after the 1945-50 floods) the building has been a private residence, then a doctor's surgery and has housed various community offices. It is now the premises of the Rural Lands Protection Board.

Criteria a) The Manse is of great historical significance in Kempsey's history of the Uniting Church.

Criteria b) The Manse is associated with the work of the various ministers of the Methodist Church (Uniting Church). The Manse has cultural ties with the former trustees of the building whose names are significant in the history of the district.

Criteria c)

Criteria d) The Manse has strong and special association with the community for social, cultural and spiritual reasons. Kempsey is regarded as the birthplace of Methodism on the NSW coast from the time of the local settlement in 1836.

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness:

References: Author Title Year
MRHS files (Methodist Church)
Macleay Argus Newspaper 25th January 1921 1921

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**Item Name:** WHARF SITES; FERRY WHARF, LOG WHARF, DR

**Location:** FERRY ST END, RIVER BANK, LORD ST, KEMPSEY [Kem]

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**Aboriginal Area:**

**Curtilage/Boundary:**

**Item Type:**

**Group:**

**Category:**

**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current Use:** Site only / Site only / Site only.

**Former Uses:** Ferry Wharf / To load logs / As a maintenance bay for repairs to ships and ferry craft

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:**

Ferry Wharf: An integral part of transport for pedestrians and light vehicles before the bridge was built in 1900.

Log Wharf: The Log Wharf was built on the right bank of the Macleay River. Logs were loaded on to ships to be transported to Sydney for the timber trade.

Dry Dock, East Kempsey: The Dry Dock provided a maintenance bay for ships. The Dry Dock was an integral part of the shipping trade of the Macleay River.

Kempsey Traffic Bridge: The traffic bridge over the Macleay River was built to augment the flow of traffic on the Pacific Highway when motor vehicles increased as a mode of transport. This bridge replaced a timber structure built in 1900.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

Ferry Wharf: The first ferry crossed the river in 1841. The ferry crossed to the wharf opposite at the end of Belgrave Street.

Dry Dock, East Kempsey: The Dry Dock was built prior to 1889 for the purpose of overhauling ships and river craft. A newspaper article indicates that it was in existence before 1889 at which date it is recorded on a composite map of wharves from The Entrance to Belgrave Falls. The original length of the dock was 101 feet but the contractors are extending this to 116 feet necessitating the removal of a considerable quantity of earth. When completed the dock will be 36 ft on the top and 36 ft 6ins on the bottom. The depth of water on the sill will be 4ft. 8ins. Through a slip that occurred some time back, together with a flood, the dock has become filled with mud. The sides are being protected by stout ironbark.
WHARF SITES; FERRY WHARF, LOG WHARF, DR

Ferry Wharf: Located on the bank of Macleay River at the end of Ferry Street East Kempsey.

Dry Dock, East Kempsey: Located on river bank between Ferry Street and Wharf Street. The old Dry Dock cannot be found although it is remembered by some people by the concrete foundations. Built 1889.


Themes:

Designer: Enoch William Rudder (Ferry Wharf)
Maker / Builder: Messrs G and T Lawson (Dry Dock), ie.

Physical Description:

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management:

Further Comments:

Kempsey Traffic Bridge: The present bridge at Kempsey was opened in 1959 by the Deputy Premier and Treasurer, J.B. Renshaw. Construction of the new bridge was carried out by Hornibrook, McKenzie Clark Pty Ltd. The supply and fabrication of the steelwork was carried out by Bernard Smith Pty Ltd. The approaches to the bridge were built by the department of Main roads by day labour. The total cost of the bridge and its approaches was 490,000 pounds. ($980,000)

The main piers of the bridge are supported on concrete cylinders 8ft 6ins in diameter (approx 2.5 metres), which were sunk using compressed air to rock at depths of 27 metres below high water level. The main piers were placed in line with the main piers of the old bridge built in 1900, to avoid causing any great obstruction to flood flow than already existing. The bridge used 415 tons of structural steel work. In the trusses, 2,860 cubic yards of concrete and 260 tons of reinforcing steel bars, together with 25 ons of steel in the cylinder cutting edges.

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References: Author
Macleay Argus Newspaper 13th, April, 1889 (Dry Dock)
Main Roads Magazines vol 25, No 2 December 1959 (Kempsey Traffic Bridge)

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Item Name: YARRAVEL NATURE RESERVE
Location: ARMIDALE ROAD, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Address: ARMIDALE ROAD
Suburb / Nearest Town: KEMPSEY 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Other/Former Names:
Area/Group/Complex:
Aboriginal Area:
Curtilage/Boundary: 28.3ha, 10km north-west of Kempsey.

Item Type: Landscape
Group: Category:
Owner:
Admin Codes: Code 2: Code 3:
Current Use:
Former Uses:

Assessed Significance: Endorsed Significance:
Statement of Significance: Yarravel is a small representative sample of wet sclerophyll forest of the mid north coast of New South Wales. It has many koala food trees and increased koala populations may occur due to increased protection. @@ @@(The Commission is in the process of developing and/or upgrading official statements for places listed prior to 1991. The above data was mainly provided by the nominator and has not yet been revised by the Commission.)

Historical Notes or Provenance:
Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder:
Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description: Yarravel is situated on sloping country with a variation from basalt to clay soils. The vegetation is wet sclerophyll forest dominated by red gum (EUCALYPTUS DEALBATA), grey gum (E. PUNCTATA), spotted gum (E. MACULATA) and bloodwood (E. GUMMIFERA). The reserve possesses many native grasses in good condition. Gliders, possums, koalas and red necked wallabies occur in the area.

Physical Condition:
Item Name: YARRAVEL NATURE RESERVE
Location: ARMIDALE ROAD, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:
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  - Date First Entered: 30/04/1999
  - Date Updated: 21/10/2004
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YESSABAH CAVES AREA

DUNGAY CREEK ROAD, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Address: DUNGAY CREEK ROAD
Suburb / Nearest Town: KEMPSEY 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Owner:

Admin Codes: 015532
Current Use: Former Uses:

Assessed Significance: The Yessabah karst area is of very high significance for cave dwelling invertebrate fauna and of high significance for karst geomorphology, cave-dwelling bat and invertebrate biospeleology, sub-fossil paleontology, and biogeography of rainforest flora and invertebrate fauna. The surface karst landforms of Yessabah are the best developed examples amongst the several Macleay valley occurrences of southern landforms with tropical influence. Such forms are uncommon this far south. The area contains the lowest karst altitudinally, and that closest to the coast in New South Wales. Yessabah has the greatest number and concentration of documented karst features in the Macleay valley limestone region, with a high diversity of karst surface solution sculptural forms which illustrate tropical karst process and forms. The caves at Yessabah contain an unusual and highly diverse spider fauna, including the rare troglobaphic (cave adapted) new genus and species which is of international interest in the iconic group of the family Theridiidae, the troglobaphic colcarteria yessabah which is a new endemic genus and species recently described in Desidae and a new species in misgolas in Idiopidae which is the only recorded

Endorsed Significance:

Statement of Significance: The Yessabah karst area is of very high significance for cave dwelling invertebrate fauna and of high significance for karst geomorphology, cave-dwelling bat and invertebrate biospeleology, sub-fossil paleontology, and biogeography of rainforest flora and invertebrate fauna. The surface karst landforms of Yessabah are the best developed examples amongst the several Macleay valley occurrences of southern landforms with tropical influence. Such forms are uncommon this far south. The area contains the lowest karst altitudinally, and that closest to the coast in New South Wales. Yessabah has the greatest number and concentration of documented karst features in the Macleay valley limestone region, with a high diversity of karst surface solution sculptural forms which illustrate tropical karst process and forms. The caves at Yessabah contain an unusual and highly diverse spider fauna, including the rare troglobaphic (cave adapted) new genus and species which is of international interest in the iconic group of the family Theridiidae, the troglobaphic colcarteria yessabah which is a new endemic genus and species recently described in Desidae and a new species in misgolas in Idiopidae which is the only recorded

Curtilage/Boundary: Approximately 4ha, located 13km west of Kempsey, comprising the area bounded by a line commencing at the south-west corner of Mining Lease Application 104 (Mining Division Coffs Harbour, Parish of Kullatine, County of Dudley), then northerly via the eastern boundary of Portion 204 to the north-east corner of that portion, then directly to the most western corner of Mining Lease ML 1239, then easterly via the south-western boundary of that lease to a corner at a perpendicular distance of 89.5m from the eastern boundary of MLA 104, then directly to the southern boundary of MLA 104 via a line parallel to the eastern boundary of that lease, then westerly via the southern boundary of MLA 104 to the commencement point.

Item Type: Landscape
Group: Category:

Item Name: YESSABAH CAVES AREA
Location: DUNGAY CREEK ROAD, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]
YESSABAH CAVES AREA

Location: DUNGAY CREEK ROAD, KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Cave dwelling trapdoor spider species. The caves are the type locality for at least four endemic caverniculous spiders, including the cocarteria yessabah and the new species is misoglas. The rainforest and cave entrance habitats on Yessabah hill support a high diversity of landsnails, including at least two species which are endemic to the hill, letomola CONTORTUS and coenocharopa yessabahensis. This area is also the type locality for these two species. Yessabah Bat Cave ye-1 provides a critical habitat in the life cycle of the cave-dwelling vespertilionid bat species MINIOPTERUS AUSTRALIS which is of biogeographical significance in understanding the survival of bat populations on a regional basis. Concentrations of bat populations, particularly the over wintering of MINIOPTERUS AUSTRALIS, provides important opportunities to study the distribution, ecology and physiology of bats in Australia. The sub-fossil evidence from Yessabah caves has already contributed to the knowledge of the evolution and palaeo-distribution of the Australian fauna. It is one of the southern most recoded Quaternary sub-fossil localities for the Ghost Bat (MACRODERMA GIGAS) in eastern Australia. This species, which is listed as "vulnerable" in the concom "List of Australian Endangered Vertebrate Fauna", does not occur further south than central Queensland today. The breccias and other clastic fill remaining within the caves together with more recent owl- roost deposits, have considerable potential to contribute further such information. The area supports biogeographically significant remnant stands of low- altitude sub-tropical and dry rainforests of types which would have once been typical of other limestone outcrops in the Macleay valley. The forest contains one rare species endemic to the valley, cryptocaria sp. 3) (2RC1) and two species which are rare in New South Wales MORINDA ACUTIFOLIA and DENDROBIUM tenuissium. Species found here at the southern limit of their distribution include ALECTRYON TOMENTOSUS, CAESALPINIA SUBTROPICA, CANTHIUM vacciniifolim, MONOCOCCUS ECHINOPHORUS, PARSONSIA ROTATA, rauwehoffia LEICHHARDTII and TRAGIA novaehollandiae) these species are important in understanding the evolution, distribution and floristics of Australian rainforests. ****

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Themes:

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description: The Yessabah karst is developed on Permian limestone, at the south- eastern end of a scatter of small karstic limestone outcrops in the Macleay valley region. The landform features and cave contents of most interest are: - Surface solution sculpture - of forms, diversity and intensity representing an interesting southernmost example in Australia of types which are generally more typical of more tropical latitude; - Numerous relatively small but interesting caves; - Cave fills - owl-roost deposits, breccias and other clastic sediments containing or likely to contain evidence of past environmental conditions and/or fauna; - Cave-dwelling fauna - including an important site for overwintering of vespertilionid bats and several spiders endemic to Yessabah, including cave adapted species. There are at least 60 caves in the area, with 90 entrances, including 4-5 which have been quarried away. The
kast features at Yessabah are the lowest altitudinally and closest to the coast of the Macleay valley karsts. Yessabah is also of interest because it exhibits tropical forms, at their southernmost occurrence in Australia. Sub-fossil material collected from the Yessabah caves has provided important palaeo-distribution information about several mammal species, including the Ghost Bat (MACRODERMA GIGAS), Broad-toothed Rat (MASTACOMYS FUSCUS), Plains Mouse (PSEUDOMYS AUSTRALIS), Bush Rat (RATTUS FUSCIPES), as well as more common species such as possums and gliders. There are extensive cave fills of several types which have high potential to contribute further information of this kind. Yessabah Bat Cave ye-1 has been established for many years as a critical overwintering site for the Little Bent-wing Bat (MINIOPTERUS AUSTRALIS) as well as being the habitat of two other bats, the Common Bent-winged Bat (MINIOPTERUS AUSTRALIS) and the Eastern Horseshoe Bat (RHINOLOPHUS MEGAPHYLLUS). Yessabah caves also support a highly significant invertebrate fauna including spiders, beetles, flies, millipedes and isopoda. The following endemic spiders have been recorded from Yessabah caves: - a new genus and species colcarteria Yessabah whose closest relatives in different genus are found in New Caledonian caves. - a new genus, new species within the icona group whose closest relatives are found on New Zealand Sub- Antarctic islands. - misgolas sp. Nova - the only species of brown trapdoor spider in cave habitat. The rainforest occurring at Yessabah is a good example of low-altitude dry rainforest and sub-tropical rainforest. The dry rainforest is characterised by a Shatterwood (BACKHOUSIA SCIADOPHORA), Yellow Tulip (DRYPETES AUSTRALASICA) association, whereas the sub-tropical rainforest is characterised by a rosewood (DYSOXYLUM fraseranum) and DAPHNANDRA sp. Association. The rainforest habitat supports a high diversity of land snails, including two endemic species letomola CONTORTUS and coenocharopha yessabahensis. ****

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:
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Location: KINCHELA [Kempsey]

Address: KINCHELA 2440
Suburb / Nearest Town: KINCHELA
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Other/Former Names:
Area/Group/Complex:
Aboriginal Area:
Curtilage/Boundary:

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Designer:
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Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

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Item Name: OLD BAKERY
Location: KINCHELA [Kempsey]

Address: KINCHELA 2440
Suburb / Nearest Town: KINCHELA
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Current Use:
Former Uses:

Statement of Significance:
Historical Notes or Provenance:
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Designer:
Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

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Item Name: UNITING CHURCH
Location: 30 RIVERSIDE DR, KINCHELA [Kempsey]

Address: 30 RIVERSIDE DR
Suburb / Nearest Town: KINCHELA 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Current Use: Private Residence.
Former Uses:

Owner:
Admin Codes: 4150

Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: Group:
Category:

Owner: Group ID:

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Statement of Significance:

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Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:
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UNITING CHURCH

30 RIVERSIDE DR, KINCHELA [Kempsey]

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Kundabung Hall is a social focal point. The tiny community is represented in the history of the hall which is a monument to the united efforts of local people. The structure is built of fine timber grown close by.

As far back as 1933 activities were held to raise funds to build a hall at Kundabung. The community are proud of the fact that volunteers have maintained the hall for the past fifty years. The hall was built by Gorge Blackwell and Jim Slater in 1953. The timber was cut from the local reserve and milled at Everson's Mill in Kundabung. The walls were black butt timber and the floor is tallow wood. The more recently added supper room has a floor of red mahogany. The pit toilets were ready cut at O'Leary's Mill. Today Kundabung is a small community with 439 residents. The school students who live there attended a total of 10 different schools. There is no public transport and the Community Hall is the only place to socialise.

Builder George Blackwell and Jim Slater

Builder Gorge Blackwell and Jim Slater. Started and completed in 1953. The physical condition of the building is very good.
**KUNDABUNG HALL**

**Location:** MAIN ROAD, KUNDABUNG [Kempsey]

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:** Supper room added in 1990. This addition is very well matched. At present indoor toilets are being added and will operate on a septic system. There is controversy between the health officers and the local community who are perplexed with the number of toilets that have to be added.

**Recommended Management:**

| Statutory Instrument | List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP) |

**Further Comments:**

- **Criteria a)** The Kundabung Hall is associated with the revival of the village after World War II. The village was originally named Smith Creek. An area west of the highway, Allan's Flat, was the centre of the timber industry and here were houses, stables, and a blacksmith's shop and school. The sawmills built nearer the railway probably caused the residents to move closer to employment and a community was established at Kundabung.

- **Criteria b)**

- **Criteria c)** The hall is a landmark in the village and blends with the countryside. It is a fine example of rural architecture and is in keeping with the tennis court, a community asset in a country setting.

- **Criteria d)** The hall has social significance having been associated with the community for 50 years. It is highly significant to the sense of place in the area.

- **Criteria e)**

- **Criteria f)**

- **Criteria g)**

**Integrity / Intactness:** Whilst some additions have been made, these sections are in keeping with the original structure of the building. The roof is well reinforced and sound.

**References:**

- Members of the Kundabung Reserve Trust
- Mr. and Mrs. O'Leary
- The Macleay Argus 1933

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KUNDABUNG HALL

MAIN ROAD, KUNDABUNG [Kempsey]

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 28/10/2004 Date Updated: 16/09/2005 Status: Basic
Kundabung Lime Kiln Ruins

Address: PIPERS CREEK
Suburb / Nearest Town: KUNDABUNG
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast
Parish: Lincoln
County: Dudley

Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex: Group ID:

Aboriginal Area:

Curtillage/Boundary: Beside the road leading to wharf site at picnic reserve.

Item Type: Built
Group: Mining and Mineral Property
Category: Furnace
Owner: Local Government

Admin Codes: 18408
Code 2: Code 3:

Current Use:

Former Uses:

Assessed Significance:

Statement of Significance: This lime kiln site is of rare and representative historical significance at both state and national level. It demonstrates part of the philosophy behind convictism (forced labour) to benefit the state. It demonstrates a simple but proven form of engineering.

Historical Notes or Provenance: The kiln is probably part of the lime industry which was established in the Smiths Creek area in 1834. In 1831 Surveyor Ralfe had discovered an extensive stratum of limestone of a very superior quality about ten kilometres from the head of navigation of Maria River. In 1834 the Police Magistrate at Port Macquarie was directed to provide 20 convicts to make a road from Hastings River to a quarry of limestone and to construct a kiln for the making of lime for the public service at the settlement. The road did not eventuate. The burnt lime was pulled in handcarts to the wharf at Pipers Creek. This kiln may have received the rock and burnt it at this site prior to this mode of delivery. It is logical that this idea would be abandoned in favour of carting the lighter burnt product to the barges. The lime was used as mortar in the building industry. This operation ceased when the penal establishment stopped at Port Macquarie.

Themes:

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: 1831 Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description: This is a small lime kiln in comparison with the other five kilns in Kumbatine National Park. There are two fire box/draw holes at the front. Foundation is stone or rock work. It is not

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known when this kiln was built but it may have been at the same time as the kilns on upper reaches of Smiths Creek (1831). Its position, close to the Pipers Creek wharf where barges transported the lime to Port Macquarie, suggests that the rock was at first brought over from the quarry to be burnt in this kiln. Perhaps this kiln was abandoned in favour of carting the burnt product to the wharf. There is considerable documentation regarding the kilns in the National Park but this kiln is outside the National Park and has no form of protection.

Physical Condition: The kiln is in good condition at present but the path leading to the kiln is down a steep bank and is being eroded. Removal of any trees etc may cause the kiln to collapse. A cairn has been built on the bank which indicates the position of the kiln. There is no plaque but this is not advised in case of vandalism. It may be best left as it is but the path should be inspected to see if a board walk or fence would be advisable. History. The kiln is probably part of the lime industry which was established in the Smiths Creek area in 1834. In 1831 Surveyor Ralfe had discovered an extensive stratum of limestone of a very superior quality about ten kilometres from the head of navigation of Maria River. In 1834 the Police Magistrate at Port Macquarie was directed to provide twenty convicts to make a road from the Hastings River to a quarry of limestone and to construct a kiln for the making of lime for the public service at that settlement. The road did not eventuate. The burnt lime was pulled in handcarts to the wharf at Pipers Creek. This kiln may have received the rock and burnt it at this site prior to this mode of delivery. It is logical that this idea would be abandoned in favour of carting the lighter burnt product to the barges. The lime was used as mortar in the building industry. This operation ceased when the penal establishment stopped at Port Macquarie.

Modification Dates: Recommended Management:

Further Comments:

Criteria a) The lime kiln has an historical value that is both rare and related to early mining skills. It is associated with the early building trade of the colony.

Criteria b)

Criteria c) Technologically important as possibly the oldest surviving Limekilns in New South Wales, and as examples of kiln design not yet known elsewhere in Australia. The only known existing kilns of this type. They form a rare group, probably the oldest in the Port Macquarie /Kempsey area. Still substantially intact.

Criteria d)

Criteria e) The site has some potential to contain archaeological information relating to the reason the kiln was built in this location away from the other kilns in the Combateine National Park.

Criteria f) The kiln is a rare example of a particular activity i.e. mining of lime. Whilst the other lime kilns are well known to researchers and those interested in this technology, this kiln is not
Item Name: KUNDABUNG LIME KILN RUINS
Location: PIPERS CREEK, KUNDABUNG [Kempsey]

widely known and may not be listed on any heritage survey.

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness:

References:
- Consultants Brief for Heritage of Convict lime Kilns, Pipers Creek, Kundabung
  Author: Consultancy
  Title: Consultants Brief for Heritage of Convict lime Kilns, Pipers Creek, Kundabung
  Year: 1993
  Author: Marie H. Neil
  Title: Valley of the Macleay
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- Pipers Creek Limekilns, Austral Archaeology, February
  Author: Pipers Creek Limekilns
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Studies:

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 14/05/2005 Date Updated: 16/09/2005 Status: Basic
Item Name: KUNDABUNG RAILWAY STATION
Location: BESIDE RAILWAY LINE, KUNDABUNG [Kempsey]

Address: BESIDE RAILWAY LINE
Suburb / Nearest Town: KUNDABUNG 2441
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex:

Aboriginal Area:

Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: Archaeological-Terrestrial
Group: Transport - Rail
Category: Railway Platform/Station

Owner: State Rail Authority

Admin Codes: Code 2: Code 3:

Current Use: Former Uses:

Assessed Significance: State

Statement of Significance: The site is significant for the part it played in the timber industry in the Kempsey Shire. The railway station was the most important depot for the assessment of logs and the transport of timber. A rural community depended on it for transport, communication and trade.

Historical Notes or Provenance: This country railway station played a big part in the timber industry. Kundabung railway station was built mainly to transport timber. Practically no other traffic passed from the station except timber in forms. "Every month there would be a sleeper and transcom out." Also poles and piles and it was a big thing for Kundabung. Poles were shipped out to Councils at Dubbo and Orange for use as electrical carriers. Three huge piles were railed to Darwin after bombing in World War II to rebuild the wharf. There were 12 trucks a week, all the goods traffic was controlled by Class 50 engines. (Paddy Mayhew, Assistant Station Master at Kundabung for 20 years from the 1930's). The railway terminated at Kundabung for some time after the 1949-50 floods when the railway bridge at Kempsey became unsafe and was eventually destroyed.

Themes:

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: 1917 Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:
KUNDABUNG RAILWAY STATION
BESIDE RAILWAY LINE, KUNDABUNG [Kempsey]

Physical Condition: Nothing is left of the Railway station. There are items of machinery beside the track which give an indication of where the platform was built.

Modification Dates: Recommended Management:

Further Comments: The site is associated with the movement of timber from Kempsey Shire. It was part of the railway system on the North Coast which reached the site in 1917. School children were given permission to board the train to attend high school in Kempsey before the advent of school buses.

Criteria a) The site has the potential to contain archaeological information relating to the site as a railway station and timber yard.

Criteria b) Criteria c) Criteria d) Criteria e) Criteria f) Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness:

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Kundabung Railway Station

Location: Beside Railway Line, Kundabung [Kempsey]

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| **Suburb / Nearest Town:** | KUNDABUNG |
| **Local Govt Area:** | Kempsey |
| **State:** | NSW |

| **DUAP Region:** | Northern |
| **Historic region:** | North Coast |

| **Other/Former Names:** |  |
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| **Year Started:** |  |
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**Kundabung Reserve**

**Location:** Kundabung [Kempsey]

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**Date Updated:**

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Item Name: KUNDABUNG TIMBER MILL (SITE ONLY)
Location: KUNDABUNG [Kempsey]

Address: KUNDABUNG
Suburb / Nearest Town: Kempsey
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Other/Former Names:
Area/Group/Complex:
Aboriginal Area:

Curtilage/Boundary:
Item Type: Built
Group: Forestry and Timber
Category: Sawmill
Owner:
Admin Codes: 8838
Code 2:
Code 3:

Current Use:
Former Uses:
Assessed Significance:
Endorsed Significance:
Statement of Significance:
This site in Kundabung is historically significant as the timber industry operated in the Kempsey Shire from 1917. The rural community of Kundabung depended on this timber for transport, communication and trade and this site was also linked to the Kundabung Railway Service.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No
Physical Description:
Physical Condition:
Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:
Management:

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Location: KUNDABUNG [Kempsey]

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**KUNDABUNG WHARF**

**Location:** PIPERS CREEK, KUNDABUNG  [Kempsey]

**Address:** PIPERS CREEK
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** KUNDABUNG 2441
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey
**State:** NSW

**Address:** Convict Rd
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** Kundabung 2441
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey
**State:** NSW

**Statement of Significance:** The Kundabung Wharf site marks an important place which denotes an integral part of early transport. The wharf was originally used to transport lime and has a connection between convict labour and the early building industry of the colony. The wharf was a link in the transport system and provided a loading facility for barges and droghers from the days of early settlement.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** The wharf originally used to load lime barges to transport commodity to Port Macquarie. The wharf became the main loading place for the steam driven paddle wheel log punts. Logs were drawn to the wharf by bullock teams and loaded onto a punt to be taken to a timber mill at Hibbad near Port Macquarie via the Maria and Hastings Rivers. Later hand strewn sleepers and girders were hauled to Telegraph Point for construction of the railway. This was vital before the railway came through in 1917. In more recent times the droghers used to take cream to the Telegraph Point Butter Factory. It is believed that a drogher with logs sank near the wharf and has not been recovered.
**Item Name:** KUNDABUNG WHARF  
**Location:** PIPERS CREEK, KUNDABUNG [Kempsey]

**Maker / Builder:**
- Year Started: 1835  
- Year Completed:  
- Circa: No

**Physical Description:** This wharf is a site only. A boat ramp was built for recreational use for small boats.

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**
- Recommended Management:
- Management: Statutory Instrument  
- List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:**
- Criteria a)
- Criteria b)
- Criteria c)
- Criteria d)
- Criteria e) The site has the potential to contain archaeological information relating to the previous site as a wharf and shipping.
- Criteria f)
- Criteria g)

**Integrity / Intactness:** Now a site only.

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**Kempsey Heritage Inventory**

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### PIPERS CREEK LIME KILNS

**Location:** BONNIE CORNER RD, KUNDABUNG [Kempsey]

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### Statement of Significance

These five kilns in Kumbatine National Park are of rare and representative historical significance at both state and national level. It demonstrates part of the philosophy behind convictism (forced labour) to benefit the state. It demonstrates a simple but proven form of engineering.

### Endorsed Significance

### Assessed Significance

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Item Name: PIPERS CREEK LIME KILNS
Location: BONNIE CORNER RD, KUNDABUNG [Kempsey]

Further Comments:
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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 05/05/2005
Date Updated: 16/09/2005
Status: Completed

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STATE HERITAGE INVENTORY

MONUMENT HILL, LAGGERS POINT & LITTLE BAY ARAK

Address: MONUMENT HILL
Suburb / Nearest Town: LAGGERS POINT & LITTLE BAY ARAK
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Endorsed Significance: This building is a significant part of the history of Trial Bay gaol when the breakwall was being built by inmates of the penitentiary, as part of prison reform. This powder magazine is the surviving example of two brick buildings built to store powder for the blasting of the quarry at Trial Bay.

