

Assessment of Heritage Significance Sandstone Blocks

Parramatta LEP 2011 – Heritage Item No. I-578



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1. Introduction

This report presents an assessment of heritage significance of sandstone blocks located in Council's depot in Bridge Street, Rydalmere.

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2. History of Heritage Listing

The sandstone blocks are listed in the current Parramatta Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2011, as heritage item I-578, attributed Local significance. The address of this item is stated in the LEP as 42 Bridge Street (part of) also described as Lot 2, DP 128739; Part Lots 211 and 304, DP 14244. The address apparently corresponds with the Council's depot.

The Sandstone Blocks were not identified in the original 1989 heritage study of the Parramatta area. However, the item was later identified in the 1993 Parramatta Heritage Study by Meredith Walker. That study defined the item (No. 402) as *"Large pile of sandstone blocks removed from kerbs and gutters (and other works) as a result of new road works. Sandstone kerb and guttering is a major feature of the older areas of Parramatta."*

The 1993 study provided a photo of a pile of stone, and a description which reads: "A large pile of sandstone blocks removed from kerbs and gutters (and other works) as a result of new road works. Sandstone kerb and guttering is a major feature of the older areas of Parramatta."¹

The sandstone blocks were subsequently listed in the Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 1996 (Heritage and Conservation), as item No. 402 in the Schedule 2 of that instrument.² The latest (repealed) version of this Instrument, in force from 15/12/2008 to 6/10/2011, listed the item at address: "Morton Street (Council depot)", i.e. "Lot B of the DP 162815".

¹ *Parramatta Heritage Study 1993*, entry for item No. 402 (provided in appendix to this report).

² *Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 1996 (Heritage and Conservation)* – as per the NSW Government Gazette No. 20, 21 February 1997 (relevant page provided in appendix to this report). See *Repealed version for 15 December 2008 to 6 October 2011* (accessed via www.legislation.nsw.gov.au on 2 June 2012, at 16:22) and previous (historical) versions.

The same address and Lot/DP number is given in previous, historical versions of the Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 1996 (Heritage and Conservation).³

The origin of stone is unknown. One of the long-time members of Parramatta Heritage Committee, Mrs Shylie Brown, remembers that c. 1995 the Council gathered stone blocks, mostly from gutters removed over the years, in particular in Gallaway Street, but also from a number of important demolished buildings such as the Mortimer Lewis courthouse, the Houison building (a.k.a. the Bond House, near the Lennox bridge).⁴

The item's significance was first defined in the 1993 Parramatta Heritage Study as: *"Amenities & services - regional or local."* History of the item outlined that: *"Sandstone was used for kerb and gutters and road pavement from the early 19th century, and cut from local quarries. In recent decades much kerb and guttering has been removed as a result of roadworks, and the Council stored some of it at the Morton Street depot."*⁵

It is conceivable that this implied the address attributed to this listing in the Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 1996 (Heritage and Conservation), as the LEP Schedule number is also matching the number attributed in the 1993 study (402). Importantly, the data sheet clearly identifies the item as a "relic", i.e. a moveable item. This critically important detail was not repeated in any of the subsequent LEP listings.

The item's significance was reviewed in 2002, as part of the comprehensive review of heritage items in Parramatta City Council area, conducted by the National Trust (Parramatta branch). The National Trust noted that the item was "Removed to inside the Morton Street Council Depot" and added comments that:

*Sandstone was used for kerb and gutters and road pavement from the early 19th century, and cut from local quarries. In recent decades much kerb and gutters has been removed as a result of road works, and the Council stored of it at the Morton Street depot. 1) Foundation stone removed from Convict Barracks when demolished c. 1937. 2) Memorial stone originally on gasworks east side of Gasworks Bridge. Also recently added has been the front facade of the Mortimer Lewis courthouse erected in Church Street Parramatta in 1838.*⁶

³ The earliest version of the Parramatta LEP 1996 was published in the *NSW Government Gazette* No. 20 of 21/2/1997, p 873. Amended versions are published in *Gazette* No. 161 of 13/11/1998, p. 8836 and No. 95 of 20/8/1999, p. 6161. For early versions of Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 1996 (Heritage and Conservation), consulted sources include:

- *New South Wales Repealed Regulations* (http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/repealed_reg/);
- *New South Wales EPIs As Made* (http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/num_epi/toc-P.html); and
- *NSW Government Gazette 2001* (<http://www.nsw.gov.au/gazette/2001>) and
- *NSW Government Gazette 2003* (<http://www.nsw.gov.au/gazette/2003>).

⁴ Shylie Brown, email to Paul Kennedy, 23/05/2012.

⁵ Sourced from NSW Heritage, http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/07_subnav_04_2.cfm?itemid=2240402 accessed 3 June 2012.

⁶ http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/07_subnav_04_2.cfm?itemid=2240402 accessed 3 June 2012.

The National Trust (Parramatta Branch) 2002 review also provided an illustration of the item, a photograph of the Foundation stone removed from Convict Barracks (see Figure 1). However, what was depicted as “Foundation stone” is actually a pediment decoration, inscribed with text *L. Macquarie, Esq. Governor 1820* in historical calligraphic cursive script.

The stone was since moved to Parramatta Heritage Centre at Church Street, where it was added to Council’s moveable items collection⁷ and placed on public display with a context photograph interpreting its original position on the Convict Barracks building (see Figure 2).

The *Memorial stone originally on gasworks east side of Gasworks Bridge* is also in possession of the Heritage Centre and part of the same Cultural Collection. At the time of preparation of this report, the item (which actually comprises not one but two “memorial” stones with commemorative inscriptions) is stored with renown Sydney materials’ conservation firm, the *International Conservation Services (ICS)* where the stones are cleaned and their “cradles” (timber support frames for display) are being made.⁸



Figure 1 – “Foundation stone” (pediment stone) from Convict Barracks, photographed in Moreton Street depot c. 2002

(http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/07_subnav_01_3.cfm?itemid=2240402&imageid=2240409)

⁷ Refer to the *PCC Tech 1 Cultural Collection Register*. Gay Hendricksen, personal comment to Zoran Popovic, 30 May 2012.

⁸ Gay Hendricksen, personal comment to Zoran Popovic, 30 May 2012.



Figure 2 – “Foundation stone” (pediment stone) from Convict Barracks, photographed in Council’s Heritage Centre in Church Street, 2012. The stone is on public display with a historical context photograph interpreting its original place on the Convict Barracks building

A summary of the research of historical EPI instruments via NSW Legislation website⁹ indicates the following history of listing of this item:

⁹ See www.legislation.nsw.gov.au. *Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 1996 (Heritage and Conservation)* was published in Gazette No 20 of 21.2.1997, p 873 and amended in Gazettes No 161 of 13.11.1998, p 8836 and No 95 of 20.8.1999, p 6161. Also accessed as part of