Assessed Significance: This building is a significant part of the history of Trial Bay gaol when the breakwall was being built by inmates of the penitentiary, as part of prison reform. This powder magazine is the surviving example of two brick buildings built to store powder for the blasting of the quarry at Trial Bay.

Statement of Significance: This building is a significant part of the history of Trial Bay gaol when the breakwall was being built by inmates of the penitentiary, as part of prison reform. This powder magazine is the surviving example of two brick buildings built to store powder for the blasting of the quarry at Trial Bay.

Historical Notes or Provenance: The Powder Magazine is a very interesting and important piece of history. The was one of the two buildings built on the side of the Monument Hill turn along Powder Magazine Trail, situated between Lagers Point and Little Bay Arakoon.

Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description: One building has been destroyed and is a heap of rubble. The existing building is in need of immediate attention. The buildings were to house the powder for the blasting of the quarry when the breakaway was being built during the early twentieth century. Originally, the powder was stored in the north western watch tower of the gaol.

Physical Condition: This structure has been solidly built and the detail is ornate for the type of building for which it was intended. The barge boards a brick façade and the bricks have been made into a feature. The domed roof is very noticeable and requires attention. The structure is brick.
THE POWDER MAGAZINE (1 AND 2)
MONUMENT HILL, LAGGERS POINT & LITTLE BAY ARAK

and cement rendered. The building is probably over 100 years old.

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
Statutory Instrument Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments: The Easting and Northing quoted are for the standing location: Easting 0506933 and Northing 6503658. The Easting and Northings for the ruins are: Easting 0506949 and Northing 6503715.

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Integrity / Intactness:

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Latitude: Longitude:

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Heritage study

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Location: MONUMENT HILL, LAGGERS POINT & LITTLE BAY ARAK

Date First Entered: 06/06/1997
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Item Name: **MARIAVILLE**  

Location: **RIFLE ROAD, MARIA RIVER  [Kempsey]**

**Address:** RIFLE ROAD  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** MARIA RIVER 2440  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW  
**State Heritage Inventory**  

**Current Use:**  
**Former Uses:**  

**Statement of Significance:**  
Mariaville was reserved as a landing place for boats and for public buildings in 1835. The site was head of Navigation on the Maria River and the closest landing place to travel the Macleay District. This site was gazetted as a town and is the last historical indication that this was part of the route taken from Port Macquarie to Kempsey. It has an integral association with the traveling and arrival routes of early settlers.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**  
In 1826 a party under Captain Samuel Wright took a small boat to the head of navigation of Maria River and under Aboriginal guidance carried the boat north to what is known as the Macleay River. The route blazed the basic route from Port Macquarie to the middle reaches of the Macleay for many years.

The route became better known in 1835 when Enoch William Rudder repeated the tactics of Wright nine years earlier. Rudder took his own boat up the Maria River from Port Macquarie to the limits of navigation and then employed a team of six bullocks to pull his boat on a sledge across country to the Macleay.

As a result of this a boat harbour was established on the Maria River and a constables hut was built by 1836. Two identical maps of the street arrangements were prepared, one in 1835 and one in 1838. The town was L shaped with a north south street parallel to the river, harbour, Macleay and Kangaroo. Three running East West, Crescent, Maria and Ballingarra. The north west sector adjoining the river, where the bullock track to Kempsey came in and was reserved as a landing place for boats and public buildings.

The town was never built. An Inn was built known as "The Ship Inn" at Mariaville completed...
In 1841. The Port Macquarie Magistrate urged the Colonial Secretary to issue the licence, since it was a "neighborhood in want of accommodation". On 15th August 1851 a wine and beer licence was issued to James Thompson who had previously been the licensee of the Bush Inn at Kempsey in 1839. No other information is available about the Ship's Inn which never appeared in the gazette. Thomson went on to Roland's Plain in 1844 and it is not mentioned by David Burn who traveled up the Maria in 1844.

The Maria River remained in use. In 1870 the Earl of Belmmore visited the Macleay District and he returned to Port Macquarie by boat from Mariaville or Boat Harbour as commonly termed by then.

The layout of the streets was never more than a surveyor's projection, except along the waterfront. It was officially cancelled in 1895 according to the Government Gazette and noted in the Macleay Argus May 15th 1895.

The village reserve was cancelled in 1921. This did not mean that Mariaville disappeared. Until the 1930's the timber adjacent to the upper Maria continued to be felled, dragged by bullock team to Mariaville and loaded onto droghers and taken to Hibbard's Mill at Post Macquarie. In 1973 there were stacks of logs and an indication that the timber cutters and bullock teams had made camp there. In that year the members of the Macleay River Historical Society also noted a pile of bricks which may have come from the Ship Inn. These bricks were thought to be convict made.

Themes:

Designer: SA Perry 1838 Redesigned 1872 and again in 1895.

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: 1826 Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description: Site only.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management:

Further Comments:

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Location: RIFLE ROAD, MARIA RIVER [Kempsey]

Criteria e) Mariaville is in urgent need of an Archaeological survey. An excellent draft plan of management has been prepared by National parks and Wildlife Service in June 2002. This plan should be consulted before any further investigation is carried out at Mariaville.

Criteria f) In 1986 people on an excursion at Mariaville saw a scarred tree. This has not been seen in later years but a continuing search is proceeding.

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Item Name: MILLBANK HALL
Location: 522 HICKEYS CREEK ROAD, MILLBANK  [Kempsey]

Address: 522 HICKEYS CREEK ROAD
Suburb / Nearest Town: MILLBANK 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW
State Heritage Inventory

Current Use: The house is used as a residence.
Former Uses: The house is used as a residence.

Statement of Significance: The hall is a good example of rural architecture and its social focal point both historically and contemporarily. Whilst some original features are covered, the building represents a community building. Here Balls and Sunday School Services were held. The building is an integral part of country life.

Historical Notes or Provenance: The Millbank Hall was first built between George Powick's bails in 1908. It was built by Wilson of Newcastle. In 1932 the residents decided that the presence of the cows did not enhance the approach of the surrounds of the hall. A meeting of the residents of Millbank decided that the hall should be moved. The dance floor was lengthened, the stage retained and a kitchen added.

Themes:
Designer: Wilson of Newcastle.

Year Started: 1908  Year Completed:  Circa:  No

Physical Description: The hall is a timber structure with a side entrance. The front doors are intact but the steps into the entrance have been removed. The floor is in a splendid condition and a supper room is part of the building behind the stage. A kitchen has been added adjacent to the supper room. The hall is placed beside the school and a residence, which is reminiscent of the layout of a small rural village when the hall was used for extra school activities. Adult Learning classes are currently held in the hall.
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**Item Name:** MILLBANK HALL

**Location:** 522 HICKEYS CREEK ROAD, MILLBANK  [Kempsey]

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:** The exterior walls have been clad in a metal material and old windows have been replaced by sliding aluminum types. The alterations have been carried out to reduce maintenance. A time capsule has been placed near the front door (in 1982) during the fiftieth anniversary of the building.

Despite modifications the hall is an important part of the village. The contents include photographs of World War I service men who enlisted from Millbank and Hickeys Creek. The five large photographs are mounted and framed and are cherished by the local people but are in danger of being removed by less sympathetic users of the hall. A cedar plaque is hung to commemorate the centenary of the school.

**Recommended Management:**

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Item Name: MILLBANK SCHOOL
Location: 506 HICKEYS CREEK ROAD, MILLBANK [Kempsey]

Address: 506 HICKEYS CREEK ROAD
Suburb / Nearest Town: MILLBANK
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

State Heritage Inventory

Current Use:
Former Uses:

Statement of Significance:
The school is an example of resident persistence in petitioning to have a school built within reach of the children’s homes. This building has continued to provide schooling since 1896. It is important to the local community for obvious social and cultural reasons.

Gates: These gates signify the high esteem in which residents held the men who enlisted in WW1. The pillars are more elaborate than memorials which were usually placed in small rural settlements and were funded entirely by the residents.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
The original school was opened in 1891 in a Wesleyan Chapel on the property of Mr. William Lainey. This building was on the opposite side of Hickey’s Creek. It was given the name Uralgurra suggested by the School Inspector because the building was in that parish. Found unsuitable because the majority of children lived on the other side of the creek, parents asked for a school to be erected at upper-Hickey’s Creek. The present school was named Hickey’s Creek but changed to Millbank in 1912. A large sawmill had been built in the vicinity and the local people considered this an appropriate name for the settlement. (There was confusion with another school on Kesbys Road which was named Toorooka but was only five chains from Hickey’s Creek Post Office. Toorooka School became Hickey’s Creek School and Hickey’s Creek School became known as Millbank).

Gates: In 1921 the Parents and Citizens Association sought permission to erect gates. The teacher, Henry Ivey, “explained that there would be marble slabs on the pillars bearing forty names of ex-pupils and men who enlisted from Hickey’s Creek on which Millbank is situated”. In 1922 the gates were unveiled by the Rev. T. M. Taylor (Methodist) and Archdeacon Curtis (C of E). Description. The pillars are Bowral trachyte faced with marble.

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on which are inscribed the names of WW1 men who enlisted from the area. The gates have been removed but were Buzacott Ornamental gates. The pillars are 3.048 metres (10ft) apart. The funds were raised by the residents and the cost was sixty pounds ($120) The pillars are in good condition. A time capsule was placed inside the left pillar, marked with a cross. This was a bottle containing the history of Hickeys Creek since 1862 and the names of those who had donated and also the names of past and present pupils. Mr. Milligan brought the stone to the site and Edsteins (stonemasons of Kempsey) erected them.

Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder: Stanford and Graham of Kempsey were the builders.

Year Started: 1896    Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description: The original School was typical of most small country schools 6.096 metres by 4.877 metres (20ftx16ft) and a verandah on the south side. Inspector Wright insisted that the cesspits be 27 metres (approx. 30 ft) away, one due east of the verandah the other a similar distance north. The school has undergone many additions. The verandah is enclosed and a demountable added to accommodate extra pupils. The attendance varies and in 2003 there are 14 students. There is obvious interest shown by residents who assist the teacher with remedial work.

Gates. The gates to the grounds of the school stand as a memorial to the service men of the first world war.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument     List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:

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**MILLBANK SCHOOL RESIDENCE**

**Location:** 506 HICKEYS CREEK ROAD, MILLBANK [Kempsey]

**Address:** 506 HICKEYS CREEK ROAD  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** MILLBANK  
**State:** NSW  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**DUAP Region:** Northern  
**Historic region:** North Coast

**Statement of Significance:**
The school residence is evidence that the Department of Public Instruction regarded the provision of a house was important because of the need to attract a married teacher. Girls were denied the extended education of learning sewing and related domestic subjects unless the wife of a teacher were engaged to teach these subjects.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**
In 1907 the teacher Henry Campbell and his wife boarded with the teacher at Toorooka School some four miles away which necessitated traveling eight miles a day. Henry Powick, in his capacity as President of the upper Hickeys Creek Progress Association organised a petition to the Department asking for the erection of a residence. He outlined a number of reasons. The Inspector endorsed the remarks but recommended against a residence until Henry Powick, who then owned the land on which the school was built, offered to build a house and rent it to the Department. It was close to the school and contained four rooms with a verandah across the front and a pantry and bathroom at the back. Rent was twenty-five pounds (50 dollars) a year. There is no record of any details of the building or who built it. Since 1907 the residence has been modified but the front is the original structure. It is used now as the administration room.

**Physical Description:**

**Designer:**  
**Maker / Builder:**  
**Year Started:** 1908  
**Year Completed:** Circa: No  
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Location: 506 HICKEYS CREEK ROAD, MILLBANK [Kempsey]

Physical Condition:

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**THE BALES RESIDENCE**

**Address:** 502 HICKEYS CREEK ROAD  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** MILLBANK  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW  
**DUAP Region:** Northern  
**Historic region:** North Coast

**Item Type:** Built  
**Group:** Farming and Grazing  
**Category:** Dairy

**Owner:**  
**Admin Codes:** 7363  
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**Area/Group/Complex:**  
**Aboriginal Area:**

**Assessed Significance:** Local  
**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:** Significant as a site of early dairy bales in 1914 owned by Henry Powick. The building has been restored as a residence and makes an attractive feature of the village.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**  
**Year Completed:**  
**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:** Statutory Instrument  
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:**

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### MELODY COTTAGE

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**Assessed Significance:**

The house is a link with a national identity Gordon Kirkpatrick OAM, Slim Dusty. Slim passed away in 2004 and by that time had recorded over 50 albums and gained many music awards. The house is the boyhood home of the Australia Country Music Legend, Slim Dusty.

The Slim Dusty story starts back in the 1940's on a remote dairy farm in the hills behind Kempsey, NSW, when a 10-year-old boy dreamed of being a country music singer. His name was David Gordon Kirkpatrick... he called himself "Slim Dusty" and began to live that dream. His amazing career spanned six decades, had him holding 36 Golden Guitars, more Gold and Platinum Records than any other Australian Artists, ARIA Awards and an induction into the ARIA Hall of Fame, an MBE and Order of Australia for his services to entertainment, and he was one of the earliest inducted to the Country Music Roll of Renown.

The typical farmhouse has become a pilgrimage for Slim Dusty fans. The house is one in a chain of fascinating rural architecture when residents moved from constructing slab plank houses to modest dwellings at a stage when the present brick structures started to become popular on rural properties.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**
Item Name: MELODY COTTAGE  
Location: NULLA NULLA CREEK [Kempsey]

Maker / Builder: Tom Ryan. Later work John Poulton.

Year Started: 1929  
Year Completed: 1930  
Circa: No

Physical Description:

Physical Condition: In sound condition generally, certain repairs are necessary to present kitchen and walls. To date the repairs are being addressed.

Modification Dates: Since the Kirkpatrick family moved away from the house in 1948 alterations have been made by subsequent owners. Old guttering has been removed and replaced by box guttering. Original kitchen stove has been replaced by a type of slow combustion and hot water attachment. Old chimney has been replaced. A bathroom has been built on the back verandah. A member of the Kirkpatrick family advised that no bathroom existed in the house in 1930.

Recommended Management:

Management:

Further Comments: Although the house has been gathered from many sources. It is believed that Tom Ryan built the house for David Kirkpatrick in 1924. Previously they had lived further up the Nulla Nulla Road on another property, Peachtree.

Criteria a)

Criteria b) The home has a special association with the life of a person of importance, Slim Dusty, to the cultural history of NSW. Slim Dusty who passed away last year, 2003, was born here and spent his early years living in the property. It was here that he started his singing and writing career.

Criteria c) The house on Nulla Nulla Road demonstrates a type of building that was becoming popular during the 1920's. This represented a more comfortable house for farmers who had experienced more primitive structures. Small timber mills were springing up in the bush making timber more available for construction purposes. The creek supplied the house with a good water supply. This was important to the family who were dairy farmers.

Criteria d)

Criteria e)

Criteria f) The house at Nulla Nulla Road is rare in that its well preserved as a typical farmhouse of the 1920's. The upright boards are supported by battens over the joins. The boards are 20mm in thickness. The walls are lined in plaster and timber veneer.

Criteria g) The house is a representative of a farmhouse of this period.

Integrity / Intactness: Whilst electricity has been connected in the last years and certain alterations have been carried out by a series of owners the original fabric is intact which makes it culturally significant. The pitch of the roof and the verandah are typical of the day in which it was constructed.
Item Name: MELODY COTTAGE
Location: NULLA NULLA CREEK [Kempsey]

References:
- Cecil Chapman: (An) Memories of Nulla Nulla
- Debbie Welch: A representative of Slim Dusty Enterprises
- Dr. Noeline Kyle, a niece of Slim Dusty
- Macleay River Historical Society Files
- Mrs Kathleen Kyle nee Kirkpatrick

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 24/10/2004 Date Updated: 18/05/2005 Status: Basic

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### Limeburners Creek Nature Reserve

**Location:** Maria River Rd, Port Macquarie [Hastings]

- **Address:** Maria River Rd
- **Suburb / Nearest Town:** Port Macquarie 2444
- **Local Govt Area:** Kempsey
- **State:** NSW
- **DUAP Region:** Northern
- **Historic region:** North Coast

- **Address:** Maria River Rd
- **Suburb / Nearest Town:** Port Macquarie 2444
- **Local Govt Area:** Hastings
- **State:** NSW
- **DUAP Region:** Northern
- **Historic region:** North Coast

- **Address:** Point Plomer Rd
- **Suburb / Nearest Town:** Port Macquarie 2444
- **Local Govt Area:** Kempsey
- **State:** NSW
- **DUAP Region:** Northern
- **Historic region:** North Coast

- **Address:** Point Plomer Rd
- **Suburb / Nearest Town:** Port Macquarie 2444
- **Local Govt Area:** Hastings
- **State:** NSW
- **DUAP Region:** Northern
- **Historic region:** North Coast

**Other/Former Names:**

**Area/Group/Complex:**

**Aboriginal Area:**

**Curtillage/Boundary:** Approximately 7,123ha, located between Point Plomer and the Maria River, 10km north of Port Macquarie.

**Item Type:** Landscape

**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:** 003467

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Former Uses:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:** Limeburners Creek Nature Reserve is an attractive coastal area with large representations of wetland and heath. Swamp turpentine (LOPHOSTEMON SUAVEOLENS) is at its southernmost known geographic limit of distribution at Limeburners Creek, and one nationally rare plant species, the raspwort GONOCARPUS SALSOLOIDES (3RCa) occurs.
Limeburners Creek Nature Reserve

Location: Maria River Rd, Port Macquarie [Hastings]

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Physical Description:
The geology of Limeburners Creek Nature Reserve consists of Quaternary sand deposits and much of the area is flat and poorly drained. The area takes in a shallow saline lagoon with several islands called Saltwater Lake, and parts of Limeburners Creek which drains the lagoon. Limeburners Creek is a tidally influenced arm of the Hastings River which lies to the south of the area. Vegetation communities include mangrove forest, wet and dry heaths, dry sclerophyll forest and swamp sclerophyll forest. Mangrove forest occurs along Limeburners Creek with three species present; the grey mangrove (AVICENNIA MARINA), river mangrove (AEGICERAS CORNICULATUM) and milky mangrove (EXCOECARIA AGALLOCHA), and is also present on mudflats around the lagoon and particularly to the south. Further back, extensive stands of swamp sclerophyll forest are present, dominated by paperbark (MELALEUCA QUINQUENERVIA, M. Stypheloides) and swamp she oak (CASUARINA GLAUCUM), and some occurrences of coastal tea tree (LEPTOSPERMUM LAEVIGATUM) and swamp mahogany (EUCALYPTUS ROBUSTA). Two small patches with rainforest elements are present within the area. One patch is just to the north-east of Saltwater Lake and the other is west of Big Hill on the cross country sand track, both sites being sandy and swampy and containing bangalow palms (ARCHONTOPHOENIX CUNNINGHAMIANA). A number of fauna species which are considered to be threatened, or vulnerable and rare in New South Wales, occur in the area. Vulnerable and rare species include the carpet python (MORELIA SPILOTES), brush tailed phascogale (PHASCOGALE TAPOTAFA), the black necked stork or jabiru (XENORHYNCHUS ASIATICUS), ground parrot (PEZOPORUS WALLICUS) and pied oyster catcher (HAEMATOPUS LONGIROSTRIS). One threatened species occurs; the koala (PHASCOLARCTOS CINEREUS).

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management:

Further Comments:
Item Name: Limeburners Creek Nature Reserve

Location: Maria River Rd, Port Macquarie [Hastings]

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**Item Name:** Limeburners Creek Nature Reserve

**Location:** Maria River Rd, Port Macquarie [Hastings]

**Data Entry:** Date First Entered: 27/04/1999

**Date Updated:** 24/05/2005

**Status:** Partial

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Item Name: ANGLICAN CHURCH  
Location: SHERWOOD ROAD, SHERWOOD [Kempsey]

Address: SHERWOOD ROAD  
Suburb / Nearest Town: SHERWOOD  
Local Govt Area: Kempsey  
State: NSW  

DUAP Region: Northern  
Historic region: North Coast

Item Type: Built  
Group: Religion  
Category: Church

Owner: Religious Organisation

Assessed Significance:  

Statement of Significance: St John the Devine Anglican Church was dedicated in 1903. It is significant for evidence of the origins and beliefs of the local residents. The church represents an ecumenical characteristic in that several denominations worshipped at the church when it was built in the latter part of the nineteenth century. This was unusual in that era.

Historical Notes or Provenance: The Church was licenced as a building for Divine Service in 1903. The church gives a perspective to the rigid religious attitudes of the times of the clergy not perhaps the residents of the little hamlet.

When it was built it was a simple rectangular structure that the scattered farming community put up themselves as a co-operative gesture. Methodists and Anglicans contributed and the church was built on Anglican land. The people of both faiths used it for worship.

The land may have been donated to the Anglican Church by John Davis who had given the land on which the hall was built and which was administered by the Anglican Church until 1992.

The only history of the church is attributed to Patricia Riggs, who in her research notes that there was a cloud over the sharing arrangement in the shape of the then Church of England hierarchy. It disapproved of the whole affair, largely because no-one had bothered to ask the bishop’s permission to put a church on that particular piece of land, let alone share it and the cost with the Wesleyans. As a result of the ecclesiastical pout, the little church was not dedicated until 1903. The charming and spacious chancel and sanctuary was opened in 1929. The little rural church is picturesque in this country setting.

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Location: SHERWOOD ROAD, SHERWOOD [Kempsey]

A service was held to de-consecrate the church in February 2005. The last service was conducted by Rev. David Lunniss.

Physical Description: The simple timber building gives the hamlet a sense of place.

Physical Condition: Generally good.

Modification Dates: 1929 Sanctuary and chancel added.

Recommended Management: Statutory Instrument  
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments: The church is a significant building in the precinct of Sherwood. The church reflects the community's values of the time in which it was erected.

Criteria a) The church is important in the historical significance which served the needs of a sparse and scattered community. The church represents an era before motor transport when "going to church" was a part of the cultural life of the bush.

Criteria d) St John The Devine is of social significance to the Shire for it provides evidence of origins and beliefs of local people. The church reflects the importance of values of family life when Sunday Service was part of the life of the community. Festivals connected with the church have special significance in the social history of the district and the changing styles of presenting the church activities.

Criteria e) The church has potential to reveal information in its records which would contribute to the understanding of the district's cultural history. Over a hundred years of family and district history is recorded in the church.

Criteria f) The church is now representative of the few bush churches left in the shire. It reveals the way of life of the small communities and the way in which the members of the church have tried to preserve those structures in the face of falling attendances. That the church has stood for over a hundred years is a tribute to the congregation. The church is part of Australia's story whilst it remains on this site.

Criteria g) The church shows evidence of human activity significant to a community and gives the now historic precinct a sense of place.
Item Name: ANGLICAN CHURCH
Location: SHERWOOD ROAD, SHERWOOD [Kempsey]

Integrity / Intactness:

References:
- Author: Macleay Argus, May 6th 1910, May 1st 1929
- Year: 1929
- Author: Patricia Riggs. Various notes in research of buildings.
- Year: 1986

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**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Location:** SHERWOOD ROAD, SHERWOOD [Kempsey]

**Address:** SHERWOOD ROAD

**Suburb / Nearest Town:** SHERWOOD

**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey

**State:** NSW

**Other/Former Names:** Church of the Sacred Heart

**Current Use:** Former Uses:

**Statement of Significance:**
This Catholic Church is in need of repair. However, the restoration of the church would provide the integrity of the whole precinct. The diocese gave the building to an Aboriginal group. It was first used as a learning centre to record the language of the Gunbaynggir people. Brother Steve Morelli together with Emily Walker and Ken Walker worked on the project for some years with excellent results.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**

**Year Completed:**

**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Item Type:** Built

**Group:** Religion

**Category:** Church

**Owner:** Religious Organisation

**Admin Codes:** 8615

**Code 2:**

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**Endorsed Significance:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**DUAP Region:** Northern

**Historic region:** North Coast

**Parish:**

**County:**

**Address:** SHERWOOD ROAD

**Suburb / Nearest Town:** SHERWOOD

**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey

**State:** NSW

**Aboriginal Area:**

**Curtillage/Boundary:**

**Area/Group/Complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Owner:** Religious Organisation

**Admin Codes:** 8615

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**Endorsed Significance:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**DUAP Region:** Northern

**Historic region:** North Coast

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Item Name: CATHOLIC CHURCH
Location: SHERWOOD ROAD, SHERWOOD [Kempsey]

Management: Statutory Instrument
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:
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**Item Name:** SCHOOL

**Location:** 626 SHERWOOD ROAD, SHERWOOD  [Kempsey]

**Address:** 626 SHERWOOD ROAD

**Suburb / Nearest Town:** SHERWOOD

**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey

**State:** NSW

**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

**Statement of Significance:**
Sherwood School was the only school built in the isolated area on the opposite side of the river from other schools. The school has stood since 1887 and is a tribute to the builder. The school had been in constant use until it closed in 1962. A fine example of a rural school designed by School Architect William Kemp.

The school and school residence are fine old structures, which together with the two churches and the hall stand as a significant reminder of the early locality of Sherwood.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**
Sherwood Public School was built in 1887. The land was purchased from the family of John Ward who had held the land by Crown grant since 1876 (reg vol 297 folio 24). Robert Burnett Smith, the local member played a significant part in getting the school established. Later more land was acquired to enlarge the playground. Students in the vicinity crossed the river in a flat bottomed boat to attend Sherwood School. George Hodgetts Hodgson was the first teacher and remained there for forty two years. In 1893 records show there were seventy pupils including a few Aboriginals. Mr. Hodgson trained at East Kempsey. He was much loved and respected by his students and their parents. An illuminated address to George Hodgson is still to be seen at the local Macleay River Museum. The school closed in 1962. The last teacher was Mr. W Phillips.

**Theme:**

**Designer:** William Kemp

**Maker / Builder:** Jacob Healy's tender was recommended.
**Kempsey Heritage Inventory**

**Item Name:** SCHOOL  
**Location:** 626 SHERWOOD ROAD, SHERWOOD [Kempsey]

**Year Started:** 1887  
**Year Completed:** 1887  
**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:** The school is built of timber with iron roof and front verandah. Windows are timber framed.

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:** Modifications were made in 1906 and in subsequent years to address the problems of white ants and decaying timber. Since becoming a private residence in 1960’s the building has undergone modifications.

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:** Statutory Instrument  
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:**

- **Criteria a)** Sherwood Public School represents an era in education which has disappeared from the country. The small school is an important feature of Australia's heritage both in education and the social life of the district.

- **Criteria b)** Sherwood Public School would have been the social centre of the district. The hamlet did not boast a shop but had two churches and a post office. Social life would have revolved around the school and its activities i.e. Empire Day picnic on May 24th.

- **Criteria c)**

- **Criteria d)**

- **Criteria e)**

- **Criteria f)** Small schools played a large part in the life of Australian people. These remaining buildings such as Sherwood Public School are the last reminders of that important era in history. Ease of modern transport has eliminated the necessity of small school and students from the country areas are now at liberty to attend schools in the larger towns.

- **Criteria g)** Sherwood Public School is representative of a time in education and the cultural life of the "bush". These small schools are no longer part of country life outside towns but there will be for many years, people who regret their passing. It is therefore important to retain the visual part of the history.

**Integrity / Intactness:**

**References:**

- **Author:** NSW State Records, Sherwood Public School Reunion.  
**Title:** Records collected by Dr. John McPhillips and compiled by Mark Kempton.  
**Year:** 1994

**Studies:**

**Parcels:**

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- **Plan Code:** 544847

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 10/05/2005
Date Updated: 09/10/2005
Status: Basic
Item Name: SCHOOL RESIDENCE
Location: 628 SHERWOOD ROAD, SHERWOOD [Kempsey]

Address: 628 SHERWOOD ROAD
Suburb / Nearest Town: SHERWOOD 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Current Use: Private residence.
Former Uses: School teacher's residence.

Statement of Significance:
The school residence represents the style of houses built adjacent to the local school at the end of the nineteenth century. The modest timber structure with its brick chimneys and chimney pots typifies the rural school group of that era. Build with the school grounds, the residence is a lasting reminder of the "small school" era.

The school and school residence are fine old structures, which together with the two churches and the hall stand as a significant reminder of the early locality of Sherwood.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
Sherwood School Residence was built in 1887 as home for the teacher at the Sherwood Public School. The design was by the Education Department. The first teacher to occupy the house was George Hodggets Hodgson who had rented a cottage nearby until community agitation and the recommendation of the local member, Robert Burdett Smith, caused a home to be built. The residence is the original building with slight modification throughout the years. The ventilators for the house were included in the design and cost four guineas each ($8.40)

Themes:
Designer: Council of Education
Maker / Builder: William Brenton
Year Started: 1887 Year Completed: 1888 Circa: No
Item Name: SCHOOL RESIDENCE
Location: 628 SHERWOOD ROAD, SHERWOOD [Kempsey]

Physical Description: Timber house with brick chimney. Two bedrooms, kitchen and single room with verandah on front. Iron roof.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates: In 1898 an additional bedroom was added. A bathroom was built in 1908. Improvements to the residence were made in 1906 and again in 1929. A new tank was erected in 1938.

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments: Since the school closed in 1962, the residence has been a private home. The outward appearance does not seem to be altered to any great extent and the home is still an attractive building in a rural setting.

Criteria a) Sherwood School Residence is historically significant in that it represents the style of home built for the local teacher in the late nineteenth century. The home comprised a group of buildings which typified the pattern of school buildings in that era. The school and residence together with a weather shed and outbuildings was the focal point of a locality or small town.

Criteria b) The residence has a special association with the district community. The teacher was a prominent person in the hamlet and life revolved around the school. Memories are forged in these old houses and buildings are becoming rarer. The fact that both the residence and school survived gives the area an historic presence.

Criteria c)

Criteria d) The residence has a strong social implication. The teacher was the prominent person in the district and the school teacher and his family would have been part of the social life of the district.

Criteria e)

Criteria f) These small timber buildings of the late nineteenth century which were built for a special purpose are now rare in country localities. This residence has remained in its original setting next door to the school which gives it a special place in a heritage aspect.

Criteria g) The Sherwood School Residence is representative of the homes built in the late nineteenth century as part of the school group. The houses have character which distinguishes them from the usual country village home.

Integrity / Intactness:

References: State Record Files.

Studies:

Parcels: Parcel Code LotNumber Section Plan Code Plan Number
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**Sherwood Hall**

**Address:** SHERWOOD ROAD  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** SHERWOOD  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW

**Current Use:** As a community Hall.  
**Former Uses:** As a community Hall.

**Statement of Significance:** Sherwood Hall is a good example of rural architecture. It is in a commanding position standing as it does beside the road and with enough curtilage to display the building. The design is typical of country halls built in the early years of Federation which catered for the needs of the community for meetings, social activities and all public purposes.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** Sherwood Hall was built in 1911 by John Davis. The hall was built as an investment to cater for the needs of the community as a place for meetings and social gatherings. The opening was a grand affair and brought over 300 people to the hall. Before the Sherwood Public School was extended the hall housed some of the classes. (1925-26). In 1927 a supper room was added to the hall. The hall was enlarged in the 1940's. John Davis gave the hall to the Anglican Church. In 1992 Kempsey Shire Council made available an interest free loan so that a local committee could acquire the hall. At that time the building needed urgent repairs and since then fundraising has enabled the much needed restoration. The local community believe the hall is an asset to be valued and protected for the future.

**Designer:** John Davis  
**Owner:** Local Government  
**Admin Codes:** 18643  
**Year Started:** 1911  
**Year Completed:** 1911  
**Circa:** No

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Item Name: SHERWOOD HALL
Location: SHERWOOD ROAD, SHERWOOD [Kempsey]

Physical Condition: In a sound condition and worth preserving.

Modification Dates: Originally the hall comprised a stage and dressing room. A supper room was added in 1927. The building was enlarged in the late 1940's.

Recommended Management: Statutory Instrument
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments: The hall is in constant use. Local residents saw the needs to preserve the building. If once the hall was allowed to fall into disrepair a building of that size could never be replaced.

Criteria a) Sherwood Hall is associated with the social life of the locality. It is unique in that it was built privately as an investment to provide a venue for the community to meet for social functions and meetings. It has served as a temporary school room before the Public School was extended. Sherwood Hall is built on land which was part of the oldest pastoral lease Sherwood, taken up by Captain William Briggs (1840).

Criteria b)

Criteria c) Sherwood Hall is a fine example of a country hall. It is in a commanding position standing as it does beside the road and with enough curtilage to display the building. The hall is a focal point indicating that here was once a thriving district.

Criteria d) Sherwood Hall has been the centre of social gatherings for nearly a century. To see the building in such a good condition shows that such a hall is valued in the community. The hall is used by groups such as Macleay Spinners and Weavers who found it difficult to find equivalent space in the main town.

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness: Whilst the structure has been slightly altered through the years to meet the demands of the changing lifestyles, the outward appearance remains an example of a typical country hall.

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**Item Name:** SHERWOOD HALL

**Location:** SHERWOOD ROAD, SHERWOOD  [Kempsey]

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**Address:** MAIN STREET  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** SMITHTOWN  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW  
**Other/Former Names:** Smithtown School of Arts  
**Area/Group/Complex:** Group ID:  
**Aboriginal Area:**  
**Curtillage/Boundary:** Frontage to Main Street side entrance on Rawson Street  
**Item Type:** Built  
**Group:** Community Facilities  
**Category:** Hall Public  
**Owner:** Local Government  
**Admin Codes:** 7228  
**Current Use:** As a hall for community functions. Church and School events.  
**Former Uses:** As a hall for community functions. Church and School events.  
**Assessed Significance:**  
**Endorsed Significance:**  
**Statement of Significance:** Smithtown Literary Institute is a near perfect record of country architecture. The hall is significant in that the communities' needs are reflected in this building, which catered for activities from political to recreational. It is an important social focal point. It reflects the interest in local participation in social and cultural life.  
**Historical Notes or Provenance:** The hall is built on the site of the old reading room, which was adjacent to the original hall built in 1886. The foundation stone was laid by the Hon. J.J. Fitzgerald MLA. The hall was described 'as being the best of its kind on the river and it was claimed as second to none this side of Newcastle'. The hall dimensions are 70ft by 40 ft. (21x12 m) complete with dressing rooms and supper room. There is a large stage. The hall was built from donations of money contributed by local citizens. Cr. H.C. Henderson, President of the Macleay Shire Council officially opened the hall in April 1927 and congratulated the people on their energy and foresight in building such a commodious structure. The hall has undergone regular maintenance and improvements over the years including a new toilet block in 1985. As well as the social activities associated with a hall, the Catholic Church held services in the building each Sunday whilst the new church was being built in 1974. At some time a library operated from the large room at the eastern side of the hall. There are rows of bookshelves containing books in this room.  
**Themes:**  
**Designer:** P.J. Moran  
**Maker / Builder:**
Item Name: SMITHTOWN LITERARY INSTITUTE
Location: MAIN STREET, SMITHTOWN [Kempsey]

Year Started: 1926   Year Completed: 1926   Circa: No

Physical Description:
Physical Condition: Good.

Modification Dates: Aluminum windows have replaced the timber frames. Indoor toilets have been built each side of the back stage. Toilets to accommodate wheelchairs etc will be built at the back of the kitchen with access through the kitchen. Large mesh doors are in place at the front of the building to provide security.

Recommended Management:
Management: Statutory Instrument   List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:
Criteria a) The Smithtown Literary Institute is associated with the development of the district. In an era when every town had a hall, it reflects the interest in local participation in social and cultural life. A local committee has long been instrumental in keeping the hall maintained. It would be impossible to build a place of such dimensions in this age and residents are aware of the importance of keeping this hall.

Criteria b) The Smithtown Literary Institute is a particularly good example of rural architecture. It is in an imposing position at the entrance of the town and complements the old emporium buildings, which are still standing in Smithtown.

Criteria d) Smithtown is a local landmark and has been for over seventy years. It is highly significant to the district’s sense of place.

Criteria e) Smithtown Literary Institute is part of the group of early twentieth century halls built by local subscription and managed by a small committee of dedicated townspeople.

Integrity / Intactness: The original exterior fabric is almost unaltered. The interior has been modified to meet changing needs i.e. to meet health standards required in public buildings. Although a timber building the front is covered with pressed metal and painted. According to the local people this has been in place since 1926 when the hall was built. On the western side the hall is clad with hardie board. The ceiling at the entrance is still the original ornate pressed metal. The old ticket office is still in place.

References:
Author       Title                              Year
Macleay Chronicle Newspaper 15th September 1926 1926
Mr George Wheldon Smithtown Literary Institute Committee member 2004
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**Location:** MAIN STREET, SMITHTOWN [Kempsey]

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**Item Name:** FOUNDATION OF RAAF RADAR TRACKING STATION

**Location:** SMOKY CAPE [Kempsey]

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:**

**Further Comments:** There is also a concrete base nearby which may have supported an instrument associated with the tracking station. So far, National Archives have not provided the necessary information to identify all the items but do contain a file of letters indicating that various organisations were interested in obtaining the material sold.

**Criteria a)** These foundations are part of the defence of Australia during World War II. The ruins are located beside the road which in itself is a historical item having been hacked out of the bush in 1888.

**Criteria b)**

**Criteria c)**

**Criteria d)**

**Criteria e)** The site may have some potential to provide additional information on the use of the buildings during the war and provide a description of the people who manned this unit.

**Criteria f)**

**Criteria g)**

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Location: SMOKY CAPE [Kempsey]

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Status: Basic
Item Name: SOUTH KEMPSEY PARK AND PLAYING FIELDS
Location: LACHLAN STREET, SOUTH KEMPEY [Kempsey]

Address: LACHLAN STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: SOUTH KEMPSEY
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Significant in that it is an attractive entrance to the town. The playing fields house a clay tennis court one of the few remaining courts of its kind. The Museum and Information Centre is a building acknowledged in international architecture. Whilst not yet a heritage item it is of outstanding design. The park itself is a tribute to members of the Apex Club who reclaimed it from an untidy piece of land.

One corner of the park is dedicated to the memory of the six school children who died in the bus crash of 1968. The park has significance in containing a rich history of Kempsey. In embracing the above the park was also an army camp during WW11 and so becomes significant in the history of defence.

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Themes:

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:

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Kempsey Heritage Inventory

SHI Number
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Item Name: SOUTH KEMPSEY PARK AND PLAYING FIELDS
Location: LACHLAN STREET, SOUTH KEMPEY [Kempsey]

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management:
Statutory Instrument
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
Statutory Instrument
Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments:

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Item Name: ARAKOON CEMETERY
Location: OFF LIGHTHOUSE ROAD, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

Further Comments:

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ARAKOON HOUSE

6-8 RUSSELL STREET, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

Address: 6-8 RUSSELL STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: SOUTH WEST ROCKS 2431
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

State Heritage Inventory

Current Use: Now a complex of units
Former Uses: Guest House and a private residence

Statement of Significance:
Arakoon House has a special importance because it adds a human element to the Trial Bay Gaol. It is a rare example of a service associated with the operation of an important penal institution which was part of the system of law and order in the NSW in the nineteenth century. The building is an example of a late Victorian residential hotel. It has made the transition from a Guest House /Hotel to a complex which meets the need of modern tourists.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
The land that Arakoon House stands on was originally purchased by a surveyor, Thomas Herriott. He died 'interstate ' in 1885 and Jesse Plummer, a Macleay Grazer of Clybucca, purchased it from the Curator of Interstate Estates on that same year. It was originally built to be an hotel, complete with cellars and had ' Hotel' in frosted glass over the doors. Because of its closeness to the gaol it was never allowed to be used as an hotel. Ponsford Stores operated there for a short time but by 1889 a second storey had been added, built by Henry Lancaster. It operated as a Guest House probably from 1887 to 1895. On the top floor were six bedrooms and two sitting rooms with a bathroom. On the ground floor were dining rooms, parlours and private rooms opening out on to the verandah. It became the seaside home of Magnus Thompson in 1895 and remained his property until 1923 by which time it was consolidated on two acres of land and included a buggy shed and other out buildings. The material used in the construction was wood -lath and plastered inside and lath and cemented outside to resemble stone. The whole of the building was cement rendered. The building has been converted into units.

Designer: Jesse Plummer
Item Name: ARAKOON HOUSE
Location: 6-8 RUSSELL STREET, SOUTH WEST ROCKS  [Kempsey]

Maker / Builder: Henry Lancaster
Year Started: 1885  Year Completed: 1886  Circa: No

Physical Description:

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates: Now converted to units.

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument  Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments:

Criteria a) Arakoon House is associated with the early development of Arakoon. The building has a close link with Trial Bay Gaol and was built to provide a social element to a penal institution. A history of changes has occurred in that the gaol now attracts visitors and the house has adapted to present demands of holiday accommodation.

Criteria b)

Criteria c) Arakoon House is aesthetically significant because it is a fine example of late Victorian residential hotel. It has retained many of the characteristic features which illustrate this type of building.

Criteria d) Arakoon House is a prominent building which has survived the radical development of the area. The list of owners indicate names which are representative of the district.

Criteria e) The site has some research potential. Before the break wall was built Arakoon House was close to the sea. There could also be evidence of its original intention as that of an hotel ie cellars etc.

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Statement of Significance:
The landscape of the Smoky Cape area is of considerable beauty, forming a prominent forested backdrop to the lower Macleay Valley and providing dramatic coastal panoramas. Smoky Cape contains a number of important coastal communities that have been reduced in area, including wetland, and dry and littoral rainforest habitats. Three rainforest species are at their southern limit in the reserve while at least three other species approach the southern limit of their range within the area. An outlier population of the swamp banksia (BANKSIA PALUDOSA) occurs in the area. The area has a comparatively rich and diverse orchid flora with sixteen species identified so far, including saprophytic, epiphytic and terrestrial species. Several rare, restricted or scientifically significant species of butterfly occur at Smoky Cape, including the regent skipper (EUSCHEMON RAFFLESIA ssp RAFFLESIA). The reserve provides habitat for the koala (PHASCOLARCTOS CINEREUS ssp. CINEREUS) which is a vulnerable and rare species in New South Wales.

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Themes:

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description: Arakoon State Recreation area comprises a section of coastline incorporating the Smoky
Cape range which is a dominant element in the otherwise flat landscape of the floodplain of the Macleay River near Kempsey. The range's two prominent peaks, Big Smoky (309m) and Little Smoky (210m) are joined by a north/south trending ridge line from which fall a series of secondary ridges and steep valleys. The irregular terrain and substantial local relief derives from the three major lithotypes which form the Smoky Cape Range. The dominant rock type is the coarse grained, pink/white Smoky Cape granite (adamellite), and this extends from Trial Bay to Little Smoky, partly determining the coastal configuration about Lagger's Point. This outcrop of resistant adamellite is the only coastal occurrence on the eastern continental margin between Bundaberg and Moruya Head. A second lithotype consisting of porphyry occurs along the eastern margin of the Big Smoky pluton and merges into the adamellite. It occurs also as xenolithic inclusions in the rocks of Lagger's Point. The third rock type, the mudstone, pebbly siltstone and sandstone of the Permian Kempsey beds, outcrop in the south of the area, from Little Smoky to Hat Head National Park. Within these rocks, folds and faults of considerable geologic interest are exposed at the southern end of Gap Beach. Of additional geologic significance is the contact between the sedimentaries and the adamellite which is reputedly one of the finest examples of its type in New South Wales. In the northern part of the area (from Arakoon to South-West Rocks) bedrock is covered by beach sand deposits overlain by fluvial and estuarine sediments. These form a salt water lagoon and adjacent swamps. The variable topography, a diverse suite of igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary parent materials, and a mild, warm temperate to subtropical climatic regime with an average annual rainfall in excess of 1,200 mm, supports a highly diverse array of vegetation types in a small area. These communities range from swamp marsh systems and coastal heathlands to a variety of woodland and open forest types with significant patches of dry and littoral rainforest. The littoral rainforest assemblage exists as a small, rare linear remnant behind the protective belt of coast banksias (BANKSIA INTEGRIFOLIA) on the low frontal dunes of Gap Beach. Dominant species include green tree (ACRONYCHIA IMPERFORATA), tuckeroo (CUPANIOPSIS ANACARDIOIDES), native guava (RHODOMYRTUS PSIDIOIDES), blue cherry (SYZYGIUM coomminianum) and brush cherry (S. PANICULATUM). Two vines, SMILAX AUSTRALIS and CISSUS ANTARCTICA, are featured prominently in this community. On the steep southern slope of the northern headland, dry rainforest occurs. This community type forms a structurally well developed stand on the mid to low sheltered aspects with low closed forest on the higher and more easterly exposed slope facets. Dominant constituents, in clearfloristic contrast to the littoral assemblage, include cabbage palm (LIVISTONA AUSTRALIS), yellow tulip (DRYPETES AUSTRALASICA), red olive berry (ELAEODENDRON AUSTRALE), black apple (PLANCHONELLA AUSTRALIS) and native olive (OLEA PANICULATA). There is a conspicuous ferny understorey dominated by DOODIA ASPERA and a diverse vine component with twenty four species represented, the most common of which are ARTHROPTERIS TENELLA, RIPOGONUM FAWCETTIANUM and the two species of the littoral patch. In the moist gullies of Smoky Cape is tall open forest dominated by blackbutt (EUCALYPTUS PILULARIS), tallowwood (E. MICROCORYS), and brush box (LOPHOSTEMON CONFERTUS). This community type possesses a distinctive understorey of treeferns and grass trees with wattles in the subcanopy. At the drier locations of the Smoky Cape Range lower drier sclerophyll open forest occurs. These communities are typically dominated by blackbutt, red bloodwood (E.GUMMIFERA), smooth barked apple (ANGOPHORA COSTATA) and grey ironbark (E.PANICULATA) with some scribbly gum (E.SIGNATA) and white stringybark (E.GLOBOIDEA) with a conspicuously herbaceous understorey. Adjacent to the dry sclerophyll forests on the more exposed ridges with nutrient
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poor regosols and lithosols, low open forest and woodland (sometimes consisting of dense stands of stunted, gnarled eucalypts) occurs. The floristics of the canopy dominants are similar to those of the dry sclerophyll forests with The addition of species of ALLOCASUARINA and MELALEUCA ARMILLARIS, and a more varied heathy understorey. On the exposed headlands and on the foredunes to the north and south of Little Bay and Gap Beach are significant tracts of coastal heathland. XEROPHYTIC PROTEACEOUS shrubs (including BANKSIA, LOMATIA, PERSOONIA) with CASSINIA UNCATA, LEPTOSPERMUM LAEVIGATUM, ACACIA LONGIFOLIA var. SOPHRAE, peas, heaths and grasses form this assemblage. On the foredunes of Front Beach and Gap Beach areas of dune pioneer vegetation exist. These communities feature sand binding grasses such as SPINIFEX HIRSUTUS and ISCHAEMUM ficutum with CARPOBROTUS GLAUCESCENS, SENECIO SPATHULATUS, SCAEVOLA AEMULA occasionally under a wind trimmed canopy of BANKSIA INTEGRIFOLIA, B.SERRATA and the WALLUM BANKSIA, B.AEMULA. Significant areas of swamp and swamp forest also exist, particularly about Saltwater Lagoon (which forms Protected Wetland 439) and along the creek which occasionally connects the wetland with the sea. The dominant tree of the swamp forest is the giant paperbark (M.QUINQUENERVIA), variously with the subdominants cabbage palm, brush box, swamp mahogany (E.ROBUSTA) and the strangler fig (FICUS WATKINSIANA), and along the intermittent estuarine creekline, with tuckerow, coastal she oak (CASUARINA EQUISETIFOLIA) and corkwood (ENDIANDRA SIEBERI). Elkhorns, the epiphytic fern PLATYCERIUM BIFURCATUM, are commonly encountered, particularly on the casuarinas. There is a variety developed and often complex understorey/ground cover of low shrubs, various ferns and terrestrial orchids, GAHNIA spp., RESTIO COMPLANATUS and where standing water is essentially perennial, sedges and Reeds (eg, SCIRPUS INUNDATUS and CHORIZANDRA CYMTONIA). Usually trees diminish in importance at such sites and the graminoids form a low canopy. A number of plant species reach their southern limits in the Arakoon State Recreation Area. Among them are two littoral rainforest species LITSEA LEEFEANA and HODGIKINSONIA OVATIFLORA, and the dry rainforest tree CRYPTOCAARYA TRIPLINERVIS. The northern scribbly gum EUCALYPTUS SIGNATA is also near its southern limit as is PANDANUS PEDUNCULATUS. An outlying northern population isolate of the swamp BANKSIA (B.PALUDOSA) also exists in the area. There is a very rich terrestrial, lithophytic and epiphytic orchid component in the Arakoon State Recreation Area. Due to the diversity of soil types and vegetation structure of the reserve. Over twenty plant species found at Arakoon are listed as protected species under New South Wales legislation. Arakoon State Recreation Area possesses comparatively depressed vertebrate representation due to prior disturbance of forest and woodland understorey, and in patches, overstorey. Mammal and bird species representation is low. It does however include some notable taxa. Significant mammal occurrences include the koala (PHASCOLARCTOS CINEREUS CINEREUS), the presence of three colour forms of the swamp wallaby (WALLABIA BICOLOR) and sugar glider (PETAURUS BREVICEPS). The Aboreal mammals have been less affected than the ground dwellers (small mammals) which have largely disappeared due to undergrowth disturbance, and so the possums and fruit bats remain abundant. In a similar fashion, ground dwelling birds have suffered and as a result avian species richness is depressed. In spite of this some locally uncommon or vulnerable species listed under Schedule 12 of the New South Wales endangered fauna ACT are recorded at Arakoon. These include the pied oystercatcher (HAEMOTOPUS LONGIROSTRIS), wompoo pigeon (PTILINOPUS MAGNIFICUS) and white bellied sea eagle (HALIAEETUS LEUCOGASTER). The land mullet (EGERNIA MAJOR) is also
recorded towards the southern edge of its range. The invertebrate fauna of Arakoon State Recreation Area appears quite species rich. The lepidopterans have been documented and several taxa are notable. The evolutionarily distinctive regent skipper (EUSCHEMON RAFFLESIA RAFFLESIA), and the largest Australian hesperiid, is confined to restricted patches of littoral rainforest north of Port Macquarie and occurs in the State Recreation Area at Gap Beach where it feeds on tuckeroo. An unusual red eyed variant of the symmomus skipper (TRAPEZITES SYMMOMUS SYMMOMUS) is recorded from gap beach and big smoky. Four papilionids (swallowtails) are found in and about the mesic communities. A very local population of the day flying arctiid moth ASOTA IODAMIA, occurs on tuckeroo in the coastal headland dry rainforest. Several essentially tropical moth species belonging to the agaristidae and noctuidae are recorded here. A green variant of the uncommon geometrid, PINGASA MUSCOSARIA, in the dense forest to the north of the State Recreation Area. Another geometrid moth, OENCHROMA VIMINARIA, exhibits a range of colouration which varies according to distance from the coastal headland inland. A local population of the white cedar moth (LEPTOCNEIREA REDUCTA) is associated with a small stand of MELIA AZEDERACH var. AUSTRALASICA at the northern end of gap beach. The giant swift moth, one of the largest of Australian lepidopterans, ZELOTYPIA STACEYI, which has a somewhat restricted distribution, is also found at Arakoon. The convict settlement of Trial Bay Gaol in the north of the area is listed on the Register of the National Estate. Other relics of nineteenth century European settlement exist within the State Rail Authority including a water supply dam at Little Bay and the quarry associated with a failed breakwater project in 1903. The Arakoon State Recreation Area. Has a distinctive and appealing mix of scenic qualities. @@ Indigenous values are known to exist in this area. As yet these values have not been identified, documented or assessed for National Estate significance by the Commission.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:

Criteria a) Historical Significance Arakoon House is associated with the early development of Arakoon. The building has a close link with Trial Bay Gaol and was built to provide a social element to a penal institution. A history of changes has occurred in that the gaol now attracts visitors and the house has adapted to present demands of holiday accommodation.

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CARRI STREET, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

district.

Criteria e) The site has some research potential. Before the break wall was built Arakoon House was close to the sea. There could also be evidence of its original intention as that of an hotel i.e. cellars etc.

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness: Whilst the interior has been altered, Arakoon House still has the features which make it culturally significant.

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**State:** NSW

**DUAP Region:** Northern  
**Historic region:** North Coast

**Curtilage/Boundary:** Golf Course, 700m south-east of South-West Rocks.

**Item Type:** Archaeological-Terrest  
**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:** 018929  
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**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

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**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

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**Physical Description:** Mythological site previously associated with a stone arrangement and possible grave. Mythological story related to Birroogun, an Aboriginal hero.

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

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**Management:**
Item Name: Birrooguns Grave
Location: Phillip Dr, South West Rocks [Kempsey]

Further Comments:
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**Further Comments:** The building is in a good position as regards a holiday place being only 400 m from the beach. The rooms are fairly large and the ceiling is 2.7 m high with ornate mouldings or cornices. The kitchen cupboards are solid and are likely to be original. The floors of the bathrooms may have been tiled in recent years. The building is constructed from red mahogany. History. The building was constructed in 1957 and the first owner was Norman Dowling from Currabubula. The flats were a departure from the cottage rentals and would have been modern for their day. A shed/garage is in the back garden and opens on to McIntyre Street. The roller door has not invaded the site. The design is typical of the 1950s for the area ie front bedroom north west aspect and another looking south west. The kitchen in the south east and living room facing north east.

**Criteria a)** The building is associated with the trend to modern accommodation in South West Rocks. The top storey still has views of the surrounding countryside. The flat roof was a fashion feature of the day.

**Criteria b)**

**Criteria c)** The structure is neat and fits the site without causing visual impact. The street is narrow and short and the flats would have looked attractive he building is in harmony with the surrounding houses.

**Criteria d)** The building, Aquarius, is one of the few examples of South West Rocks as a holiday destination fifty years ago. It is significant to a sense of place for its time.

**Criteria e)**

**Criteria f)** This type of building is rare in the town and a reminder of a seaside holiday of early South West Rocks.

**Criteria g)** Representative of type of architecture in mid 1950s. The timber walls gradually gave way to brick or concrete.

**Integrity / Intactness:** The original structure looks to be unaltered. A set of concrete steps may have replaced timber ones at the side of the building. Kitchen cabinets and door fastenings are original.

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Item Name: BOAT SHED

Location: GORDON YOUNG DR, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

Address: GORDON YOUNG DR

Suburb / Nearest Town: SOUTH WEST ROCKS

Local Govt Area: Kempsey

State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern

Historic region: North Coast

Current Use: Training Centre.

Former Uses: Boat shed.

Statement of Significance: The boatshed is significant as a structure, which played a part in the maritime history of South West Rocks. The Pilot's boat was used to take soundings and inspect the markers and buoys in the Macleay River when ocean-going steamers entered the Macleay.

Historical Notes or Provenance: The boatshed on the Macleay River, which previously housed the Pilot's boat "The Macleay", was removed in 1973. It was placed on the edge of the golf course and used as a youth centre. Two years later the Naval cadet acquired the boatshed as a training centre. The building has once again been removed (2000) and is now located on Gordon Young Drive.

Physical Description:

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Owner:

Admin Codes: 19583

Code 2: 

Code 3: 

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

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Management:

Further Comments: Now cadets building.

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**Location:** SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

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Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex: Group ID:

**Aboriginal Area:**

**Curtillage/Boundary:** Landsborough, Phillip Dr and Saltwater Creek, South West Rocks

**Physical Description:** Brighton Park is an attractive area close to the sea and near a bridge leading to the surf.

**Physical Condition:**

**Statement of Significance:** Brighton Park is open space beside Saltwater Creek which is prized by residents as an early recreational ground. Cricket matches were played and picnic parties gathered. It is part of the traditional holiday life of early South West Rocks.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** Brighton Park was originally part of the suburban lands surveyed as part of the town of Arakoon in 1866. When the town plan was readjusted in 1901 it was made into a reserve. In 1902, it was designated for police purposes and the visiting Constable from Jerseyville would leave his horse there on his regular visits to South West Rocks. Over the years it has been a cricket ground, then had lots of tents when it was a camping ground. Now it is a prized open space. Mrs. Chorine Magee, in 1987, recalled that an Aboriginal man, Sammy Drew, was an excellent batsman and played with the local cricket team at Brighton Park during the 1920’s.

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:** 1866  
**Year Completed:**  
**Circa:** No

**Curtilage/Boundary:** Landsborough, Phillip Dr and Saltwater Creek, South West Rocks

**Owner:**

**Current Use:** recreational use

**Admin Codes:** 21070

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Item Type:** Area/Complex/Group  
**Group:** Parks, Gardens and  
**Category:** Other - Parks, Garden

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Location: SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

Modification Dates: In later years, a bicycle track and walking track have been formed along the edge which has enhanced the value to the residents of the proclaimed open space and adding dimensions to the recreational reserve.

Recommended Management:

Further Comments: At present there are no toilet facilities and no doubt it would be desirable to provide this amenity. Such a structure should be landscaped harmoniously with the surrounding parkland. Garish colours should be avoided and adequate protection from criminal activities should be addressed.

Criteria a) Brighton Park has been a recreational ground during its existence in South West Rocks history. In 1901, Otto Herborn, was retained to re-survey that land at the village. This section was removed from further sale and renamed "A reserve for public recreation".

Criteria b)

Criteria c) Brighton Park is a green area which is uninterrupted by buildings or playground equipment and is unique. This is a space contrasting to the development going on around it. Open space is rare to find in a developed environment and should thus be preserved.

Criteria d)

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g) Brighton Park represents a feature of early town life when most towns had a "spare paddock". It is a reminder of holidays by the sea when people camped in tents to enjoy their summer break by the sea.

Integrity / Intactness: The park has retained its open space appearance. A bicycle / walking track has added to its value giving an extra dimension to the recreational reserve.

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Parcels: LOT 1 DP 862328

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Item Name: **CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Location: **GREGORY STREET, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]**

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Other/Former Names: *Our Lady Star of The Sea*

Area/Group/Complex: Group ID:

Aboriginal Area:

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Owner: Religious Organisation

Admin Codes: 5090, 13017

Current Use: Religious services.

Former Uses: Religious services.

Assessed Significance:

**Statement of Significance:** The SWR Catholic Church helps to show the religious composition of the local population in that there were three churches built in the township between 1912 and 1926. The Church is significant as a structure valued by the community and the holiday makers who contributed to the building funds.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church was built during the transition period between WW1 and the depression. The church belonged to the Parish of Smithtown. Families from the Rocks previously travelled to Jerseyville to attend services and later Mass was celebrated in Rafferty’s hall. However the need for a church led SWR citizens to select a site in the village. In 1919 the Department of Lands wrote to the Council asking if they had any objection to narrowing Gregory Street ‘as the road was too wide and closing part of it would give a better site for the building of the Catholic Church.’ Apparently the school was also built on part of the street. It seemed a better idea to narrow the road than to move the school or find another site for the church. The parishioners worked weekends to clear the land and by January 1926 although the building was not completed services were held there. The church was opened by Reverend Dr. Carroll of Lismore later in the year.

Themes:

Designer:

Maker / Builder: Mr. Alf. Taylor.

Year Started: 1926  Year Completed: 1926  Circa: No
Item Name: CATHOLIC CHURCH
Location: GREGORY STREET, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

Physical Description: A large timber building in a pleasant setting which makes an attractive entrance to the township.

Physical Condition: Appears very good.

Modification Dates: At some time since the building was erected some of the open verandah may have been enclosed.

Recommended Management: Statutory Instrument

Management: List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments: Unfortunately there has been some clearing done in the grounds of the church. This has exposed a garage with a roller door, which is not in keeping with the style of the church.

Criteria a) The Catholic Church at SWR is historically significant to the community as a building which was erected and funded by the local community. The church is associated with the development of the area in that it must have signified the increase in the population of the township.

Criteria b)

Criteria c) SWR Catholic Church is aesthetically significant in that it is distinguished by the use of timber both internally and externally. The church is in keeping with the School of Arts and the Maritime houses and at one time the old school before it became a shabby building. This strip shows a timber influence in the seaside village, which was the accepted building material of the day.

Criteria d) The church is a prominent building and a local landmark. It is highly significant to the township’s sense of place.

Criteria e)

Criteria f) Whilst the Catholic Church is not an outstanding architectural building it is the only church of its style in the shire.

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness:

References:  
Caroline Carey  
Tales of Trial Bay  
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Macleay Chronicle newspaper 14th April 1926  
1926

Macleay Chronicle newspaper 14th Jan. 1925  
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Studies:

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**Location:** South West Rocks [Kempsey]

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**Aboriginal Area:**  
**Curtillage/Boundary:** Approximately 416ha, located on the western shore of Andersons inlet 22km north-east of Kempsey, comprising Lots 1, 2, DP 255368, and Portions 49-53, 143, 144, 152 and 183, Parish of Clybucca, County of Dudley.

**Item Type:** Archaeological-Terrestrial  
**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:** 003484  
**Current Use:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:** The Clybucca Aboriginal Area is significant because it contains an unusually high concentration of large midden deposits (Criterion A.3). Unlike most middens along the New South Wales coast, the Clybucca deposits are largely undisturbed. As such they provide a rare example of intact estuarine middens (Criterion B.2) and are extremely good examples of this type of site (Criterion D.2). The Clybucca Aboriginal Area is significant from both a scientific and an educational perspective. The middens have the potential to yield valuable information about coastal lifestyles during the late Holocene period (Criterion A.4). In addition, the Clybucca midden complex acts as an important reference site and educational resource (Criterion C.2).

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**  
**Year Completed:**  
**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:** Clybucca Aboriginal Area contains a series of extensive and well preserved midden deposits

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which are amongst the largest in New South Wales. The area is largely low lying with a few sand ridges and the vegetation consists of a mixture of tea tree scrub and casuarina and eucalypt open forest. The main midden deposit is a linear feature which extends for almost 3.5km. This consists of a band of midden deposits which lie parallel to Anderson's Inlet and which appear to be a single, albeit discontinuous feature. In addition to the main midden, intermittent deposits of shells occur throughout the remainder of the place. These range from isolated mounds to small linear features. On the surface oysters (CASSOGSTREA COMMERCIALIS) appear to be the dominant species, with smaller proportions of cockles (ANADARA TRAPEZIA) and whelks (PYRAZUS EBENINUS) also present. However, excavations have revealed that oysters are only common in the upper midden layers with cockles being dominant in the lower layers. The Clybucca middens are part of a larger complex which includes the Stuarts Point shell middens located immediately to the north. It has been estimated that the Clybucca-Stuarts Point midden complex has a total volume of between 150,000 and 200,000 cubic metres. This makes it more than four times larger (in volume) than the middens at Ballina, the next largest midden complex in New South Wales. The Clybucca-Stuarts Point complex is relatively undamaged compared with other mound complexes (including the Ballina sites) and as such it is a significant archaeological resource. Archaeological evidence and radiocarbon dates from the Clybucca- Stuarts Point middens indicate that exploitation of the estuarine resources of the western margin of the lower Macleay River valley began around 5,000 years ago and continued for about 3,000 years. Sullivan and Hughes (1978) have linked the cessation of midden formation at this location around 2,000 years ago and changes in the species of shellfish exploited to environmental change. Following sea level stabilisation the large open estuary of the lower Macleay valley began to fill with sediment and swampy lowlands with migrating river channels developed which in turn filled to form alluvial plains. The Clybucca-Stuarts Point middens would originally have been located along the shoreline of an open estuary. Cockles, the species of shellfish most suited to this type of environment, would have been abundant and this is considered to explain the dominance of these shellfish in the lower midden layers. Over time the surrounding environment changed and narrow channels lined with mangroves developed. Oysters would have been more abundant than cockles in this environment and this is considered to explain their dominance in the upper midden layers. The process of infilling continued and estuarine resources (both shellfish and fish) would have become increasingly scarce until they were no longer locally available. It has been proposed that the estuarine environment exploited by the occupants of the Clybucca-Stuarts Point middens disappeared around 2,000 years ago which explains the abandonment of the middens at this time.
Item Name: Clybucca Aboriginal Area
Location: South West Rocks  [Kempsey]

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**Curtillage/Boundary:**

**Item Type:** Built  
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**Category:** Disaster Memorials

**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:**

**Code 2:**

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**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:**
The handsome gates were erected at the entrance to Horseshoe Bay Reserve. The structures are in marble and placed there in 1937. One pillar is inscribed with the name of Tom Snow who was killed in a shipping accident whilst trying to save the lives of people on board. Snow worked for the firm Mick Simmonds and Co. and this firm together with the community dedicated this pillar as a memorial to a local resident whose life was lost whilst carrying out a rescue.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**

**Year Completed:**

**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**
### Item Name: ENTRANCE GATES

**Location:** LIVINGSTONE STREET, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

#### Management:
- Statutory Instrument
- List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

#### Further Comments:
- Criteria a)
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FISH ROCK MARINE RESERVE

SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

Statement of Significance:
Fish Rock is worthy of listing on the Register of the National Estate. It contains a unique underwater cave that extends for approximately 70 metres through the south-west corner.

Physical Description:
The area is promoted as one of the most popular dive sites on the north coast. The major feature of the site is a cave through the south-west corner of the Rock. The cave rises from the seabed at approximately 25 metres to within 5 metres from sea level.

Outstanding marine life includes large numbers of tropical lobsters Panuhrus sp. Which inhabit crevices throughout the cave. Wobbegong sharks, grey nurse sharks and schools of Jew and king fish frequent the sandy gutters surrounding the Rock, while tropical and subtropical fish are most common around the northernmost opening of the cave.

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Item Name: FISH ROCK MARINE RESERVE
Location: SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:
Management:

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### HORSESHOE BAY RESERVE - "THE GREEN"

#### Address:
LIVINGSTONE STREET

#### Suburb / Nearest Town:
SOUTH WEST ROCKS 2431

#### Local Govt Area:
Kempsey

#### State:
NSW

#### State Heritage Inventory

#### Location:
LIVINGSTONE STREET, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

#### DUAP Region:
Northern

#### Historic region:
North Coast

#### Group ID:

#### Item Type:
Landscape

#### Group:
Parks, Gardens and

#### Category:
Reserve

#### Admin Codes:

#### Code 2:

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#### Owner:

#### Current Use:

#### Former Uses:

#### Assessment Significance:
Significant in the area is one of few places that has been retained for "day picnickers" to enjoy the beach and surf. The reserve borders the bay, which has a rich history of segregated swimming in the early twentieth century and was known as the ladies' bathing bay.

#### Endorsed Significance:

#### Historical Notes or Provenance:

#### Themes:

#### Designer:

#### Maker / Builder:

#### Year Started:

#### Year Completed:

#### Circa:
No

#### Physical Description:

#### Physical Condition:

#### Modification Dates:

#### Recommended Management:

#### Management:
Statutory Instrument

#### List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
Item Name: HORSESHOE BAY RESERVE - "THE GREEN"

Location: LIVINGSTONE STREET, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

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Item Name: MONUMENT
Location: MONUMENT POINT, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

Address: MONUMENT POINT
Suburb / Nearest Town: SOUTH WEST ROCKS 2431
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Other/Former Names:
Area/Group/Complex:
Aboriginal Area:
Curtilage/Boundary: At the back of the South West Rocks Kiosk.

Item Type: Group: Category:
Owner:
Admin Codes: Code 2: Code 3:
Current Use:
Former Uses:

Assessed Significance: Endorsed Significance:
Statement of Significance: Significant in that it is the only indication of the wreck of the ship Woolloomooloo off the point when three men were drowned. This obelisk represents the first manmade structure in South West Rocks 1864. Significant too is the determination of relatives to respect the deaths of the seamen. This notable undertaking saw the stones structures brought from Sydney by sailing ship, offloaded at Rainbow Reach then brought by boat to SWR Creek and carried by poles to the site.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder:
Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:
Physical Condition:
Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:

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**Item Name:** MONUMENT  
**Location:** MONUMENT POINT, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

**Management:**  
- Statutory Instrument  
- List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:**

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### MONUMENT STONES

**Location:** MEMORIAL AVENUE, SOUTH WEST ROCKS  [Kempsey]

**Address:** MEMORIAL AVENUE

**Suburb / Nearest Town:** SOUTH WEST ROCKS

**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey

**State:** NSW

**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

**Statement of Significance:** These memorials are tributes to ten service personnel from South West Rocks who lost their lives in the First World War. These memorials are valuable sources providing evidence of involvement in international affairs and of local families, which lived in the locality at that time.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** Of the 83 men from the district of SWR who enlisted for active service in World War 1, ten did not return. Anzac Day services were held on the corner of the street for many years. The street was originally called Sturt Street but was renamed Memorial Avenue in reference to the ten memorial tablets which line the street. Eight of the tablets were each accompanied by the planting in 1927 of a Norfolk Pine. Only four of these trees remain. The rest were replaced with New Zealand Christmas Bush when the pines threatened overhead power lines.

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**

**Year Completed:**

**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

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Item Name: MONUMENT STONES
Location: MEMORIAL AVENUE, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

Recommended Management:
Statutory Instrument
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:
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Item Name: NORFOLK PINE TREES
Location: LIVINGSTONE ST, MEMORIAL AVE, AND GREGORY ST, S

Address: LIVINGSTONE ST, MEMORIAL AVE, AND GREGORY ST
Suburb / Nearest Town: SOUTH WEST ROCKS 2431
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW
DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Current Use:
Former Uses:

Assessed Significance:
Statement of Significance: The first planting was done by the first permanent resident, William Arthur. He proposed a beautification scheme to make the street more attractive in front of his accommodation house, Jubilee Guest House. One tree was planted by the local Member George Briner and a plaque placed there (now lost).

Ten Norfolk Pines were planted in Memorial Avenue South West Rocks in memory of men who died in the First World War. Only four trees remain. Some have been replaced by New Zealand Christmas Bush. Ten tablets with names signify the men for whom the trees were planted.

Endorsed Significance:

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Themes:

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:

Physical Condition:

Historic region: North Coast
**Item Name:** NORFOLK PINE TREES  
**Location:** LIVINGSTONE ST, MEMORIAL AVE, AND GREGORY ST, S

**Modification Dates:**  
**Recommended Management:**
- Statutory Instrument
- List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:**
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**Integrity / Intactness:**

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- Date Updated: 07/10/2005
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OLD SCHOOL BUILDING

Address: GREGORY STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: SOUTH WEST ROCKS 2431
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Current Use: Unoccupied
Former Uses: Public School then Pre-school late years as a private residence.

Statement of Significance:
The former South West Rocks School building has a long association with the town of South West Rocks. It was the first school in South West Rocks and represents the perseverance of the community of the day when the demand for a school was achieved. The school was then in an isolated area and was the cultural centre of its time. The building itself represents the modest, simple structure of the Education Department during the latter half of the nineteenth century. From a heritage point of view the building is significant because, as in this case, these are becoming rare as a result of decay and now threatened demolition.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
The building has stood on this site since 1909. It was originally the New Entrance School until that year. The school was built in 1897 at the New Entrance which was where the greater population lived whilst the training walls were being built and the new entrance developed. When the works finished the enrolled numbers dropped and the parents requested that the school be moved to South West Rocks. Local member of Parliament Mr. Briner petitioned successfully and the school was moved to Gregory St.in 1909 by Parkens and Son. Meanwhile the pupils were accommodated in Rafferty's Hall. The school's name was changed from Macleay Entrance to South West Rocks Public School. The building has been used as a pre-school and then a library. Late years it has been a private residence. The school originally was weatherboard measuring 26'x20'x11 with a nine foot wide verandah on two sides and ceiled throughout.

Designer:
Maker / Builder: Henry Manning and Herbert Morrison, Kempsey.

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**Item Name:** OLD SCHOOL BUILDING  
**Location:** GREGORY STREET, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

**Year Started:** 1898  
**Year Completed:** 1909  
**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:** Physical condition is very poor. The building is in a terrible condition, rubbish and old car bodies litter the backyard, doors hang off hinges and the shelter shed is a ruin.

The school is located within a conservation area from the Catholic Church, Our Lady of the Star to the Boatman's Cottage. This area would have been rezoned before the ground could be converted for any other purpose. It is rezoned 5a; Special Purposes.

**Modification Dates:** To correspond with changing lifestyle, plumbing would have been up-dated and as school numbers increased the building was modified to suit class demands. As building was a pre-school for some years the needs of smaller children had to be met with in-door toilets and wash basins.

**Recommended Management:** Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)  
Statutory Instrument Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

**Further Comments:** This building has been mentioned so many times in conversation and nominated by the community as a heritage item. It is a problem in that the Land Council acquired the property as a significant site (being Crown land) and now state that it has no significance. The South West Rocks Aboriginal Community would like to retain the property and use it as an Interpretive Centre and Study Centre. This could be a viable proposition as there is no such centre in SWR. The Land Council want to sell the property which would command a good price. It could be restored but who would do it? It is becoming derelict. If SWR Aboriginal people could restore the building and manage it, the problem would be solved. NB Since this survey was done the school has been purchased by a private company who wish to develop the site. The local community still firmly believe that this site should be retained for community purposes.

**Criteria a)** The old Public School is associated with the development of the town at South West Rocks. The history of the school is part of the demographic history of the town when the population moved the New Entrance area to South West Rocks. In later years the building provided a home for a Play Centre then a Pre School Library and refuge for boys from Kinchela Boy's Home in times of flood. Its role as a residence was unofficial, one which came about after temporary accommodation was permitted.

**Criteria b)**

**Criteria c)** Aesthetically Significant because it is in a beautiful setting and could be restored to its original school house appearance.

**Criteria d)** This old building is remembered as by residents are their "first school". It is highly significant to both Aboriginal and European people as the community's sense of place.

**Criteria e)** The site has some potential to contain archaeological information relating to early occupancy as a school.
Item Name: OLD SCHOOL BUILDING

Location: GREGORY STREET, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

Criteria f)
Criteria g) The old school is part of a group of late nineteenth century school buildings designed to provide accommodation for school pupils. Intactness. Unfortunate the building is in disrepair. The building could still be saved. The ancillary buildings i.e. the weather shed is derelict.

Integrity / Intactness: The building is in a dilapidated state but it could be renovated/restored and put to community use. The community demonstrated that it is capable of carrying out such a project as it did with the Boatman's cottage which was restored through community and Council efforts in 1993.

References:
Author
Caroline Carey

Title
Tales of Trial Bay: An Early History of South West Rocks

Year
1993

Michael Hinchey

Minute Book minutes from preschool

1966

Mrs Dot Sheather, Mrs Sue Parker, Lyn Gillies, Merrilyn Single, Yvonne Phillips.

South West Rocks citizens who were associated with the school, and ex-pupils of the public school

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Item Name: PACIFIC GUEST HOUSE
Location: 21-23 LIVINGSTONE STREET, SOUTH WEST ROCKS

Current Use: Former Uses:

Statement of Significance:
A rare example of a building designed as a seaside accommodation house once common along the coast. It was purposely built to cater for the tourist traffic which began to visit South West Rocks in the late 1880s.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
A romantic tragedy hangs over the story of the Pacific Guest House. Named first as the Jubilee Guest House to commemorate the Jubilee of Queen Victoria it was being constructed by John Meazy, a warder at Trial bay Gaol. The guest house was also to be the home for his bride but the marriage never took place and Meazy abandoned the idea of becoming a hotel keeper. William Arthur, whose family arrived here in 1857, completed the building and he ran a successful business. Arthur advertised that he would meet the river steamers at Jerseyville and convey visitors to his Royal Jubilee House. William Arthur was a leader in the community and is credited with planting the Norfolk Pines in the village. After his death his widow sold Jubilee House to Fred Tyne. In the 1920s Tyne built a shop and billiard room at the front of the Guest House which is still there. Classified by the Heritage Council 1985 and described as one of the last and finest examples of seaside accommodation houses which were once common on the North Coast. The first Anglican Church services were held in the guest house. The building was purchased in 1932 by Henry Parnell Ball. There is a rich social history connected with the Guest House.
Item Name: PACIFIC GUEST HOUSE
Location: 21-23 LIVINGSTONE STREET, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Ke

Themes:

Designer: John Meazy completed by William Arthur
Maker / Builder:
Year Started: 1885 Year Completed: 1888 Circa: No

Physical Description:

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates: Additions made to the back of the building about 1932 to provide for a laundry.

Recommended Management:

Management:

Further Comments: Completed 1887-1888

Criteria a) The Pacific Guest House is a prominent building in South West Rocks. It is associated with the history of South West Rocks as a holiday destination.

Criteria b)

Criteria c) Pacific Guest House is distinguished by its imposing facade and balcony and fits into the landscape despite the huge buildings now overpowering the streetscape.

Criteria d) Pacific Guest house is a landmark in the town. It is associated with the Arthur family who were prominent in community life. Other owners included the names Tyne and Ball. All contributed to the betterment of life in South West Rocks including the charitable acts of Vera Davis nee Ball. Her period of running the guest house saw accommodation afforded the lifesavers who gave their time freely. She also gave refuge to people affected by the flood of 1949. The wide front verandah was used for the first Anglican church services held in South West rocks.

Criteria e) The site has some potential to reveal evidence of the previous use of the building as a guest house and the evolution of the wine cellar built in William Arthur's time.

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness: While the interior has been altered when used as a residence the exterior remains including the prominent facade and balcony. It is rumoured that this building may re-open as a guest house.

References:

Author          Title                              Year
National Trust of Australia (NSW)        National Trust of Australia (NSW)

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Item Name: PACIFIC GUEST HOUSE
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**Item Name:** PILLAR REMAINS OF OLD BRIDGE (SITE ONLY)  
**Location:** SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]  

| **Address:** | **DUAP Region:** | Northern  
|--------------|------------------|------------  
| **Suburb / Nearest Town:** | **Historic region:** | North Coast  
| SOUTH WEST ROCKS | **Local Govt Area:** | Kempsey  
| **State:** | **Parish:** |  
| NSW | **County:** |  

**Other/Former Names:**  
**Area/Group/Complex:**  
**Aboriginal Area:**  
**Curtilage/Boundary:** Entrance to Main Beach.  
**Item Type:**  
**Group:**  
**Category:**  
**Owner:**  
**Admin Codes:**  
**Code 2:**  
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**Current Use:**  
**Former Uses:**  

**Assessed Significance:**  
**Endorsed Significance:**  
**Statement of Significance:**  
**Historical Notes or Provenance:**  
This footbridge was constructed in 1934. At a meeting held at the Kiosk, South West Rocks 11th September 1934, it was decided to erect by voluntary labour, a footbridge from the reserve to the beach and the following are the working team. Messrs. J. Edstein, W. Jamieson, R. Dave W. King, J. Nelson, A. Marriott, R. deWinton, E. miles, G. Snaddon.  
Mr. G. Snaddon was appointed collector for subscriptions to pay for needed materials and so far has received a total of 7 pounds fifteen shillings and six pence ($15.55). But a further sum is needed to make up the required twelve pounds ten shillings. ($25)  

**Themes:**  
**Designer:**  
**Maker / Builder:**  
**Year Started:** 1934  
**Year Completed:** 1934  
**Circa:** No  
**Physical Description:**  
**Physical Condition:**  
**Modification Dates:**

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Item Name: PILLAR REMAINS OF OLD BRIDGE (SITE ONLY)
Location: SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

Recommended Management:

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Item Name: PILOT LAUNCH "MACLEAY"
Location: BOATMAN'S COTTAGE NO 1 OCEAN DRIVE, SOUTH WES

Address: BOATMAN'S COTTAGE NO 1 OCEAN DRIVE
Suburb / Nearest Town: SOUTH WEST ROCKS 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW
DUAP Region: Northern

Historic region: North Coast
Parish: Yarrabandini
County: Dudley

Statement of Significance:
The launch "Macleay" is part of a fine presentation of maritime heritage associated with the Pilot Station at South West Rocks. The craft is the second powered launch brought to the Macleay River and which was actually used in the pilot's daily work.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
The "Macleay" was the second motor launch to be brought to the Macleay River for the use of the Pilot and his crew at South West Rocks in 1935. The previous boat, "AJAX" had been destroyed by fire several months before. The Macleay Chronicle Newspaper reported "Capt. C.A. MacAlister brought the new motor launch Macleay from Port Macquarie last week. The smart vessel has been constructed to replace the motor launch destroyed by fire on 21st September last is 31 ft. overall with 28 feet waterline. The Macleay is fitted with a Reynolds-Newbury (Manchester) full diesel 20hp engine." (26th June 1935)

Then on the 21st. Aug. 1935 the Macleay Chronicle again reported, "yesterday forenoon the Pilot Capt. MacAlister brought to Kempsey the new motor launch the Department has provided for the service at the Macleay Entrance. The ceremony of christening the boat "Macleay" was performed by the Mayoress, Mrs. J. B. McElhone, who broke a bottle of Australian Hock on the bow and wished the pilot and his crew and their boat safety in their work, the while she used a pretty practical beribboned knife to cut the Red White and Blue. Prior to this the mayor, Dr. McElhone spoke briefly and hoped the new boat would make the bar safer for shipping and safer for the pilot and his crew. Among many interested spectators was Capt. Ellery who knows the games of shipping from Departure to Landfall." It is not known who bought the boat when the pilot station closed.

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**PILOT LAUNCH "MACLEAY"**

**Location:** BOATMAN'S COTTAGE NO 1 OCEAN DRIVE, SOUTH WES

A few weeks prior to the opening of the restored Boatman's Cottage, the launch was located in ownership at a mooring on the Central Coast. A citizen Mr Eric Sussman generously provided the funds to purchase the launch and Council arranged to have it transported to South West Kempsey. It was placed in the grounds of the boatman' cottage where it is being restored by a boat builder. The craft has now been restored by the members of South West Rocks Historical Society and is on display every day at the Boatman's Cottage.

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:**

**Further Comments:**

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**Criteria a)** The "Macleay" is part of the history of the Pilot Station at S.W.R. There is a story about the capsizing of the boat when Crewman Conway was drowned. The launch was used extensively in maintenance work on the beacons and buoys in the river.

**Criteria b)** The "Macleay" has a special association with the Pilot Station and the Boatmen who served in her. She was one of the early boats to be assigned to the Pilot Station after the old pulling boats used in rescue and maintenance work.

**Criteria c)**

**Criteria d)**

**Criteria e)**

**Criteria f)**

**Criteria g)**

**Integrity / Intactness:** The craft is the actual boat used in the service of the Pilot Station and only repairs have been carried out.

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PILOTS RESIDENCE AND BOATMAN'S COTTAGE

Location: 3-9 OCEAN DRIVE, SOUTH WEST ROCKS  [Kempsey]

Address: 3-9 OCEAN DRIVE
Suburb / Nearest Town: SOUTH WEST ROCKS 2431
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Current Use: Pilot's residence is now a Community Centre, Cottage no1 Information Centre and Museum, Cottage no 2 a Craft Centre, Cottage no 3 Police Station.

Former Uses: Pilot Station and residence and cottages for crew.

Statement of Significance:
This Pilot Residence and Boatman's Cottages group is to be considered a group that consists of a number of individual items including the Pilots residence and three boatman's cottages.

This group of buildings and the site are a continuing recognition of the importance of the shipping trade in the economic development of the Macleay River district. They were built as a coastal navigation aid to assist in safe entry for shipping to a major river with the creation of a new entrance to the Macleay River (1893).

Historical Notes or Provenance:
In 1893 a flood caused a change in the Macleay River and forced a new entrance to the sea near South West Rocks. Previously the outlet was at Grassy Head where the Pilot Station was then located. A new Pilot Station, with a residence for the Pilot and four cottages to house the boat crew was erected on the site in Ocean Drive South West Rocks in 1902. Tenders had been called for the buildings and C.B Smith's offer was accepted. The Department of Navigation, however altered the plans and new tenders had to be called but once again the enterprising Mr. Smith agreed to incorporate the changes with out increasing his charges. In 1902 the cottages and the pilot station buildings were ready for Captain Jamieson and his staff. There was much interest from the media in the new pilot station and several articles were devoted to describing the buildings and situation. The Macleay Argus 31st May 1902 noted, "the pilot station for the Macleay is undoubtedly the best and most
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**Physical Description:** Slightly modified since cottages are no longer residences but design has not been altered with the exception of number three which has garages added. This cottage is now a police station and combined residence of a police officer. A fourth cottage was moved away to make way for Lees Court, a set of units at the end of the street. Cottage no. 1 was derelict for years until 1993 when it was restored to its original state by volunteers with financial support from Kempsey Shire Council. Lattice was removed from the verandah during its restoration. This has been added in the 1940’s.

Cottage Number 2 has been used as holiday accommodation for staff of Maritime Services. The roof has been unsympathetically tiled with blue tiles. Kempsey Shire Council removed these tiles when passed to Council ownership and replaced with a darker colour whilst tiles are not the colour of the original ones the present tiles are more acceptable.

The Pilot’s residence had an addition made to the side to provide an office. This room served as a post office from 1905 to 1916. The verandah has been enclosed but timber windows were used. Garages are adjacent to the cottage but in no way intrude on the landscape.

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**Physical Condition:** Generally in good condition. A survey has been carried out to ascertain the repairs needed to some of the buildings especially the outbuildings at the Pilot’s residence.

**Modification Dates:** Slightly modified since cottages are no longer residences but design has not been altered with the exception of cottage no 3 which has garages added. This cottage is now a police station and combined residence of police officer. A fourth cottage was removed to make way for Lees Court, a set of units at the end of the street. Cottage no1 was derelict for some years until 1993 when it was restored to its original state by volunteers with...
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Item Name: PILOTS RESIDENCE AND BOATMAN'S COTTAGE
Location: 3-9 OCEAN DRIVE, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

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Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments:

Easting for Pilot's residence 503631.6 and Northing 653001.62, Easting for Cottage no 1 503601.25 and Northing 6583040.01, Easting for Cottage no 2 503605.01 and Northing 6583062.54, Easting for Cottage no 3 503608.72 and Northing 6583084.89.

Criteria a) The Pilot Station is associated with the early development of the Macleay River District. Shipping provided the only means of transport and the Pilot Station was an essential part of safety for ships crossing the bar at the mouth of the Macleay River.

Criteria b) The Pilot Station complex is aesthetically significant because it is a fine example of the smaller cottages built in the late Victorian era. The scale, style and location make the grouping a focal point and contributes in a large measure to their significance.

Criteria d) The Pilot Station was the centre of an integral part of transport safety. It is still a landmark and is one the few intact stations left. It is highly significant to South West Rocks sense of place.

Criteria g) The Pilot Station is part of a group of late nineteenth/twentieth century cottages designed for housing for staff of the Department of Navigation. Architecturally, the residences form an interesting collection of simple detailed Federation bungalows.

Integrity / Intactness: The interior fabric has not been substantially altered as far as design except for modern plumbing and installation of electricity. Cottage Number 2 has verandah enclosed and Number 3 is used as a Police Station.

References:

Author: Caroline Carey
Title: Tales of Trial Bay
Year: 31.5.1902

Macleay Argus Newspaper
State Archives GRR 7/5834-41

Studies:
# Kempsey Heritage Inventory

## SHI Number

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3-9 OCEAN DRIVE, SOUTH WEST ROCKS  [Kempsey]

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**Item Name:** RANGE'S RETREAT

**Location:** PARAGON AVENUE, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

**Address:** PARAGON AVENUE

**Suburb / Nearest Town:** SOUTH WEST ROCKS 2431

**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey

**State:** NSW

**Other/Former Names:** Range's Cottage

**Area/Group/Complex:**

**Aboriginal Area:**

**Curtilage/Boundary:**

**Item Type:** Built

**Group:** Transient Accommod

**Category:** Boarding/ Guest House

**Owner:** Private - Individual

**Admin Codes:** 5660, 19459

**Current Use:** Residence.

**Former Uses:** Boarding house / residence.

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:** This house is a landmark in South West Rocks and is identified with early accommodation houses. Before the popularity of owning a house beside the sea, life in a boarding house was the way to either holiday or as a way to live when working in the township. This house is part of the early history of the coastal town and was later the home of Frank Range, a well known contractor who operated the Spencer's Creek Quarry.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** Range's Cottage is associated with the early development of the town as a seaside resort. Built first as residence it then became a boarding house. These establishments were popular holiday accommodation before the self contained flats were built.

**Themes:**

**Designer:** Perrot of Jerseyville

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:** 1898

**Year Completed:** Circa: No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:** enlarged to become a boarding house. HISTORY This restored house is one of the fewer older buildings left in South West Rocks. It was a smaller house at the turn of the century and extended years later (you can see where this was done) It operated as Sanders’ Guest House from approximately 1916 until mid 1920s. In 1931 it became the home of Frank

**Modification Dates:**

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Range. Range and his wife Adelaide were commanding figures in the small community. Frank operated Spencers Creek quarry and he and his wife were active in voluntary committees.

**References:**
Caroline Carey
*Tales of Trial Bay: A history of South West Rocks.*
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Suburb / Nearest Town: SOUTH WEST ROCKS 2431
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

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DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

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Area/Group/Complex:
Aboriginal Area:

Curtailing/Boundary:

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Former Uses:

Assessed Significance:

Statement of Significance:

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder:

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Physical Description:

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:
Management:

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**Recommended Management:**

**Management:**

**Further Comments:**

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State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
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Former Uses:

Statement of Significance:

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Themes:

Designer:
Maker / Builder:

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Modification Dates:

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**Category:**

**Owner:**

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**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:**

**Further Comments:**

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### Kempsey Heritage Inventory

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**Curtillage/Boundary:**

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**Group:**

**Category:**

**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:** 5380

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**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:**

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**

**Year Completed:**

**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:**

**Further Comments:**
Item Name: RESIDENCE
Location: 29 MCINTYRE STREET, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

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Item Name: RESIDENCE (CANNANE'S COTTAGE)
Location: 6 PARAGON AVE, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

Address: 6 PARAGON AVE
Suburb / Nearest Town: SOUTH WEST ROCKS 2431
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Other/Former Names: CANNANE'S COTTAGE

Current Use: Holiday letting.
Former Uses: Family holiday home.

Statement of Significance: The cottage is significant in that it represents the type of building erected in the 1940s as a beach cottage. It is a modest holiday home for a family which was occupied in the school holidays. The design was adequate for family use. It shows lasting qualities given that materials were scarce in the war years.

Historical Notes or Provenance: The land was bought 14th July 1917 by Thomas Cannane, storekeeper of Gladstone who divided it into two blocks with a joint driveway. On the death of Thomas the land was left to his son Vincent Cannane. Daughter Mary inherited the adjacent block no 4. As mentioned the house was built in 1943. Vince Cannane died in 1981 and the property passed into the hands of his sons Allan and John. The house was still a family holiday home and occasionally let to holiday makers. In January 2003 the house was sold to other family members, Leneve family who are grand children of Mary Carroll.

Themes: 
Designer: F.Fyle

Physical Condition: In good condition.
**Item Name:** RESIDENCE (CANNANE'S COTTAGE)

**Location:** 6 PARAGON AVE, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

**Modification Dates:**
Electricity connected. Previously fuel stove and chimney in kitchen which was modified in 1970 with new kitchen. Bathroom and toilet moved on to back verandah. Lattice added to front verandah 2001.

**Recommended Management:**
Statutory Instrument

**Further Comments:**
The exterior is original except for the lattice. The two cottages are a pleasing blend beside the overdeveloped and ugly structures beside them.

**Criteria a)**
The cottage is associated with the development of the town as a holiday village. There are scattered clusters of buildings similar and slightly more elaborate cottages in nearby streets.

**Criteria b)**

**Criteria c)**
The cottage and the one beside it make an eye catching appearance which is pleasant to see between large commercial premises. These small buildings give an air of charm and reminders of the quiet atmosphere of a small seaside village.

**Criteria d)**
Cannanes Cottage is highly significant as a place of family enjoyment and social interaction with other holiday makers at the village.

**Criteria e)**

**Criteria f)**
This type of building is becoming rare. The two cottages side by side are fine examples of holiday cottages.

**Criteria g)**

**Integrity / Intactness:**
Whilst lattice has been added late years the original fabric has not been greatly altered including the pitch of the roof.

**Author:** ref. Alan Cannane

**Title:**

**Year:**

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**Suburb / Nearest Town:** SOUTH WEST ROCKS 2431  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW  
**Other/Former Names:** LEVENE’S COTTAGE  
**Area/Group/Complex:**  
**Aboriginal Area:**  
**Curtilage/Boundary:**  
**Item Type:** Built  
**Group:** Residential buildings  
**Category:** Cottage  
**Owner:** Private - Individual  
**Admin Codes:** 5648  
**Current Use:** Holiday home and rented as holiday letting.  
**Former Uses:** Holiday home and rented as holiday letting.

**Assessed Significance:**  
**Statement of Significance:** The cottage is significant in that it represents the type of building erected in the 1940s as a beach cottage. It is a modest holiday home for a family which was occupied in the school holidays. The design was adequate for family use. It shows lasting qualities given that materials were scarce in the war years.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** Levene's Cottage was built in 1924) by Thomas Cannane and left to his daughter Mary (Minnie) Cannane later Carroll. On her death in 1981 the house was inherited by her two daughters Mary Crawford and Leila Leneve. Leila Cannane bought her sister's share of the house in 1981.House has two bedrooms a kitchen and living room.

**Themes:**  
**Designer:**  
**Maker / Builder:** Thomas Cannane  
**Year Started:**  
**Year Completed:** 1924  
**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:** Well kept good condition.  
**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:** New bathroom and kitchen and indoor toilet . Possibly the same applies to this cottage as the one at no 6. It is not possible to contact owner.
Kempsey Heritage Inventory

Item Name: RESIDENCE (LEVENE'S COTTAGE)
Location: 4 PARAGON AVENUE, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

Recommended Management:
Management: Statutory Instrument
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:
Criteria a) These two cottages could be coupled as being a pair of cottages which should be listed as heritage items which represent South West Rocks as a sea side village in the 1920s and 1940s. Although no 4 is twenty years older than Cannanes Cottage the description is virtually the same and they both represent an era of the village which has disappeared.

Criteria b)
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Integrity / Intactness:

References: Author Title Year
Mr. Allan Cannane.

Studies:

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**Curtillage/Boundary:**

**Item Type:** Private - Individual

**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:** 5425, 5424, 5423, 5422

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current Use:** Holiday Homes for rental.

**Former Uses:** Private holiday homes.

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:** Three of these homes in Memorial Avenue were built as holiday cottages for the Savage family of Kempsey. They are significant in that the seaside village was in the 1920s becoming a popular place to spend the summer holidays.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** These cottages in Memorial Avenue were built as South West Rocks was emerging as a holiday destination. They were in one ownership until recent years when Mr. Con Gavrillis purchased the properties and renovated them for holiday rental.

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**

**Year Completed:**

**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

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**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:** Statutory Instrument

List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
Item Name: RESIDENCES
Location: 27-33 MEMORIAL DRIVE, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempse

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**Item Name:** SCHOOL OF ARTS  
**Location:** 1 GREGORY STREET, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

**Address:** 1 GREGORY STREET  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** SOUTH WEST ROCKS 2431  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW  
**DUAP Region:** Northern  
**Historic region:** North Coast  
**Parish:** Yarrabandini  
**County:** Dudley

**Current Use:** Social and learning functions. Various classes are held for Adult Education and Art Exhibitions are frequent.

**Statement of Significance:** The School of Arts at South West Rocks is a structure which commemorates a response from the community when a few "live wires" made a concerted effort and collected enough funds to make plans to build a hall. The Federation style architecture building reflects the style of the day with the use of timber and iron. The hall has been a focal point of the town for over seventy years, providing a place for people to gather and enjoy activities.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** The School or Arts was officially opened in January 1927. The building was without its doors and windows but the floor was laid and that was all the dancers wanted. Mr. Carson's Jazz Band played for the evening’s festivities. Money had been raised through out the previous year by social events and sharing the proceeds from a sports day held on Boxing Day 1926. The hall also provided a portion of the area to serve as a library. The Argus Newspaper reported in January 1927 that ‘the new hall was situated in a charming location and would soon be the meeting place of many joyous gatherings’. In later years the hall was lit by acetylene gas, which was stored in a gasometer outside. Silent pictures were shown at the hall by traveling shows. In 1966 the hall was closed through lack of use but twelve years later an enthusiastic group began a restoration campaign and once again the building is a place of many enjoyable cultural and social events.

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

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Item Name: SCHOOL OF ARTS
Location: 1 GREGORY STREET, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

Year Started: 1925  Year Completed: 1926  Circa: No

Physical Description: The hall is maintained and is in good condition. Extended in length at times as an examination of the walls reveals. Exterior walls were clad with a metal material in 1993 to reduce maintenance.

The School of Arts replaced a shed in Prince of Wales Avenue and became the "town hall". Funds were raised by an enthusiastic band of people who organised socials in the surf club and the proceeds of car admission fees for a sports day held on Boxing Day 1926. A library portion was made available as soon as the hall was completed.

Silent pictures were shown at the hall by travelling shows. In 1996, the hall was closed through lack of use but twelve years later an enthusiastic group began a restoration campaign and once again the building is a place of many enjoyable and social events.

Physical Condition: Because the land drops away at the back of the building extra rooms have been incorporated into the space making space for exhibitions and teaching programs. Its current condition is intact and has been altered sympathetically. The hall is maintained and in good condition.

Modification Dates: Extended in length at some time as an examination of the walls reveals. Exterior walls were clad with a metal material in 1993 to reduce maintenance. This could be reversed. Modifications have been carried out by extending the hall.

Recommended Management: Statutory Instrument  List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments: Altered sympathetically.

Criteria a) Federation freestyle.

Criteria b) The School of Arts, South West Rocks has a special association with the history of the village. The building of the hall entailed much work and thinking on the part of a small band of enthusiasts. Timber building with curved facade. Corrugated iron roof.

Criteria c) The School of Arts is an attractive building, which retains the sea-side village landscape and is in harmony with the timber buildings in the street, i.e. the Catholic Church and the maritime buildings.

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Integrity / Intactness:
**Kempsey Heritage Inventory**

**Item Name:** SCHOOL OF ARTS  
**Location:** 1 GREGORY STREET, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

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Location: LIGHTHOUSE ROAD, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

Address: LIGHTHOUSE ROAD
Suburb / Nearest Town: SOUTH WEST ROCKS 2431
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Current Use: Light tower, Cultural Tourism
Former Uses: Light station

Statement of Significance:
Smoky Cape Lighthouse Group is to be considered a group that consists of a number of individual items including the lighthouse and generator annex, two residences, coach house and stables, and ancillary structures.

Specifically re: the Smoky Cape Light station, built in 1891, is significant as an intact example of a late Victorian light station designed by James Barnet and one of only two such mass concrete constructions built in New South Wales in the 19th century (Criteria B.2, H.1). The Light station is significant as an important element in the establishment of navigational aids along the New South Wales coast, which reflects the economic development of the surrounding region (Criterion A.4). The Light station, with its well-constructed tower and cottages, is in direct contrast to the exposed, dramatic and remote location and is significant for the considerable aesthetic value of its setting in the landscape (Criterion E.1).
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Location: LIGHTHOUSE ROAD, SOUTH WEST ROCKS [Kempsey]

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Aboriginal Heritage
There is a long association with the Dunghutti people in this area. It is reported that the area was also the meeting place for the Dungutti and two neighbouring tribes, the Biripai and the Gumbangirr. The area holds a number of mythological associations associated with the formation of the Smoky Range and other inland geographical and topographical has including the Macleay River. A burial and two middens are registered as being located on the Cape. There may be additional sites in the area. There is a large midden in the area to the north west of South West Rocks.

European History
The South West Rocks area was well known for many years because of its prominent coastal geography. A journal entry recorded on Sunday May 13, 1770 by Captain James Cook describes a point 'or a head land, on which we saw fires that produced a great quantity of smoke, bore W. distant four leagues. To this point, I gave the name of Smoky Cape; it is of a considerable height, and over the pitch of the Point, is a round hillock; within it are two others, much higher and larger and within them the land is very low'. Earliest European contact was not until 1816, when the brig, Trial, hijacked by convicts was wrecked at Trial Bay. Subsequently explorer John Oxley visited the area in 1817. Trial Bay was noted early as a valuable haven for passing ships during southerly gales because of its northerly aspect and position midway between Sydney and Brisbane. Shipping was the primary mode of trade and transport for the eastern seaboard communities. The economy of NSW was largely reliant on safe seaborne transport of people goods and supplies. Unfortunately many ships were wrecked and lives lost in the heavy seas in the period to 1866. Approximately 89 vessels and 243 lives were lost during this time. These statistics prompted the Parkes Government in 1866 to agree to build a breakwater at Trial Bay in order to make a safe harbour in all weather. It was decided that the breakwater should be constructed by prison labour and its construction was influenced by two men. EO Moriarty, Engineer in Chief for Harbours and Rivers, wished to see a breakwater constructed from Laggers Point to provide a safe harbour for sailing ships along the eastern seaboard and for those using the Macleay River. Harold Maclean, Sheriff and Acting Inspector of Prisons wished to establish a Public Works Prison of reform. The gaol fulfilled both requirements, it was the first Public Works Prison in Australia with much more lenient conditions than other institutions, the prisoners were thus employed on the public work of constructing the breakwater. The Trial Bay Gaol, now listed on the Register of the National Estate, was commenced in 1877. The first wing was completed and occupied in 1886. The Gaol closed in 1903 after work on the breakwater ceased to be reopened in 1915 to hold German internees and prisoners during World War 1. It now houses a museum. The prospect of a busy port at Trial Bay led to the Government to commission a survey of the town. In 1866 the plans of the Town of Arakoon at Trial Bay were sent to the Surveyor General. The town centre was located at Lagger's Point with suburban lands at "the south west rocks" named as the granite boulders just off the point were south west of the Point and a convenient marker for ships entering the bay in search of a safe anchorage. The first land sales were held in march 1868. While it was always a popular place to camp, there were no permanent settlers at South West Rocks until 1886 at which time the population consisted of one family. More than twenty wrecks have occurred
in the area of the headland, several of them with losses of life. Three men died when the ketch Woolloomooloo was wrecked in Trial Bay in 1864 and nine died in the wreck of the brig Annie Ogle in 1875. A number of ships have been wrecked in the Bay area with more lost around the headland and immediate coastline. The town developed at Lagger’s Point because of the prison. However with the closure of the Prison the South West Rocks are gained some prominence when the Macleay River Pilot Station was moved there in 1902 from Grassy Head because the river had changed course due to the flood of 1893. Even at this time there were only twenty permanent residents. A minor population explosion occurred when Trial Bay prison was reopened to house the German internees, however when the facility finally closed in 1918, the township once again settled down to a sleepy coastal village for most of the year. A new Pilot Station was planned in 1899 and completed in 1902. The station was run by the pilot, his four boatmen and their families. They took charge of shipping between Smoky Cape and Grassy Head. As coastal shipping declined staffing of the Pilot Station was gradually reduced. The uses of the cottages changed to a Police Station, holiday cottage and one was redeveloped. Cottage No.1. was later restored and in 1996 the others were transferred to the Department of Land and Water Conservation and leased to Kempsey Shire Council for community use. The first action to establish a light at Smoky Cape was taken by Alexander Kethel, member for West Sydney, who in 1886 passed a resolution in the Legislative Assembly stating that, for the benefit of the increasing coast trade and navigation it was necessary to erect a lighthouse at Smoky Cape. A sum of 18,000 pounds was set aside for the construction of the complex. The Colonial Architect, James Barnet, who played an important role in the design and construction of lights at South Solitary Island, Montague Island and Green Cape, selected the site and prepared the necessary documentation. During the design stage major changes in organisation occurred. James Barnet was dismissed in 1890 and the office of the Colonial Architect was replaced with that of Government Architect. The project was then handed to CW Darley, Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers. Barnets original design was however used for the Lighthouse. Tenders for the work were called in January 1889 and the offer from Messrs. Oakes and Company was successful. The contract called for the construction of the tower and annex, the head keeper’s residence and semi detached assistant keepers cottages, a coach house and stables. All were to be erected on a 81 acres reserve, 128 metres above sea level. By 1889 construction was well underway and a notice was given to mariner’s informing them of the construction of the lighthouse with full particulars coming at a later date. It was reported the contractor, a Mr Oakes died during the construction of the complex, however it was completed by his heirs within budget. The light was first exhibited on the 15 April 1891. The official ceremony, attended by Darley and members of the Marine Board, taking place on the 29 April 1891. The floor of the lantern room is 9.8 metres above ground level. The overall height of the finished lighthouse measuring 17.4 metres. The inside diameter of the tower is 3.7 metres although the external form of the lighthouse is octagonal. The tower is divided into two storeys with iron floors and staircases. The walls are 920mm at the base and taper to 620mm at the top and are constructed of mass concrete using locally mined granite as the aggregate and are cemented externally and internally. The gallery or floor of the lantern is formed of granite voussoir blocks supported on molded granite brackets. An ornate metal railing featuring Queen Victoria’s mark is used for the hand railing at this level. The tower walls feature a number of openings including a light opening located below the balcony which housed a subsidiary red light to cover Fish Rock. The tower is entered from an enclosed passage which also access the two store rooms and are also constructed of mass concrete. A screen wall also of mass concrete is built around the
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Tower. The optical apparatus consists of a first order lantern and 920mm lens manufactured by Chance Bros. of Birmingham, England. The lens rotated on rollers and was originally operated by a weight driven clockwork mechanism which was operated by the lighthouse keepers. In 1912 the original light source was replaced and in 1962 was changed again to an electric lamp and new thrust bearing pedestal system.

Themes:
- National Theme: 3. Economy
- State Theme: Transport
- Local Theme: (none)

Designer: James Barnet, NSW Colonial Architect, completed C. W. Darley, Harbours & Rivers Dpt
Maker / Builder: Oakes & Co, completed by executor to estate of Oakes.
Year Started: 1889 Year Completed: 1891 Circa: No

Physical Description:

Smoky Cape is located to the south east of South West Rocks a seaside resort town situated at the mouth of the Macleay River, 35 kilometres north east of Kempsey and midway between Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie. South West Rocks has a variety of beaches facing in different directions. East of the township is Lappers Point which extends north east with a west facing beach at its base. South of the point are a number of small protected beaches such as Horseshoe Bay and Little Bay. Gap Beach and North Smoky are long stretches of forest fringed beaches. Trial Bay Gaol, which occupies the headland flanking the main beach, is a prominent tourist attraction dating from the same period as Smoky Cape. Setting The Precinct encompasses a dramatic headland along a beach strip, with two mountains, Big Smoky and Small Smoky, as a backdrop. These landmarks are flanked by a long beach to the south, with coves and beaches terminating at Laggers Point and enclosing Trial Bay to the North. The lighthouse is hidden from South West Rocks by the mountains but visible from the south west, along the road following the Macleay River. Between Smoky Cape and Korogoro Point, wetlands parallel the dunes, featuring sedges and reed species together with stands of melaleucas. This diversity of habitat supports equally diverse fauna. Proclaimed as a reserve in 1972, Hat Head National Park extends south beyond Smoky Cape, running parallel to the coast to Hat Head and Korogoro Point at the southern end of Smoky Beach. The headland area lies within Hat Head National Park and overlooks a long beach to the south. The Arakoon State Recreation Area borders the National Park and contains Trial Bay Gaol. These are managed separately but are connected by some of the major walking tracks in the area. The Lighthouse road, sealed in 1987, leaves the main road and leads 4 kilometres through relatively flat bush land before rising quickly to the level of the car park at the lighthouse precinct. Natural Attributes The setting for the Lighthouse includes Hat Head National Park with its spectacular coastline and beaches. The granite rock at Gap Beach shows unusual folding, just north of the Lighthouse. South of the Lighthouse, along the 17 kilometre Smoky Beach, the fragility of coastal ecology is seen where past grazing and burning have left many dunes wholly...
mobile, moving as much as a metre a year. A wide variety of flora and fauna species are found along the range. Blackbutt woodland occupies the higher slopes with unique cabbage tree palm forest in the gullies. The exposed headlands feature coastal heath plants, which have adapted to the harsh conditions while the sands of the beach join dunal vegetation and stands of littoral rainforest behind the dunes. The Cape provides the backdrop to three significant islands, Green Island, Fish Rock and Black Rock. These provide ample fishing and diving as well as being the most southerly occurrence of coral reef on the coast of NSW. Opposite the lighthouse is a small island, regarded as a choice diving location, largely due to its underwater cave. The Lighthouse precinct provides an ideal platform to observe both coastal processes and the range of marine and landform elements. These range from island, beach, headland, and rock platform through to dune, heath, wetland and forests. Site Description Smoky Cape Lighthouse stands on a dramatic headland 120 metres above high-water, it is the highest light on the NSW coast and with the exception of the Queensland light on Fitzroy Island, it has the longest range of all of the lighthouses on the eastern coast. It is the only man-made feature visible in this locale, emphasising its isolation. The Lighthouse precinct is surrounded by dense natural vegetation. The dam site and Smoky Cape Range are located to the west of the headland and have a former Naval Camp in their vicinity. Captain Cook’s Lookout is also located on the headland, north west of the Lighthouse precinct. In World War 2 the lighthouse had a search light battery and light gun emplacement. The remains of a military encampment are evident to the west and together with a concrete slab and several small concrete gun platforms near the lighthouse. The Lighthouse is sited on the top of a bluff, which then falls away to the sea below. The support buildings are set below and behind the lighthouse for more protection from adverse weather. The main cottage and two assistants cottages are sited on level platforms, cut into the steep slopes and stabilised by high concrete retaining walls. The stables are set well below the cottages, near the entry to the precinct. The site rises steeply from the car park to the Lighthouse and its narrow pathway is known as “Heart Attack Hill”. There is little on site car parking. Cars presently can drive up a narrow driveway, but must traverse all the way up the lighthouse forecourt before turning around and descending to the small grassed plot in front of the Head Lighthouse keeper’s cottage. In this location immediately adjacent to the main pedestrian pathway more than two cars would be a disruptive visual element. There is no provision for parking in the private yards of the cottages. There is a four car garage located at the base of the precinct. Cottage yards are securely fenced and there is a grade separation to the pedestrian pathway, which rises to access the lighthouse. The two cottages are enclosed with small gardens and both feature views back to the mountain and north and south over the nearby beaches. Access to the southern cottage, from the access road, passes through the garden of the other cottage. Due to the exposed nature of the site there is little cultural planting in the gardens around the cottages. The precinct is serviced by three underground water tanks, located adjacent to the cottages. They are supplemented by a spring fed dam water supply from the adjacent mountain. Buildings and Structures The Lighthouse Precinct consists of: Lighthouse and attached engine room Signal House Head keepers Cottage Two attached Assistant keepers cottages Former Stables buildings Garage Small freestanding office/weather station Small flag room and several former fuel stores. A number of associated sites in the vicinity of the Precinct includes: The dam site Naval gun emplacement and Captain Cook Lookout. The site is now owned by NPWS but the lighthouse tower and weather station building are leased back to AMSA and remain in use as an operational navigation aid. The small office building continues in use as a weather station. The three cottages have been recently painted externally, with a consistent all white
with dark blue trims. The two smaller cottages have also been painted internally, while the Head Keeper’s Cottage remains with an older paint scheme internally. External fencing has recently been painted white. Most of the early joinery externally and internally remains intact. There has been some repair and replacement work, with new carpentry simply replicating the previous work. The old asbestos roofing to all three cottages has recently been replaced with white custom orbit. The two Assistant Keeper’s cottages have recently been upgraded internally for use as holiday lettings. The existing external toilets will remain. The two residence are linked by an internal doorway through the party wall. This opening has been blocked but can still be read in the fabric. The Lighthouse Tower The Lighthouse is octagonal with large single storey entry pavilion. Constructed in mass concrete the tower is 17.4 metres tall and has a Chance Bros. lantern and lens. Cast iron stairs lead up to the gallery level. An early description of the tower refers to two stores with iron floors and staircases and walls of mass concrete. The gallery round lantern is of granite supported on moulded granite cantilevers with gun metal railing. The tower is entered from an enclosed passage protected by a screen wall which is constructed around the base of the structure. The floors of the storerooms are paved in concrete and cemented. The tower is divided into two stores with iron floors and staircases. The walls are 920mm thick at the base and taper to 620mm at the top and are constructed of mass concrete using locally mined granite as the aggregate and are cemented externally and internally. The gallery floor of the lantern is formed of granite voussoir blocks supported on molded granite brackets. An ornate metal railing featuring Queen Victoria’s mark is used for the hand railing at this level. The tower walls feature a number of openings including a light opening located below the balcony which housed a subsidiary red light to cover Fish Rock. The tower is entered from an enclosed passage which also accesses the two store rooms and are also constructed of mass concrete. A screen wall also of mass concrete is built around the tower. The ground floor rooms were originally used as store and work room. In 1912 the original burner was replaced by an incandescent vaporised kerosene burner. Again in 1962 the light was altered to mains electric operation with an increased power. The structures has also undergone a number of other fabric alterations including the roofing to the pavilion which was replaced in zincalume in 1990. The Lighthouse is maintained by AMSA and has recently been painted. The original optic remains but the light source has been updated. The light still operates at night and is screened from view towards the settled areas to the south west. Head Lighthouse Keeper’s Cottage The Head keeper’s Quarters designed in 1888 is also constructed in concrete with rendered finish. The building was constructed with two bedrooms, sitting room Inspecting Officer’s Room, dining room, kitchens and stores. Most of the building was surrounded by verandah with the corner windbreaks at the north and south eastern corners. The building extends from the north western corner and incorporates store and enclosure forming a courtyard which houses one of the underground water tanks. The building also has verandahs on the northern and southern facades which are connected by a central passage. Another verandah is located on the eastern facade of the building and faces a concrete retaining wall. Assistant Keeper’s Cottages The Assistants quarters are two semi-detached cottages originally containing four rooms, with kitchen and store areas. The buildings were also constructed of mass concrete cement rendered externally and plastered internally. The roofs originally clad in galvanized iron. The northern residence has the characteristic corner wind break at the north western corner flanked by two open verandahs on the northern and western facades. A verandah located on the eastern facade of the building was enclosed during the 1970s, however the kitchen and store areas continue to enclose the courtyard space to the east of the building. A concrete retaining wall forms the
eastern boundary of the courtyard. All of the ceilings were battened during the 1920s through to the 1940s over either the original lath and plaster or later fibrous plaster. The ceilings to the lobby and kitchen appear to be fibre board with timber battens. The northern residence now has three bedrooms, a door opening was made in the dividing party wall between the two residences and partitions erected to facilitate the use of an extra bedroom. The other, southern residence has two bedrooms in addition to kitchen, bathroom and outside toilets. Enclosed balconies provide additional space. The residences generally feature hipped roofs with painted brick chimneys and skillion roof verandahs supported on simply decorated timber posts. Cultural Landscape: Walking tracks down to the nearby beach and further on the South West Rocks all start from the car park. Formerly established by the NPWS in 1980 the tracks will require further works and maintenance. Captain Cook Lookout is located at the in the Lighthouse reserve and at the foot of the headland. Transferred to the local Council the memorial was dedicated to Captain Cook in 1970 to mark the bicentennial of the sighting of the Cape by Captain Cook. Remains of naval use of the headland remains within the Reserve. Probably an observation post it has remnants of gun emplacements and telephone communications. A dam, constructed at the time of the construction of the lighthouse complex is located on Big Smoky Hill. It appears fresh water continues to supply the dam via gravitation feed and continues to supplement the Light station's supply to this day. A car park and sealed access road were added in the 1970s. Other Structures & Elements: Three cement rendered underground water tanks remain the capacity in proportion with each residence. The accompanying pumps however have been removed. A modern steel water tank has been constructed in the courtyard of the northern assistant keeper’s residence. Paving, fencing, retaining walls and remnant gardens surround the complex. The footings of the flagstaff remain in front of the lighthouse, but the flagstaff has been removed. It was an integral part of the operation of the Lighthouse and can be partly seen in the AMSA brochure on the Lighthouse.

Additionally, the Register of the National Estate adds the following notes: Smoky Cape was named by Captain Cook during his voyage of discovery in 1770. Earliest European contact with the area was not until 1816, when the brig, Trial, hijacked by convicts, was wrecked at Trial Bay in 1816. Subsequently explorer John Oxley visited the bay in November, 1817. The early coastal trade in the region was predominantly timber (cedar) gathering. The conference of Principal Officers of the Maritime Departments of the Australian Colonies of 1873 reported the need for a lighthouse at Smoky Cape. However, no further action seems to have been taken until when in 1886 Alexander Kethel, the member for North Sydney in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly, called upon the Government to erect a lighthouse on Smoky Cape. The reasoning being the increased coastal trade on the northern seaboard on New south Wales. The Colonial Architect, James Barnet, and members of the Marine Board subsequently surveyed the recommended site and prepared the necessary specifications. Tenders were called in January 1889. The contractor, Mr Oakes, unfortunately died during the course of construction, but the project was still completed. The cost of construction, including tower, optical apparatus and ancillary buildings, amounted to 16,800 pounds. The light was first exhibited on 15 April 1891. The light is situated in a 32.8ha reserve approximately 10km from Jerseyville. The reserve adjoins Hat Head National Park. Access to the station is by road. The 17.4m white octagonal tower and attached service annexe are constructed of concrete blocks using local granite aggregate. The tower is surmounted by a 12ft 1in (36.65mm) diameter first order lantern manufactured by Chance Brothers of Birmingham, England. The optical apparatus consists
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of a Chance Bros. First order 920mm focal radius revolving lens mounted on a roller bearing pedestal driven by an electric motor. The light source is a 120 volt 1,000 watt tungsten halogen lamp. The apparatus gives a character of Group Flashing three every twenty seconds with an intensity of 1,000,000 candles resulting in a nominal visible range of 26 nautical miles. The signal house is a detached building and original to the lighthouse. The Head Keeper's Quarters and the duplex cottage which serves as the assistant keepers quarters and relief staff. Other associated buildings include a brick stable/shed, a four car concrete garage and a fibro cement workshop. The station is connected to mains electricity with a 2.5 kva standby diesel generator. The tower and houses are constructed of poured concrete with an aggregate of locally quarried granite, cement rendered inside and outside. The lantern room floor of the lighthouse consists of voussoir blocks supported by cast in situ corbels.

Physical Condition: Excellent Condition

Modification Dates:
Alterations to Buildings:
Between the 1920s and 1940s the ceilings of most of the spaces in the southern residence were strapped with timber battens over the original lath and plaster. However the laundry space and the entry corridor retain their original lath and plaster ceilings. The garage accommodates four vehicles and is a long rectangular shaped building constructed in concrete block construction. Constructed during the 1980s it also has four roller shutter doors and simple flat profilned steel sheet clad roof. The original roofing, guttering and down pipes have been replaced with zincalume corrugated sheets completed c.1990. As designed the stables building originally consisted of cart shed, two stalls and forage room and also constructed of concrete. The building has undergone substantial alterations including removal of the original windows and ledged and sheeted doors, installation of roller shutters, re-rendering of internal linings and installation of a new concrete floor slab. The stables building is in the poorest condition and has a simple hipped roof clad in corrugated asbestos sheets, at some stage the original fascia, boxed eaves and guttering have been removed. Repair work is needed to replace the asbestos roofing and replace the missing guttering. The workshop building is a asbestos cement cladding building probably constructed during the 1940s as a fuel store. It has since been altered during the 1970s and 1980s and has a hipped roof clad in corrugated asbestos and timber framed windows and doors.

Recommended Management:
In accordance with National Parks and Wildlife Service Act and relevant Plan of Management, and management recommendations of the NPWS Lighthouses: Conservation Mangement Plan & Cultural Tourism Plan.

Management:

Further Comments:
Equipment
The tower is divided into two storeys with iron floors and staircases. The walls are 920mm at the base and taper to 620mm at the top and are constructed of mass concrete using locally mined granite as the aggregate and are cemented externally and internally. The gallery or the floor of the lantern is formed of granite voussoir blocks supported on molded granite brackets. An ornate metal railing featuring Queen Victoria’s mark is used for the hand railing at this level. The tower walls feature a number of openings including a light opening located below the balcony which housed a subsidiary red light to cover Fish Rock. The tower is
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entered from an enclosed passage which also access the two store rooms and are also constructed of mass concrete. A screen wall also of mass concrete is built around the tower.

Criteria a) Smoky Cape was named by Captain Cook in 1770 for the large number of fires observed along the range. The Lighthouse precinct and Trial Bay Goal together provide a fine example of Colonial architecture and planning and of Colonial government settlement in the area. World War 2 radar installations and ruins show the more recent use of the area for defence purposes. James Barnet designed a series of lighthouse towers in NSW which are reported as being the most architecturally sophisticated in Australia. Smoky Cape retains the distinctive bracketed capital and gunmetal balcony balustrade characteristic to Barnet’s design. The pavilion entrance is also a feature reintroduced by Barnet and in evidence at Smoky Cape. The cast iron stair is also a good example of its type.

Criteria b)

Criteria c) Smoky Cape is an outstanding and relatively intact example of a late Victorian Light station unique in NSW for the use of in-situ mass concrete in the construction of its main buildings. The lighthouse is a fine example constructed in an unusual hexagonal shape with a rare first order Chance Bros. rotating optic. The residences display the robust design typical of Barnet’s work, planned to embody the hierarchy of the keepers. Each has a view to the tower. The design is more elaborate than its contemporaries in other States. The natural setting provides a picturesque landscape quality with a sense of isolation accentuated by the sitting, with no other man-made elements visible from most of the headland or beaches.

Criteria d) The Smoky Range is significant to the Aboriginal populations with a number of mythological associations. In addition, the light station and its setting have significance to Europeans as a remote outpost continuously occupied for over 100 years and closely associated with the maritime history of the area. It is a place that attracts many visitors to admire its character, setting and history. It is highly regarded by local and regional populations of the area as one of the oldest and substantially intact building complexes surviving from the Colonial era. The location offers scope for the interpretation of coastal processes in conjunction with cultural values.

Criteria e) Smoky Cape is part of a cohesive group of late 19th and early 20th century light stations in NSW each of which demonstrates the incremental changes in the design and construction of the various complexes. The tower and houses are constructed of mass concrete using aggregate of locally quarried granite and cement rendered both internally and externally. The use of concrete in Australian lighthouses was relatively widespread. In NSW however Green Cape and Smoky Cape lighthouses are the only known in-situ concrete towers and both are relatively early uses of concrete. Throughout Australia Smoky Cape is one of approximately 10 in-situ concrete towers constructed prior to 1920. The optic, cast iron and copper lantern house are examples of the late 19th Century industrial technology. The optic is rare due to its detailed configuration consisting of triple panels which provide the triple group flash. One of numerous 12’ diameter Chance lanterns, it is one of only four known to have both a trapezoidal glazing pattern and Trinity type vent.

Criteria f) Early use of mass concrete, together with unusual technology in lantern and lens.

Criteria g) Representative of the work of James Baronet, NSW Colonial Architect.
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**Integrity / Intactness:** Whilst the houses have been converted to holiday accommodation the structures have not been substantially altered.

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Item Name: South West Rocks Midden Site

Location: Gilbert Cory St, South West Rocks [Kempsey]

Address: Gilbert Cory St
Suburb / Nearest Town: South West Rocks 2431
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW
DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Statement of Significance:
The midden deposits at South West Rocks are extensive and have a high level of integrity. The midden is representative of shell deposits that once existed along much of the central coast of New South Wales (Criterion D.2). Preservation of a large oyster shell midden, in excellent condition, is uncommon and the deposits represent a limited cultural resource that is under increasing threat (Criterion B.2).

Historical Notes or Provenance:
The South West Rocks area contains extensive oyster midden deposits which extend along a track, running through the site, adjacent and parallel to the eastern bank of the Macleay River. The distance the deposits extend to either side of the track varies. In some places low cliffs limited the extent of the midden deposits. In other areas the distance the deposits extended from the track was difficult to determine because of dense vegetation which...
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Location: Gilbert Cory St, South West Rocks [Kempsey]

hindered visibility and access.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended
Management:

Management:

Further Comments:

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Item Name: BALLAST ROCKS (SITE ONLY)
Location: STUARTS POINT [Kempsey]

**Address:**
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Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

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State: NSW

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**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

**Statement of Significance:**
The ballast rocks are representative of the days of the sailing ships which bought rocks as ballast. The ships unloaded the rocks on the banks of the Macleay River.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**
The ballast rocks together with the old logs marking the wharf are worthy of a heritage sign to mark the heritage of Stuarts Point as a maritime site.

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**

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**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

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Location: STUARTS POINT [Kempsey]

Address: STUARTS POINT
Suburb / Nearest Town: STUARTS POINT
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex: Group ID:

Aboriginal Area:

Curtillage/Boundary: Close to the playground in the caravan park at Stuarts Point.

Item Type: Group: Category:

Owner:

Admin Codes: 11308 Code 2: Code 3:

Current Use:

Former Uses:

Assessed Significance: Endorsed Significance:

Statement of Significance:

Historical Notes or Provenance: Thomas William Hennessy built a sawmill on the site of the present reserve. Here he built a log wharf below the mill made with huge logs running their length into the river. The wharf was used to roll timber from the mill on to the boats. The mill ceased production around 1918 and was sold in 1920s to G. Walker and P. Brown who dismantled the building.

Themes:

Designer: T.W. Hennessy
Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

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**Item Name:** HENNESSY’S SAWMILL (SITE ONLY)

**Location:** STUARTS POINT [Kempsey]

**Further Comments:** Hennesy's mill.

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**Aboriginal Area:**

**Curtilage/Boundary:**

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**Category:** Cemetery/Graveyard

**Admin Codes:** 19087  
**Code 2:**  
**Code 3:**

**Owner:**

**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:** Kinki Cemetery was gazetted in 1895. The cemetery shows by the information on the headstones a tremendous amount of information both personal and local not found elsewhere in the same kind of combination. Here is recorded information about relationships between people, places of origin, causes of death, people's occupations and other biographical detail, which is apt to have local significance.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** This cemetery's earliest burial is for Percy Rogers, d. 24 December 1880, aged 1 year. Its status is open and current with an unknown number of burials. The Gazettal was 2 March 1895.

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**  
**Year Completed:**  
**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**
Item Name: KINKI CEMETERY
Location: STUARTS POINT RD, STUARTS POINT [Kempsey]

Management: Statutory Instrument
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

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**Item Name:** OLD HALL (SITE ONLY)

**Location:** STUARTS POINT [Kempsey]

**Address:**

**Suburb / Nearest Town:** STUARTS POINT

**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey

**State:** NSW

**DUAP Region:** Northern

**Historic region:** North Coast

**Other/Former Names:**

**Area/Group/Complex:**

**Aboriginal Area:**

**Curtillage/Boundary:** Below the present hall at Stuarts Point.

**Item Type:**

**Group:**

**Category:**

**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

**Assessed Significance:**

The old Stuarts Point hall is now only an historic site. It deserves a heritage sign to mark the site as a place in an historic precinct.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

The old hall at Stuarts Point was two-storey building. CWA meetings were held in the upstairs dressing room and later the hall was extended. The Country Women's Association was then given permission to partition off one end to make a comfortable meeting place. The hall burnt down on 2nd January 1968 and all the records stored in the building were lost.

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**

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**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:**
Item Name: OLD HALL (SITE ONLY)
Location: STUARTS POINT [Kempsey]

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**Item Name:** SHIPS WHARF (SITE ONLY)

**Location:** STUARTS POINT [Kempsey]

**Address:**

**Suburb / Nearest Town:** STUARTS POINT

**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey

**State:** NSW

**DUAP Region:** Northern

**Historic region:** North Coast

**Other/Former Names:**

**Area/Group/Complex:**

**Aboriginal Area:**

**Curtillage/Boundary:**

**Item Type:**

**Group:**

**Category:**

**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current Use:** Site only.

**Former Uses:** Wharf.

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:**

The old wharf at Stuarts Point is now only a site. This wharf was the first point of call for ocean going ships entering the Macleay River when the entrance was at Grassy Head prior to 1893. The wharf was built in the days of sailing ships and has seen the progress from sail to steam.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**

**Year Completed:**

**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:**

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Item Name: Stuarts Point Area Middens
Location: Stuarts Point [Kempsey]

Address: Stuarts Point 2441
Suburb / Nearest Town: Kempsey
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Current Use: Former Uses:

Statement of Significance:
The significance of the Stuarts Point Area lies in the unusually high concentration of midden deposits it contains (Criterion A.3). The middens are largely undisturbed and this differentiates them from most other cultural shell deposits found on the New South Wales coast (Criterion B.2). As such, the Stuarts Point middens are a good representative sample of the type of estuarine middens which characterised the central coast (Criterion D.2). The Stuarts Point Area has importance for a number of reasons. It has scientific significance because the middens have the potential to yield important information about Holocene subsistence and settlement patterns (Criterion C.2, A.4). The place also has the potential to be used as an educational resource to contribute to a better understanding of Aboriginal lifestyles in the broader Australian community. The educational value of these middens is recognised by the Central Coast Regional Aboriginal Land Council and the Stuarts Point Area is significant to this group for a combination of social, cultural and educational reasons (Criterion G.1).

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder:
The Stuarts Point Area contains an extensive shell midden complex which includes some of the largest midden deposits found in New South Wales. The New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service Aboriginal Sites Register lists seven separate middens within this area but it is probably more appropriate to consider all of these deposits as part of a single, discontinuous feature. This is a complex shell midden which extends for over 2.5km along the eastern shoreline of a former estuarine embayment of the Macleay River. The midden is discontinuous and varies in width from a few metres to 30m and in depth from 0.5m to 2m. The deposit is most abundant on the crests of old beach ridges with swales containing significantly less material both as a result of erosion and because occupation appears to have concentrated on areas of raised ground. Burials have been found eroding out of midden deposits at several locations within the Stuarts Point Area and one location in particular has been identified as an Aboriginal burial ground. Archaeological investigation of the place was carried out in 1974 (Connah 1975, 1976). The work revealed compact layers of well preserved shells. Cockles (Anadara trapezia) dominate the lower layers with oysters (CRASSOSTREA COMMERCIALIS) becoming more common in the upper layers. Whelks (PYRAZUS EBENINUS) were also identified and other cultural material present includes hearths, stone and bone artefacts, fish bones and scales and terrestrial animal bones. The Stuarts Point middens are the northern part of a larger complex which includes the Clybucca shell middens that extend along the western margin of Andersons Inlet. It has been estimated that the Stuarts Point and Clybucca midden complex has a total volume of between 150,000 and 200,000 cubic metres. This makes it more than four times larger (in volume) than the middens at Ballina, the next largest midden complex in New South Wales. The Stuarts Point-Clybucca complex is relatively undamaged compared with other mounded midden complexes (including the Ballina sites) and as such it is an important archaeological resource. Archaeological evidence and radiocarbon dates from the Stuarts Point-Clybucca middens indicate that exploitation of the estuarine resources of the western margin of the lower Macleay River valley began around 5,000 years ago and continued for about 3,000 years. Sullivan and Hughes have linked the cessation of midden formation at this location around 2,000 years ago and changes in the species of shellfish exploited to environmental change. Following sea level stabilisation the large open estuary of the lower Macleay valley began to fill with sediment and swampy lowlands with migrating river channels developed which in turn filled to form alluvial plains. The Stuarts Point-Clybucca middens would originally have been located along the shoreline of an open estuary. Cockles, the species of shellfish most suited to this type of environment, would have been abundant and this is considered to explain the dominance of these shellfish in the lower midden layers. Over time the surrounding environment changed and narrow channels lined with mangroves developed. Oysters would have been more abundant than cockles in this environment and this is considered to explain their dominance in the upper midden layers. The process of infilling continued and estuarine resources (both shellfish and fish) would have become increasingly scarce until they were no longer locally available. It has been proposed that the estuarine environment exploited by the occupants of the Stuarts Point-Clybucca middens disappeared around 2,000 years ago which explains the abandonment of the middens at this time.
**Stuarts Point Area Middens**

**Location:** Stuarts Point [Kempsey]

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Item Name: Stuarts Point Area Middens
Location: Stuarts Point [Kempsey]

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**STUARTS POINT FOOTBRIDGE**

**Item Name:** STUARTS POINT FOOTBRIDGE  
**Location:** STUARTS POINT [Kempsey]

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**Curtilage/Boundary:** Stuarts Point reserve and beach. Crossing over the Macleay River.

**Owner:** Local Government

**Current Use:** Still used as a crossing over the Macleay River.

**Assessed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:** The bridge is a passage way between the village of Stuarts Point and the seashore. It is built on an historic site where sawdust was spread from Hennessy's Sawmill which operated 45 metres away. The bridge is an important link in local development. It was initiated by a bridge built entirely by volunteers in 1948.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** The footbridge is the second bridge to be built on the same site. It replaced a bridge built in 1948 by voluntary labour. The present bridge was built in 1964 and cost $8000. It was financed by a Public Works Grant together with a loan from the Shire Reserve. The bridge was opened by the Minister for Public Works, Mr. PN Ryan. In his opening remarks, Mr. Ryan said; "the footbridge was as important to the Stuart's Point people as the Sydney Harbour Bridge was to the residents of the Metropolitan Area."

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**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:** Macleay Shire Council and Department of Public Works.

**Year Started:** 1964  
**Year Completed:** 1964  
**Circa:** No
Item Name: STUARTS POINT FOOTBRIDGE
Location: STUARTS POINT [Kempsey]

Physical Description:

Physical Condition: The bridge is in need of repair but it is apparent that it is being addressed. The pylons are showing signs of wear. The bridge is 1.2 metres wide and raised in the centre to allow passage of fishing boats. The length is 182 metres long.

Modification Dates: There are no indications that the bridge has been modified. Further comments. The bridge is a popular place for walking tours. People commuting from the village to the seashore use the bridge continually. It is part of the village landscape.

Recommended Management:

Management:

Further Comments: The bridge is a popular place for walking tours. People commute from the village to the seashore and use the bridge continually. It is part of the village landscape.

Criteria a) The bridge has a special significance to the local people. The use of volunteers to originally construct the bridge makes it important to the villagers.

Criteria c) The bridge is a landmark in the village and has been featured in a book for children written by Bruce and June McPherson; "The Sea Urchins."

Criteria d) The bridge has a strong association with the community. It is important to the fishing industry in that the decking is raised to allow fishing boats to pass on the way out to sea and re-enter.

Criteria g) The bridge is in harmony with the landscape. Built from timber it represents the industry which was so important to Stuarts Point. Timber was shipped from the log wharf nearby when the Macleay River Entrance was at Grassy Head.

Integrity / Intactness: The bridge shows the original features of the design.

References:

Author: Bruce and June McPherson
Title: Sea Urchin
Year: 1964

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Title: 1964

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**Location:** STUARTS POINT [Kempsey]

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**Location:** STUARTS POINT [Kempsey]

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**Histories**

**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

**Statement of Significance:**

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

The reserve embraces a number of historic sites. The Ship Yards boarded on the reserve near the riverbank. The first ship builder was John Stuart. An interpretive centre could be set up in the reserve to explain the sites i.e. the wharves, the sawmill, the ballast rocks and the shipyards, which boarded on the reserve.

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**

**Year Completed:**

**Circa:**

**No**

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

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**Management:**
**Item Name:** STUARTS POINT RESERVE  
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Further Comments:

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**Item Name:** TOOROOKA BUTTER COMPANY  
**Location:** 17-21 FACTORY ROAD, TOOROOKA [Kempsey]

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**Statement of Significance:**
The building, which was the Upper-Macleay Butter Factory represents the confidence which farmers had in the dairying industry in the early twentieth century. It further demonstrates their competent management of a cooperative firm which operated for seventy years. Built in 1906 the building is a tribute to the workmanship of a local builder and engineer.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**
The Upper Macleay Dairy Factory was built in 1905 by the company of dairy farmers on the upper Macleay River. The factory was built by Percy Landers and the machinery installed by John Poulton. After much heated discussion a site was chosen on the bank of the Macleay River fronting Wabra Road near Mr. C A Hill's residence. The building was initially a structure measuring 40 feet by 25 feet (12 metres x 7 1/2 metres). The receiving room occupied a space 2 x 10ft (7 1/2 x 3 metres) and a platform ran out about 4ft (1.2metres) from the ground saving any hoisting. Two 800 gallon attemperators are conveniently on the same floor for blending and cooling. The cream passes into the main floor by gravitation. In this room is a Gibourn churn 800lbs capacity and a 5ft cherry butter worker. The floor is concreted and an iron drain runs right through the building. The cool room is a space 8ft x 10ft x 7ft (2 1/2m x 3m x 2.1m) having a capacity for 800 boxes. There is a testing room and office alongside. The latest machinery has been put into the factory consisting of a 16hp horizontal boiler and an 8hp engine. The refrigeration machine is a Yorke plant. A good supply of water is obtained from the river and an advance steam pump fitted in the bank having a capacity of 2000 gallons. The machinery supplied by Waygood Co. Ltd Mr. William Secomb was the first chairman of directors.

A cooperative to form a dairy company was floated in 1905 with 600 shares. The intention was to build a butter factory to receive the cream from the dairy farmers of the upper Macleay River.
Item Name: **TOOROOKA BUTTER COMPANY**

Location: **17-21 FACTORY ROAD, TOOROOKA [Kempsey]**

Macleay and to attract more dairy farmers into the industry. The factory at Kempsey was some hours away by road and butter could be transported at less cost than cream. The building consisted of timber transported from Hennessy’s mill at Stuarts Point to Greenhill and thence by bullock team to the Toorooka site on Hill’s property.

Themes:

Maker / Builder: Percy Landers

Year Started: 1905  Year Completed: 1906  Circa: No

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates: 1921 slaughter room added.

Management:

Further Comments:

Criteria a) The Toorooka Butter Factory is historically significant in showing the importance of dairying as an industry in the early twentieth century.

Criteria b) The technical expertise displayed in Toorooka Butter Factory is significant for the enterprise and success of a venture wholly supported by local dairy farmers. The equipment represented changing technology in manufacturing dairy products.

Criteria d) The Toorooka Butter Factory has the potential to produce information which will contribute to the history of the dairy industry in the Macleay Shire.

Criteria f) A factory building such as Toorooka is one of the few remaining structures which emanate from the start of the twentieth century.

Criteria g) The Toorooka Butter Factory represents the confidence that a group of local dairy farmers had in an industry which embraced dairying from the farm gate to the finished product.

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**Statement of Significance:**
The foundation stone of this church was laid in 1883, but building lapsed for a decade and the church (unfinished) did not open until 1894. The spire was not added until 1913. The church "exemplifies the Gothic architecture of English rural churches", has a considerable number of lead-lighted windows, a timber scissors-truss roof and a steeply-pitched slate roof.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**
ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH AND GROUNDS

28 KEMP STREET, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Physical Description: The foundation stone of this church was laid in 1883, but building lapsed for a decade and the church (unfinished) did not open until 1894. The spire was not added until 1913. The church "exemplifies the Gothic architecture of English rural churches", has a considerable number of lead-lighted windows, a timber scissors-truss roof and a steeply-pitched slate roof.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments:

Criteria a) The premises is actively used as a public entertainment location with catering facilities.

Criteria b)

Criteria c)

Criteria d)

Criteria e)

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Integrity / Intactness:

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Regional Environmental Plan
Item Name: ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH AND GROUNDS
Location: 28 KEMP STREET, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Local Environmental Plan
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**ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH AND HALL**

**Location:** KEMP STREET, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

**Address:** KEMP STREET
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** WEST KEMPSEY 2440
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey
**State:** NSW

**State Heritage Inventory**

**Current Use:**
**Former Uses:**

**Statement of Significance:**
Described as a simple Gothic-styled church of sand stock Flemish-bonded bricks built between 1880-81, this is Kempsey's oldest church. Its features include a buttressed elongated nave, timber scissors-truss roof, wrought-iron panels to the balustrade on the mezzanine floor (the choir), and walls of exposed brickwork. Features also include extensive lead-lighting and architectural rosettes in the east and west walls. The original presbytery (1886) has been incorporated in what was the convent and is now a women's refuge. This sand stock building replaced a temporary timber structure.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**
**Year Completed:**
**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

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Item Name: ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH AND HALL
Location: KEMP STREET, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Recommended Management: LEP to also include presbytery & convent. Currently LEP on church only.

Management:
- Statutory Instrument
  - List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
- Statutory Instrument
  - Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments:
- Criteria a)
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ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH AND HALL

KEMP STREET, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Date First Entered: 10/04/2003
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<td>The Bandbox Theatre has historical significance as a &quot;Little Theatre&quot;. It began as a Band Hall for the long established Silver Band. It is now a home to an excellent drama group, which produces at least two plays and a musical production each year. The hall acts as a cinema in the town. The Bandbox represents a contribution to a society, which cannot be measured in dollars. It has provided a cultural centre for travelling performances and drama workshops.</td>
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<td>The Bandbox started as a Band hall to house the Town band in 1959. The previous hall had been severely damaged in the flood of 1949. The Town band could not meet the commitments of a loan so in 1971 the drama group offered to lease the building and convert it to a theatre. To convert the original hall into the Bandbox theatre involved many hours of hard work. The wall between the two rooms was removed and the floor of the back section was raised eight feet to accommodate the circular stage, which is driven by an electric motor. The smaller rooms have been converted to dressing rooms. In the auditorium a tiered floor was constructed and seating arranged so that each member of the audience had an unobstructed view. The dimmer board was purchased from St. James Theatre in Sydney. The control room was later adapted to a projection room for films which are shown at times when plays are not in production. The whole is a first rate &quot;little theatre&quot;.</td>
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Location: SEA STREET, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Year Started: 1959  Year Completed: 1959  Circa: No

Physical Description:

Physical Condition: Very good. Maintenance is carried out regularly.


Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument  List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:

Criteria a) The Bandbox Theatre continued the tradition of housing a centre for travelling plays and local theatre productions. The theatre is a building, which has proved to be an extension of the town’s cultural history. The Bandbox represents three entertainment organisations in that it was originally the Band Hall which started in the nineteenth century, a playhouse which opened after all the other venues were demolished in the town and a cinema following the closing of the Mayfair Theatre in 1980.

Criteria b)

Criteria c)

Criteria d) The Bandbox Theatre is a place, which gives the town a cultural significance. It is used by small orchestras and well known stage and musical artists brought to the town by Arts council. It is the only centre in Kempsey, which is designed solely for stage productions.

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g) The Bandbox Theatre represents a further dimension of the town in providing a place for performing arts.

Integrity / Intactness:

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**BUNYA PINES RESERVE**

**Location:** OFF BUNYA PINES ESTATE, NORTH STREET, WEST KEM

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**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW

**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:**

**Current Use:**  
**Former Uses:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:** The reserve is an historic site significant in that it marks the place of the first dairy separating station to be established in Kempsey by R.A.H. Kemp in 1896. The butter manufacturing industry depended on this separator station to supply cream to the Smithtown factory.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**  
**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:**  
**Year Completed:**  
**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**
Item Name: BUNYA PINES RESERVE
Location: OFF BUNYA PINES ESTATE, NORTH STREET, WEST KEM

Management: Statutory Instrument
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:
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**Item Name:** COMMERCIAL BANKING COMPANY OF SYDNEY  
**Location:** 35 ELBOW STREET, WEST KEMPSEY  [Kempsey]

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**Current Use:** Department of Agriculture Office  
**Former Uses:** Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd. Macleay Shire Council Offices, Forestry Department, Department of Education (School Inspector).

**Assessed Significance:** The building signifies the height of the local economy in 1921. The fact that Kempsey was important enough to warrant a second branch of The Commercial Banking Comp. of Sydney indicates that the town had a sound commercial standing in the banking world.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** The building was erected in 1921 and was described as "palatial". A lobby at the front had a floor of mosaic tiles. The lighting system was the very latest pattern. A special feature was the introduction of white Artic semi transparent glass in the doors. The banking chamber was fitted with cedar and panel plaster ceilings. This room housed a good sized strong room. A residence up-stairs was reached by a staircase made of Oregon with the handrail in polished cedar. The fireplaces were designed in a modern style which eradicated the problem of smoke being blown back and a special feature was made of the drainage system. Pipes carried water from all parts of the building to pass through a grease trap and then into soakage trenches. The bank was said to be the most up to date building in Kempsey. The building has an imposing front with marble steps leading to the door. The cost was said to be in the region of 6000 pounds ($12,000).

**Themes:**

**Designer:** Messrs Kent and Massie of Sydney.  
**Maker / Builder:** WA Howarth

**Year Started:** 1921  
**Year Completed:**  
**Circa:** No

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**Item Name:** COMMERCIAL BANKING COMPANY OF SYDNEY  
**Location:** 35 ELBOW STREET, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

**Physical Description:** A simple two storey brick structure with portico, parapet and concrete pilasters. A fluted copper awning covers a side door. The imposing front sets off the masonry to perfection.

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:** Recommended Management. As this building is now in private ownership it is difficult to recommend future use or management. The building would have made an adequate art gallery had it still been owned by the Kempsey Shire Council who sold it in mid 1990s.

**Recommended Management:**

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**Further Comments:** Owned privately by Keith Donald Boyle and John Margaret Boyle (Kundbung)

**Criteria a)** The Building is associated with the development of the town as it is linked with the banking services established in Kempsey in the 1880s. It was for some years a financial institution as a second branch of the Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney.

**Criteria b)**

**Criteria c)** The scale of the building and the location make it a focal point in the street and gives it landmark qualities.

**Criteria d)**

**Criteria e)** The site has potential to contain archaeological information relating to the previous use of the site.

**Criteria f)**

**Criteria g)** This item is aesthetically representative.

**Integrity / Intactness:** Whilst the interior fabric has been altered to suit the needs of tenants the building remains a substantial structure and compliments the brick buildings nearby i.e. the old bakery now Macleay Options and the West Kempsey Hotel.

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Item Name: GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL
Location: 38 ELBOW STREET, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Address: 38 ELBOW STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: WEST KEMPSEY 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex:

Aboriginal Area:

Curtilage/Boundary: PREMISES FRONT ONTO ELBOW STREET AND BACK ONTO EDINBURGH LANE.

Item Type: Built
Group: Commercial
Category: Hotel

Owner: Private - Individual
Admin Codes: 13443

Current Use:

Former Uses:

Assessed Significance: Built by E B Lumley in 1887, this is a brick building of two storeys with 26 bedrooms, bathrooms and servants quarters. It is still operating.

Endorsed Significance:

Statement of Significance:

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Themes:

Designer: E B Lumley

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: 1887
Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description: Built by E B Lumley in 1887, this is a brick building of two storeys with 26 bedrooms, bathrooms and servants quarters.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument

List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
**GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL**

**Location:** 38 ELBOW STREET, WEST KEMPSEY  [Kempsey]

**Further Comments:** It is still operating.

**Criteria:**
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**Integrity / Intactness:**

**References:**

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- Date Updated: 16/09/2005
- Status: Basic

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**Kempsey Heritage Inventory**

**Item Name:** KEMPSEY COURTHOUSE  
**Location:** 2 SEA STREET, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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**Statement of Significance:**
A fine example of a simple courthouse with applied decoration in the form of gable ends and Classical portico, this building is important to the townscape at this part of Kempsey as it forms a terminating point of a group consisting of All Saint's Anglican Church and the Railway Hotel. (The Commission is in the process of developing and/or upgrading official statements for places prior to 1991. The above data was mainly provided by the nominator and has not yet been revised by the Commission.)

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:** 1876  
**Year Completed:**  
**Circa:** No
Item Name: KEMPSEY COURTHOUSE
Location: 2 SEA STREET, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Physical Description: Symmetrically planned two storey brick courthouse with render to pillars, parapets etc., and exaggerated portico and gables including arched entrance. Adjacent police residence in Federation style and modern (extensions to) original police station in sympathetic form. In this two storey central section, one storey wing on either side, colonnaded portico with balustrade above, iron roof, brickwork has been painted. Building Material: Brick, colonnaded portico, iron roof. Please note; Modern brick fence is out of character.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates: The court house is Kempsey's fourth and the third to be built in the same location. The first was built at Belgrave Falls; the second was demolished and the third (designed by the colonial architect James Barnet) was built in 1862 and has been remodeled externally as the police station. The present building, designed also by Barnet (but extravagantly altered in 1897 by his successor Walter Vernon) was built in 1876. Its classical style marks it as "a fine example of a simple court house with applied decoration in the form of gable ends and portico".

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments: The register of the National Estate comments: "A court house with exaggerated classical style portico and gables constructed in brick with rendered pilasters, parapets and detail". A fine example of a simple court house with applied decoration in the form of gabled ends and parapets, this building is important to the streetscape as it forms a terminating point of a group consisting of All Saints Anglican Church and the Railway Hotel. A striking internal feature is the carved coat of arms above the canopy. The work of J. Cunningham, it is one of the few known examples of this kind of wood carving.

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**Kempsey Heritage Inventory**

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**KEMPSEY HIGH SCHOOL**

**Location:** 13 BROUGHTON ST, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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**Admin Codes:** 18338, 18339, 18473

**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:** Kempsey High School is significant in Kempsey district’s education dating from 1930. The high school was the first school to be built to house students in secondary education. Known affectionately as "the school on the hill", it replaced the Superior High School which operated from the West Kempsey Primary School in Elbow Street. Kempsey High School enrolled students from surrounding towns outside the Shire who traveled by train to reach the school. The imposing brick building remains part of the vast school complex.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:** 1928

**Year Completed:** 1928

**Circa:** No

**Physical Description:** School

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:** 1928
Item Name: KEMPSEY HIGH SCHOOL
Location: 13 BROUGHTON ST, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:
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**Kempsey Heritage Inventory**

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**Location:** 4-6 SEA STREET, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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<td>Historical Notes or Provenance: The former Police Station was built as a Court House in 1862-1864 and designed by the Colonial Architect James Barnet. It is built of local brick and was erected at a cost of 594 pounds ($1188). The building was recycled first as the lock-up keeper's residence, and in 1948 became the Police Station. The building has been renovated several times but the brick shell is the original of 1864. (Station now relocated in one of the residences probably the Lock-up Keeper's home.) The Sargent's resident on the corner of Sea and Elbow Streets is a charming building. Its simple Federation character is typical of its time and period. The ventilators still carry the crown in the design and are the only examples in the town. It is now a private residence.</td>
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KEMPSEY POLICE STATION INCLUDING POLICE

Physical Condition: The former Police Station and once the Court House is considered to be in a poor condition and is a difficult premises in which to conduct police matters.

Modification Dates: Each building has had alterations at various dates. The former police station was sympathetically remodelled in 1983.

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
Statutory Instrument Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments: The old Police Station is now a difficult work place but the building could be retained by building over and including the attractive old hall with its decorative arches. It would be a loss to demolish the James Barron structure.

Criteria a) The whole complex is significant because it is a group of residences designed as Police stations in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. W.L. Vernon designed the Sargent’s Cottage.

Criteria b)

Criteria c) The sittings of the residences and the other components of the justice group contributes to the aesthetic and historic significance of the Civic group.

Criteria d)

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness:

References: Author Title Year
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Item Name: KEMPSEY SHOWGROUND SITE INCLUDING RING
Location: 19 SEA STREET, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Address: 19 SEA STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: WEST KEMPSEY 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

State Heritage Inventory

Owner: 
Admin Codes: 2942
Current Use: As showground and equestrian events.

Assessed Significance: 

Item Type: Built

Statement of Significance: Kempsey Showground has architectural, social and historical significance as a focal point for the celebration of rural activities in the district from 1886 to the present day. The site is a cohesive complex of late nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings, show rings, mature trees and open space demonstrating the continued importance of agriculture to the Kempsey region during this time.

Historical Notes or Provenance: Since it's opening in 1886, the hall has displayed a wide range of exhibits ranging from curios, mementos, needle, wool and fancy work, craft work, minerals, schoolwork, artwork and photography. This has continued up to the present day at the local show and at special commercial displays such as Made on the Macleay.

As well as these displays, the hall has been used for entertainment purposes featuring bands and artists. Balls and dances have been held in the hall at regular intervals since its construction. Many locals report the holding of balls in its day.

Originally, the hall featured a gallery which was used for displaying of what was considered to be "culturally valuable". The gallery also was used as a place to watch the balls down below. The gallery disappeared in 1933 with the renovations to the hall.

The Showground pavilion was used during World War II for community activities and is a centre for the SES use during flood periods.

Themes:
**Kempsey Heritage Inventory**

**Item Name:** KEMPSEY SHOWGROUND SITE INCLUDING RING

**Location:** 19 SEA STREET, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:** 1886 **Year Completed:** Circa: No

**Physical Description:** The Hall measures 80 feet by 44 feet and is currently part of three buildings used for display purposes at the showground. The original building opened in 1887 and featured a single spaced hall, a gallery, a timber trussed building with an iron roof and is barrel vaulted. It featured a front porch in keeping with the roof. In 1933, the plan of Mr. RA Lightfoot, Architect was put into place and the hall underwent changes with the removal of the gallery, the lowering of the roof. It features dormer half Georgian windows. The building was joined to a neighboring agricultural exhibition building on the western side. The porch was removed and the soil at the front of the building was built up covering some of the foundations of the building.

**Physical Condition:** The current showground trust is concerned at the current condition of the building. Outside the building needs repainting and the roof needs attention. The floorboards need replacing as over the years ad hoc repairs have been carried out resulting in an unsafe floor. The inside walls need attention. There appears to be no ongoing management plan in existence for the maintenance of the building. Currently the trust have written to Kempsey Shire Council requesting a heritage order on the building to be lifted. The appearance and condition of the building appears to be a result of ad-hoc planning by the bodies responsible for the showground site since 1933.

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Further Comments:** The Macleay Argus reported on Thursday May 14th 1987 that the Kempsey Showground would have a facelift costing about $120,000 in time for the 1988 Bicentenary Show. Part of the grant included the specific improvements for the hall as stated; "painting to included the interior and exterior painting of the main hall."

In 1997 an unsuccessful grant for heritage funding to maintain the building was applied for. The lack of records available verified by the report in the Argus of June 20th 1997 where members of the public were requested to provide information about the pavilion especially anybody with details of the original plans and the location of the original foundation stone. This information was requested by Mr. Wheatley.

At this stage we can sight no records of any plans for development or maintenance of the Showground site.

**Criteria a)**
Item Name: KEMPSEY SHOWGROUND SITE INCLUDING RING
Location: 19 SEA STREET, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Criteria b)

Criteria c) In 1997 Heritage Architect, David Boram, was reported in the Macleay Argus on Friday June 20th seeing the significance of the building as follows; He said, "the pavilion was built in typical showground style."

It is obviously a multi-purpose building with the specific object of getting a number of people and activities into a single floor space. It has a high ceiling and cupola roof light which is now put in to try and transmit as much natural light as possible into a fairly large floor space. It's a timber trussed building with an iron roof and is barrel vaulted which is not all that unusual but is rather nicely done, care has obviously been taken over the design.

Mr. Boram said that it was important for the community that the pavilion be preserved. "There aren't many relics of last century available and this is a fairly unique one in that it's a large building on a fairly large site, close to the centre of town." Mr. Boram drew these conclusions after inspecting the building during June 1997.

Criteria d)

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness: The interesting array of buildings includes the main pavilion at the showground, which is a good surviving example of a late nineteenth century show pavilion. This functional hall is distinguished by a fine lantern, barrel vaulted roof and arched windows. The pavilions provide graphic evidence of the growth of the region over a sustained period of time. The attached pavilions to the west, which were added later, provide an unusual and strong scale and massing.

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Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast
Parish:
County:

Other/Former Names:
Area/Group/Complex:
Aboriginal Area:

Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: Built
Group: Commercial
Category: Other - Commercial

Owner: Private - Individual

Admin Codes: 947
Code 2:
Code 3:

Current Use:
Former Uses:

Assessed Significance:
Endorsed Significance:

Statement of Significance: Significant as one of Kempsey's oldest bakery building. The attractive narrow fronted building had a residence and shop facing Elbow Street. The display window is still intact. 1914.

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Themes:

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument

List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)
Item Name: **OLD MURPHY'S BAKERY**
Location: **39 ELBOW STREET, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]**

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**Assessed Significance:**

**Statement of Significance:** The bank building is regarded as one of the most striking buildings in the town. It is a landmark in the centre of West Kempsey and was built in the time of Kempsey’s importance as a river town. The building contains timbers hewn on the Macleay. The imposing balcony gives the structure a touch of graciousness surrounding the residence on the top floor. The structure incorporates elaborate wrought iron and cedar fittings.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** The former English Scottish and Australian Chartered Bank was described as one of the handsomest buildings on the north coast when it was opened in 1889. The main banking chamber is lofty and well lighted, the counter fittings, doors and architraves are of polished cedar. The principal residence was at the side and a verandah still holds the mosaic tiles. A broad flight of stairs leads to the upper storey. The water supply included a 600-gallon tank at the top of the building for the use of the bathroom. This was filled from two large brick and cement dome shaped tanks supplied by a force pump. The building is constructed of brick and cement and once held the letters ES&ACB on the high parapet. The building later became the premises of the Land Board and then a Forestry Office. It now houses Government offices including the Conservation of Land and Water Department. The balcony was removed at one time but restored in late years when the ornamental ironwork was copied and replaced. Three panels of the ironwork on the western side are original having been preserved by the historical society when the balcony was demolished. The fireplaces throughout are supplied with grates and flagged with enamelled tile and sand marble mantelpieces.

**Designers:** Buckman and Brennan of Sydney

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Item Name: THE ENGLISH SCOTTISH AND AUSTRALIAN CHA

Location: 27-29 ELBOW STREET, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Maker / Builder: Jacob Healy of Kempsey

Year Started: 1889  Year Completed: 1889  Circa: No

Physical Description: Recently restored now a sound building.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates: Government offices have replaced bank premises and the residence is converted to offices.

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument  Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments: Recommendation. That the open space on either side of the building be preserved to maintain the aesthetic appearance.

Criteria a) The ES&A Bank is associated with the early development of Kempsey as an important commercial centre when West Kempsey was designed to be the business part of the town. The building is regarded as outstanding in appearance and represents an era when the banking companies gave prominence to their buildings. The residence, which was incorporated in the building, is representative of a life style, which is no longer expected of bank managers (i.e.) to live on the premises.

Criteria b) 

Criteria c) It is a fine example of Victorian architecture when banking company buildings were outstanding in towns. The location of the building makes it a focal point in the centre of a street endowing it with landmark qualities.

Criteria d) The ES&A building has had a long association with the town for over a century. It is highly regarded as a building to be shown as representing Kempsey as an important business town and the community’s sense of place.

Criteria e) 

Criteria f) 

Criteria g) 

Integrity / Intactness: The building has undergone extensive restoration and the damp course improved. The space on either side of the building adds to its fine appearance.

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Date First Entered: 24/05/2000
Date Updated: 16/09/2005
Status: Basic
**West Kempsey Cemetery** is a rich structure of Victorian symbolism. A simple headstone formed from a slab of cedar timber reflects an Australian touch amid the more elaborate stones and is appropriate to signify the grave of a timber worker. Significant is the fact that the engravings reveal the origins of the early Macleay settlers.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** This cemetery's earliest burial is for William Purves Dangar, d. 26 January 1864, aged 3 months. Its status is closed to all but pre-bookings and 2nd internments. The Gazettal was 27 July 1863. It contains over 2,500 graves.
Item Name: WEST KEMPSEY CEMETERY
Location: BROUGHTON STREET, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Management:
- Statutory Instrument
- List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
- Statutory Instrument
- Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments:
- Criteria a)
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- Criteria e)
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- Date Updated: 18/09/2005
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Item Name: WEST KEMPSEY CONSERVATION AREA
Location: AREA BOUNDED BY MARSH ST (NTH SIDE), KEMP, SEA AND ELBOW STREETS

Address: AREA BOUNDED BY MARSH ST (NTH SIDE), KEMP, SEA AND ELBOW STREETS
DUAP Region: Northern

Suburb / Nearest Town: WEST KEMPSEY 2440
Historic region: North Coast

Local Govt Area: Kempsey
Parish:

State: NSW
County:

Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex: Group ID:

Aboriginal Area:

Curtillage/Boundary:

Item Type: Group:
Category:

Owner:

Admin Codes: Code 2: Code 3:

Current Use:

Former Uses:

Assessed Significance: State
Endorsed Significance:

Significant in that the land selected for the Court House and Police Station has remained as an historical precinct since 1859. The grouping of the churches in Kemp Street is a feature of the town and streetscape. At one time the Primitive Methodist Church also occupied space where the Anglican Curate’s House now stands.

Further suggested conservation area i.e. Elbow Street is significant for the commercial history of the town, banks and post office whilst on the southern side shows the early buildings which housed the individual shops.

In the residential quarter i.e. Wide River and Short Streets are houses of outstanding architectural merit. Built from timber milled locally and in some cases substantial brick homes the streets represent a town of remarkable buildings. In Marsh Street and River Street are buildings built in the early nineteenth century and converted to private hospitals.

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder:

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WEST KEMPSEY CONSERVATION AREA

LOCATION: AREA BOUNDED BY MARSH ST (NTH SIDE), KEMP, SEA A

Physical Description: Although the town of Kempsey was established in 1836 and Central Kempsey in 1850, both were largely private towns. It was not until October ???? that the Government town of West Kempsey was proclaimed and the sale of land commenced. West Kempsey was to become the civic centre and has remained so until this day. Some of the early buildings remain.

The precinct has been described as unusual, particularly the grouping of churches, the historical courthouse and police station, the railway buildings and the railway (formerly Court House Hotel). The first Catholic Church 1881-2; now the church hall, Anglican Church 1894, an hotel 1885, the third and fourth court houses and the railway station, its refreshment rooms and station master’s house 1917

On the Marsh Kemp-Sea streets radius are distinctive dwellings as are buildings in Elbow street including the police cottage 1887, the former English, Scottish and Australian Chartered Bank built in 1889, the Great Northern, West Kempsey Hotels and the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd now Agricultural Department.

The court house and the precinct are listed as part of the National Estate.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management:

Further Comments: List of buildings in West Kempsey Conservation Area to be written up.

Court House.
Police Station
Police residence Elbow St.
Railway Hotel
West Kempsey Hotel
Great Northern Hotel
West Kempsey Post Office
English Scottish & Australian Bank
Commercial Bank of Sydney (branch)
All Saints Anglican Church
All Saints Catholic Church
All Saints Catholic Hall
Streetscape Wide Street
Streetscape Marsh Street
Showground
Grand United Order of Odd Fellows Hall
West Kempsey Public School?
Hospital
Kempsey Heritage Inventory

Item Name: WEST KEMPSEY CONSERVATION AREA
Location: AREA BOUNDED BY MARSH ST (NTH SIDE), KEMP, SEA A

Criteria a)
Criteria b) Historic Associative significance.
Criteria c)
Criteria d)
Criteria e)
Criteria f)
Criteria g) Historic representative significance.

Integrity / Intactness:

References:
Author: Riggs
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Date First Entered: 28/10/2004
Date Updated: 09/08/2005
Status: Basic

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Item Name: WEST KEMPSEY HOTEL
Location: 43 ELBOW STREET, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Address: 43 ELBOW STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: WEST KEMPSEY 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex: Group ID:

Aboriginal Area:

Curtilage/Boundary: LOCATION IS ON THE CORNER OF ELBOW AND TOZERS STREET

Item Type: Built
Group: Commercial
Category: Hotel
Owner: Private - Individual

Admin Codes: 948
Code 2:

Current Use: Hotel.
Former Uses: Hotel.

Assessed Significance: Endorsed Significance:

Statement of Significance: West Kempsey Hotel is significant in that the hotel has been trading on the same site since 1865/66 and is the oldest hotel in Kempsey. In the late nineteenth century the hotel was renowned for its superior accommodation and table. The balcony with the decorative ironwork has survived the policies of removal in the 1950s.

Historical Notes or Provenance: The West Kempsey Hotel is Kempsey’s oldest hotel bring continuously licensed since 1865/66. The original sandstock brickwork is still in evidence and an open fireplace could well have been part of the kitchen. A woodcut c1885 shows the hotel much as it is today. The steeply hipped roofs have been maintained but the distinctive chimneypots and the shingles have gone. The wide verandah and the first floor balcony lend an air of spaciousness to this prominent landmark. Of interest too is the fact that the hotel is one of very few to have retained the licensed footpath around the building. The hotel once had twenty-eight rooms, large dining room, kitchen, cellar, stable and stores. The original grounds reached to Marsh Street. The first licensee was Henry Weingarth, then Charles Farrell and his son-in-law, Ben Furnifull followed by Henry Priddle, who held the licence off and on until 1910.

Themes:

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: Yes

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Item Name: WEST KEMPSEY HOTEL
Location: 43 ELBOW STREET, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Physical Description: Two-storey brick construction, upper verandah has French doors with margin bars. There is a rendered parapet timber verandahs with cast iron balustrades.

Physical Condition: The building has been subjected to renovations, particularly in 1925-26. There have been subsequent alterations but the structure remains as a nineteenth century building.

Recommended Management: Statutory Instrument Nominate for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments:

Criteria a) Historical significance surrounds this building. It is one of the oldest buildings in Kempsey and represents the first development of West Kempsey.

Criteria b)

Criteria c) The West Kempsey hotel is an outstanding landmark in the street. The building has an air of grandeur and gives the street a sense of place. The hotel is listed on a heritage walk.

Criteria d) The names connected with the hotel in its early days had a social standing in the town. The hotel was regarded as a hostelry of good reputation and attracted travellers from up-river pastoral stations who came to town for business and social events.

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness: The exterior of the building is in keeping with its former appearance. Modifications have been effected to meet the health standards of the day. The up-stairs bedrooms are much the same in appearance as the alterations of the 1920s.

References:
Author: Patricia Riggs.
Title: Portrait of Kempsey.
Year: 1988

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**West Kempsey Post Office**

**Item Name:** West Kempsey Post Office  
**Location:** 21-23 Elbow Street, West Kempsey [Kempsey]  
**Address:** 21-23 Elbow Street  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** West Kempsey  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW  
**Historic Region:** North Coast  
**Parish:** Yarravel  
**County:** Dudley  
**Focal Code:** 943  
**DUAP Region:** Northern  
**Historic Region:** North Coast  
**Parish:** Yarravel  
**County:** Dudley  
**Other/Former Names:** West Kempsey Government Post Office  
**Area/Group/Complex:** West Kempsey Government Post Office  
**Aboriginal Area:**  
**Curtilage/Boundary:** Elbow Street  
**Item Type:** Built  
**Group:** Postal and Telecomm  
**Category:** Post Office  
**Owner:** Private - Corporate  
**Admin Codes:** 943  
**Current Use:** Private Post Office  
**Former Uses:** Government Post Office and Telegraph Office  
**Assessed Significance:**  
**Endorsed Significance:**  
**Statement of Significance:** West Kempsey Post office is important in the history of communication. The building housed the telegraph office and general post office for the Government Town of West Kempsey. The addition of a separate office from that of the Central Kempsey showed the scope of business enterprise in this part of town.  
**Historical Notes or Provenance:** There has been a post office facility in West Kempsey since 1870. The building in Elbow Street was opened as a purpose built Post and Telegraph Office in 1880. The chief telegraph office in its heyday lost its importance as the years progressed and the main telegraph office was moved to Kempsey. The West Kempsey Post Office and residence was built by Jacob Staynor a local builder. The timber verandah is still intact but the slate roof has been replaced by iron. The distinctive chimneys unrendered brick, with arched cowls, echo an earlier era but there are similar chimneys to be seen in the town.  
**Themes:**  
**Designer:** Jacob Staynor  
**Maker / Builder:** Jacob Staynor  

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**Location:** 21-23 ELBOW STREET, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

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**Physical Description:** Brick building with timber verandahs. An imposing building in the centre of the street giving a sense of place to the block, which houses other historical buildings. The distinctive chimneys are a striking feature of the post office.

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:** The office was remodelled in 1898 and renovated again in 1983 to enable better access to the counter.

**Recommended Management:**

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**Further Comments:** The West Kempsey Post Office is one of several splendid buildings in Elbow Street, which still is the administrative part of Kempsey. The substantial buildings interspersed with "green" areas make this street the most attractive strip in the town.

**Criteria a)** West Kempsey Post office has an important role in the town’s history if communication. The office once held the equipment of the Morse code era of telecommunication.

**Criteria b)**

**Criteria c)** West Kempsey Post Office is aesthetically significant because the scale, architectural style and location of the building make it a focal point and a landmark.

**Criteria d)** West Kempsey Post Office is a prominent civic building and has been the centre of communications for this part of town for over a century. It is considered to be highly significant to the town’s sense of place.

**Criteria e)** The site has some potential to contain archaeological information relating to the previous use as a telegraph station.

**Criteria f)**

**Criteria g)**

**Integrity / Intactness:** While the interior fabric has been altered, West Kempsey Post Office retains the features, which make it historically significant, and it remains a stylist building.

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Date Updated: 16/09/2005  
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WEST KEMPSEY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Item Name: WEST KEMPSEY PUBLIC SCHOOL
Location: MARSH STREET, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

Address: MARSH STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: WEST KEMPSEY 2440
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW
DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Current Use: School.
Former Uses: School.

Statement of Significance:
West Kempsey Public School is part of the life of the district. The original school was vested in the Board of National Education in 1863. This building faced Elbow Street and was demolished in 1972.
The two storey classroom built in 1918 as an infants department still stands and is representative of the school buildings of its day. The school occupies a central site in West Kempsey and on its Marsh street frontage is an historical marker placed there by the Macleay River Historical Society.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
For over a century the community has been served by a public school at West Kempsey. There were many problems associated with the establishment of a public school and a division of local opinion arose over the tenders of anew schoolhouse. A compromise was reached in 1862 and the teacher of a private school, Mr. Thomas Hird, gave the Board of Local Patrons the necessary lease of his premises. In 1875 the buildings were described as old, shabby and in disrepair. It was decided to erect a new building and also a teacher's residence. The building was occupied by 1878. This building was demolished in 1972 and a dental clinic placed on the site. The teacher’s residence was demolished in 1896.

The growth of the school led to a Superior Public School being formed and this was accomplished in 1887. The school became a District Rural School in 1905 and an Intermediate High School in 1920. The Marsh Street site was acquired in 1926 and subsequently new classrooms were built with large new additions completed in 1972. A new Infants' Department was opened. The school now occupies the whole land from Elbow Street to Marsh Street.

Assessed Significance:

Endorsed Significance:

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**Kempsey Heritage Inventory**

**Item Name:** WEST KEMPSEY PUBLIC SCHOOL

**Location:** MARSH STREET, WEST KEMPSEY [Kempsey]

**Designer:** Mansfield (The two-storey building)

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:** 1877  
**Year Completed:** Circa: No

**Physical Description:** The school has been built piecemeal since 1918 but the layout is sufficiently attractive to preserve the whole site.

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:** The building of 1918 is worthy of preservation. To ensure that this is carried out it would be advisable to list the entire site.

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:** Statutory Instrument  
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:** Elbow Street

**Criteria a)** The West Kempsey primary School is historically significant for the long period it has been associated with education in the town. The school has developed over a period of one hundred and forty-five years. The buildings were replaced as necessity dictated but has also invoked public anger at the demolition of the old building in Elbow Street in 1972.

**Criteria b)**

**Criteria c)**

**Criteria d)** The West Kempsey Public School has a strong social link with the cultural aspects of the community. The school provided a means of higher education before the Kempsey High School was built and attracted students from outside the region i.e. Wauchope, Beechwood and Rollands Plains.

**Criteria e)**

**Criteria f)**

**Criteria g)** The school represents the community. The buildings are a means by which a closer and richer relationship can develop between the school and the community. The school and its environs demonstrate all the milestones in the history of education in West Kempsey.

**Integrity / Intactness:**

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| **Historic region:** | North Coast |

| **Item Type:** | Built |
| **Group:** | Community Facilities |
| **Category:** | Hall Country Women’s |

| **Owner:** | Private - Community |
| **Admin Codes:** | 10307 |

| **Code 2:** | |
| **Code 3:** | |

| **Current Use:** | |

| **Former Uses:** | |

| **Assessed Significance:** | |

| **Endorsed Significance:** | |

| **Statement of Significance:** | The CWA building signifies the formation of a branch of a state body of CWA. The centre was erected in 1958 as a proud achievement of a group of local women who raised funds to build and furnish the rooms. The CWA building is an example of a community enterprise with timber obtained from a nearby property and milled in the district. |

| **Historical Notes or Provenance:** | |

| **Themes:** | |

| **Designer:** | |

| **Maker / Builder:** | |

| **Year Started:** | |
| **Year Completed:** | |
| **Circa:** | No |

| **Physical Description:** | |

| **Physical Condition:** | |

| **Modification Dates:** | |

| **Recommended Management:** | |

| **Management:** | Statutory Instrument |
| **List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP):** | |

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Item Name: CWA HALL
Location: 29 MAIN STREET, WILLAWARRIN [Kempsey]

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**HOTEL**

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**Current Use:** Former Uses:

**Statement of Significance:**

Significant in that the hotel has been trading on the same site since 1865/66 and is the oldest hotel in Kempsey. In the late nineteenth century the hotel was renowned for its superior accommodation and table. The balcony with the decorative ironwork has survived the policies of removal in the 1950s.

The hotel has traded on this site since 1926. The third hotel to be built in Willawarrin it signifies that the town was a stopping place for passengers on the Armidale mail route the building of a hotel at this point would have marked the first leg of the journey and at this point necessitated a change of horses in the days of horse drawn vehicles.

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started:** Year Completed: Circa: No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**
Item Name: HOTEL
Location: 15-17 MAIN STREET, WILLAWARRIN [Kempsey]

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:

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Item Name: **Kemps Pinnacle**
Location: **Spokes Trl, Willawarrin [Kempsey]**

**Address:** Spokes Trl  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** Willawarrin 2440  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW  
**Other/Former Names:** Bandicoot Rock

**Aboriginal Area:**

**Curtillage/Boundary:** 78.5ha, 32km south-west of Willawarrin and 17km south of Daisy Plains, comprising the area within a circle of radius 500m centred at AMG point: 9335-1-N-Kemps Pinnacle- 37455875.

**Item Type:** Archaeological-Terrest  
**Owner:**

**Admin Codes:** 016029  
**Code 2:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Assessed Significance:** Kemps Pinnacle is a natural feature of the landscape with traditional significance for the descendants of the Thungutti Aboriginal people (Criterion G.1). The Rock Pinnacle features in a secular myth which describes the creation of the landscape through the actions of the ancestor beings during the period known as the Dreamtime (Criterion D.2). The contemporary importance of this site is testimony to the strength of Aboriginal cultural traditions in the face of massive social, economic and spiritual disruption.

**Physical Description:** A rocky outcrop 1.152m high which, according to Aboriginal legend, was formed following a battle between the Thungutti tribe and a giant from an opposing tribe. The giant was defeated by a man who is known today as the grey shrike thrush. The giant was then placed on his feet by Burraga, the giant bandicoot, and became The Pinnacle.
Kempsey Heritage Inventory

Item Name: Kemps Pinnacle
Location: Spokes Trl, Willawarrin [Kempsey]

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:

Further Comments:
Criteria a)
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Integrity / Intactness:

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- Condition Changed: 09/02/1998
- Significance Changed: 09/02/1998
- Nominated: 15/10/1986
- Interim Listed: 15/05/1990
- Registered: 14/05/1991

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- Nominated: 15/10/1986
- Interim Listed: 15/05/1990
- Registered: 14/05/1991

**Status:** Partial
**OLD BAKERY**

**Location:** 24 MAIN STREET, WILLAWARRIN [Kempsey]

**Address:** 24 MAIN STREET
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** WILLAWARRIN
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey
**State:** NSW

**DUAP Region:** Northern
**Historic region:** North Coast

**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

**Statement of Significance:** Significant as a bakery since 1926 this was a purpose built business and operated on the site until 1990s. It represents a local bakery, significant in most villages until the advent of "big name businesses."

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

**Year Started: **
**Year Completed: **
**Circa: ** No

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:** Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Admin Codes:** 10277

**Curtilage/Boundary:**

**Owner:**

**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey

**State:** NSW

**Parish:**

**County:**

**Address:** 24 MAIN STREET
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** WILLAWARRIN

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Item Name: OLD BAKERY
Location: 24 MAIN STREET, WILLAWARRIN [Kempsey]

Further Comments:

Criteria a)
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Integrity / Intactness:

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Item Name: OLD GARAGE SITE
Location: MAIN STREET, WILLAWARRIN [Kempsey]

Address: MAIN STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: WILLAWARRIN
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW

Current Use: Now the site of a residence.
Former Uses: Garage/workshop.

Statement of Significance: The old garage site was the workshop of Don Hargan. This was an engineering and mill workshop. Hargan is looked upon as an important resident of the township for his engineering skills.

Historical Notes or Provenance: Where the present house is built was the site of Don Hargan’s workshop. Hargan had an engineering and mill workshop here. He invented the Hargan Saw; a revolutionary portable saw which proved to be a boon to sleeper cutters. The saw could be wheeled on site and used horizontally, vertically or converted to a swing saw. It was used extensively until the chain saw was perfected. At one time he employed ten men. Hargan put through the road from Hickeys creek to tailors arm with two old International tractors.

Themes: 

Designer: 
Maker / Builder: 

Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description: 
Physical Condition: 

Modification Dates:
Item Name: OLD GARAGE SITE
Location: MAIN STREET, WILLAWARRIN [Kempsey]

Recommended Management:
Management: Statutory Instrument
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:
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Integrity / Intactness:

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 10/05/2005 Date Updated: 12/10/2005 Status: Basic

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| Item Name: | RESIDENCE |
| Location: | 22 MAIN STREET, WILLAWARRIN [Kempsey] |

| Address: | 22 MAIN STREET |
| Suburb / Nearest Town: | WILLAWARRIN |
| Local Govt Area: | Kempsey |
| State: | NSW |
| DUAP Region: | Northern |
| Historic region: | North Coast |
| Parish: | Willawarrin |
| County: | Dudley |
| Other/Former Names: | |
| Area/Group/Complex: | Group ID: |
| Aboriginal Area: | |
| Curtilage/Boundary: | Frontage to Main Street, Willawarrin. |
| Item Type: | Private - Individual |
| Group: | |
| Category: | |
| Owner: | |
| Admin Codes: | 10277 |
| Code 2: | |
| Code 3: | |
| Current Use: | Private residence |
| Former Uses: | Private residence |
| Assessed Significance: | Endorsed Significance: |
| Statement of Significance: | The house is an integral part of the streetscape of Willawarrin. The timber dwelling complements the old bakery and hall in the same stretch of ground. |
| Historical Notes or Provenance: | N0 22 Main Street Willawarrin was built for Mick Clarke in 1945. Builders were Reg and George Brenton. The timber and mouldings came from Haydon and Dunn's Mill at Carrai. |
| Themes: | |
| Designer: | |
| Maker / Builder: | |
| Year Started: | Year Completed: |
| Circa: | No |
| Physical Description: | |
| Physical Condition: | |
| Modification Dates: | |
| Recommended Management: | |
| Management: | Statutory Instrument | List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP) |
| Further Comments: | |

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Item Name: RESIDENCE
Location: 22 MAIN STREET, WILLAWARRIN [Kempsey]

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| Location: | MAIN STREET, WILLAWARRIN [Kempsey] |

| Address: | MAIN STREET |
| Suburb / Nearest Town: | WILLAWARRIN NSW |
| Local Govt Area: | Kempsey |
| State: | 2440 |

| DUAP Region: | Northern |
| Historic region: | North Coast |

| Other/Former Names: |
| Area/Group/Complex: |
| Aboriginal Area: |
| Curtillage/Boundary: |

| Item Type: |
| Group: |

| Category: |
| Owner: |

| Admin Codes: |
| Code 2: |

| Code 3: |

| Current Use: |

| Former Uses: |

| Assessed Significance: |
| Endorsed Significance: |

| Statement of Significance: |
| Historical Notes or Provenance: |

| Themes: |
| Designer: |
| Maker / Builder: |

| Year Started: | Year Completed: | Circa: |
| No |

| Physical Description: |
| Physical Condition: |

| Modification Dates: |

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**ST JOHNS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Address:** 18-20 MAIN STREET

**Suburb / Nearest Town:** WILLAWARRIN

**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey

**State:** NSW

**DUAP Region:** Northern

**Historic region:** North Coast

**Item Name:** ST JOHNS CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Location:** 18-20 MAIN STREET, WILLAWARRIN [Kempsey]

**Current Use:** Former Uses:

**Statement of Significance:**
Is significant as a splendid example of a country church building. It has been a place of worship since 1896. Built of local timber the windows are intact with ecclesiastical glass design. The church stands as an attractive landmark at the entrance to the town.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**
St. John’s Catholic Church at Willawarrin is at the entrance of an attractive village on the bank of Hickeys Creek. It speaks of a pride in the township that the churchyard and fences are in order. The church is a landmark in the town and enhances the streetscape. The building was given by a local resident who donated the land and built the church in 1896. Records show that two hundred people attended the opening by Father Buggy. The sawn weatherboards in the church represents a time when the land abounded in large stands of mill able trees.

A large crowd attended the opening ceremony. Buggy blessed the church and proceeded to celebrate mass. There was a choir of thirteen and *their* singing was the greatest musical treat that had ever been heard in that part of the district. Father Buggy stated that it was a great pleasure for him to open such a nice little church in the country. The church is built of sawn timber weatherboards with an iron roof.

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:** John Carey

**Year Started:** 1896  **Year Completed:** 1896  **Circa:** No

**Owner:** Religious Organisation

**Admin Codes:** 10276  **Code 2:**  **Code 3:**

**Item Type:** Built  **Group:** Religion  **Category:** Church

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Themes:**

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Item Name: ST JOHNS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Location: 18-20 MAIN STREET, WILLAWARRIN [Kempsey]

Physical Description:

Physical Condition: Fair

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:
Management: Statutory Instrument  List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
Statutory Instrument  Nominates for State Heritage Register (SHR)

Further Comments: The down pipes and guttering need attention.

Criteria a) St. John’s Church at Willawarrin
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Integrity / Intactness:

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Location: 47 MAIN STREET, WILLAWARRIN [Kempsey]

Address: 47 MAIN STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: WILLAWARRIN
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW
DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast

Other/Former Names:
Area/Group/Complex:
Aboriginal Area:
Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: Built
Group: Religion
Category: Church

Owner: Religious Organisation
Admin Codes: 10302
Code 2:
Code 3:

Current Use: Former Uses:

Assessed Significance: Endorsed Significance:
Statement of Significance: Is significant for the history of the Anglican worship in Willawarrin district since 1906. The church built in 1959 continues the tradition of church services in the township. Built by a local builder Mr. William Lee.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
Themes:
Designer:
Maker / Builder:
Year Started: Year Completed: Circa: No

Physical Description:
Physical Condition:
Modification Dates:
Recommended Management:
Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
Item Name: ST THOMAS'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Location: 47 MAIN STREET, WILLAWARRIN [Kempsey]

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**Statement of Significance:**
The war memorial represents the work and interest of the Willawarrin community. The memorial records the names of people who enlisted in two world wars and expresses the respect of the district. Unveiled in 1961.

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Management:**
- Statutory Instrument
- List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Assessed Significance:**

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Recommended Management:**

**Admin Codes:**
- 10306

**Year Started:**

**Year Completed:**

**Circa:** No

**Owner:** Local Government

**Current Use:**

**Former Uses:**

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

**Themes:**

**Designer:**

**Maker / Builder:**

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Item Name: WAR MEMORIAL
Location: MAIN STREET, WILLAWARRIN [Kempsey]

Further Comments:

Criteria a)
Criteria b)
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Integrity / Intactness:

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 10/05/2005 Date Updated: 16/09/2005 Status: Basic
Item Name: WILLAWARRIN HALL
Location: 26-28 MAIN STREET, WILLAWARRIN [Kempsey]

Address: 26-28 MAIN STREET
Suburb / Nearest Town: WILLAWARRIN
Local Govt Area: Kempsey
State: NSW
DUAP Region: Northern
Historic region: North Coast
Parish: Willawarrin
County: Dudley

Current Use: Former Uses:

Statement of Significance:
A good example of rural architecture. The hall is a social focal point so important to the small town. It shows the determination of the people to provide and sustain a meeting place for social and learning activities.

Historical Notes or Provenance:
The hall replaced an iron structure, which was nearer the creek and subject to floods. In 1940 five residents, Messrs E.J. McCudden, H.J. Scott, F. Dowling, J. McCarney and E.P. Mainey secured an overdraft at the Rural bank and became guarantors to enable the new hall to be built. The dressing rooms still hold reminders of past performances. In the right hand dressing room the names Slim Dusty Show, Joy McKean, Larry Mason NZ Barry Thornton 1954 are written in chalk. The left dressing room has a flyer pasted to the wall advertising SLOGETTS Feb. 1949. A comment "very wet" is written in ink. Slogetts was a combined pantomime and comedy show. Willawarrin attracted travelling shows and regular picture shows 'the movies'.

Themed:

Designer:
Jack Allen, Gordon Allen, Tom Allen, Allen Bull

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: 1940   Year Completed: 1940   Circa: No

Physical Description:

Physical Condition: very good.
WILLAWARRIN HALL

**Location:** 26-28 MAIN STREET, WILLAWARRIN [Kempsey]

**Modification Dates:** Electric Light, exit signs

**Recommended Management:**
- Statutory Instrument
- List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:**
The hall is in good condition. The floor has stood up to various uses to which the hall has been subjected. Constant maintenance is necessary regarding doors and windows. The hall is used by groups for fairs and meetings and educational classes, which necessitates more wear and tear than the dances and balls of earlier years when the boards were constantly maintained. A supper room is on the eastern side together with a kitchen. A verandah forms the front entrance with double doors leading to the main hall. The hall built of white mahogany measures 18 metres by 15 metres with a roomy stage.

**Criteria a)** Willawarrin Hall is associated with the development of the town. It provides a history of change from a primitive structure to a more modern building.

**Criteria b)**

**Criteria c)** The hall is a focal point in the small country town. It is one of few prominent buildings and is part of the street scape.

**Criteria d)** The hall is considered to be significant to the community’s sense of place.

**Criteria e)**

**Criteria f)**

**Criteria g)** Representative of similar type institutions which were built at the beginning of WW 11. Local people were conscious of the need for a building to hold functions to support the war effort.

**Integrity / Intactness:** The original structure has not altered. The interior has been up-dated to meet health regulations and the preparation of food.

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Item Name: WILLAWARRIN HALL
Location: 26-28 MAIN STREET, WILLAWARRIN [Kempsey]

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Data Entry: Date First Entered: 10/05/2005 Date Updated: 16/09/2005 Status: Basic

Heritage study

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**WILLAWARRIN PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**Address:** 85-91 MAIN STREET  
**Suburb / Nearest Town:** WILLAWARRIN  
**Local Govt Area:** Kempsey  
**State:** NSW  
**DUAP Region:** Northern  
**Historic region:** North Coast

**Owner:** Department of Education and Training

**Admin Codes:** 13798  
**Current Use:** Former uses: 

**Historical Notes or Provenance:**

The school represents the demographical growth of the district. The school was placed on this site in 1920 and classified as a public school. The strong enrolment is an indication of the continuing interest in education since the first school in 1905 Comara School building was incorporated into this complex as a library and thereby combining a history of education in the upper-Macleay.

**Statement of Significance:**

The school represents the demographical growth of the district. The school was placed on this site in 1920 and classified as a public school. The strong enrolment is an indication of the continuing interest in education since the first school in 1905 Comara School building was incorporated into this complex as a library and thereby combining a history of education in the upper-Macleay.

**Endorsed Significance:**

**Physical Description:**

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:**
Item Name: WILLAWARRIN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Location: 85-91 MAIN STREET, WILLAWARRIN [Kempsey]

Management: Statutory Instrument  List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments: 
Criteria a)
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Integrity / Intactness: 

References: 

Studies: 

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Location validity:  Spatial Accuracy:

Map Name:  Map Scale:

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Willi Willi Caves is one of the only large breeding sites for the eastern horseshoe bat, the bent winged bat and the little bent winged bat. Population estimates are in the order of 30,000 to 40,000 bats during summer. The reserve is a good scientific study area and provides a protected environment for the bats. (The Commission is in the process of developing and/or upgrading official statements for places listed prior to 1991. The above data was mainly provided by the nominator and has not yet been revised by the Commission.)

The Willi Willi Caves are located within a tract of land supporting subtropical rainforest vegetation in the middle Macleay valley. There are two main cave systems in the reserve, the main cave which is a bat nursery and the shaft cave. Some parts of the cave systems are outside the reserve at present. Three species of bats breed at Willi Willi: eastern horseshoe bat (RHINOLOPHUS MEGAPHYLLUS), the bent winged bat (MINIOPTERUS
WILLI WILLI CAVES NATURE RESERVE

Location: WILLAWARRIN [Kempsey]

SCHREIBERSII), and the little bent winged bat (MINIOPTERUS AUSTRALIS).

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management:

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Further Comments:

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Item Name: WILLI WILLI CAVES NATURE RESERVE
Location: WILLAWARRIN [Kempsey]

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Status: Partial

Date First Entered: 30/04/1999
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**Primary School Group**

**Location:** YARRAHAPINNI [Kempsey]

- **Address:**
- **Suburb / Nearest Town:** YARRAHAPINNI 2440
- **Local Govt Area:** Kempsey
- **State:** NSW

- **Other/Former Names:**

- **Area/Group/Complex:**

- **Aboriginal Area:**

- **Curtillage/Boundary:**

- **Item Type:**
- **Group:**
- **Category:**

- **Owner:**

- **Admin Codes:**
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- **Current Use:**

- **Former Uses:**

- **Assessed Significance:**
- **Endorsed Significance:**

- **Statement of Significance:**

- **Historical Notes or Provenance:**

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- **Designer:**

- **Maker / Builder:**

- **Year Started:**
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- **Physical Description:**

- **Physical Condition:**

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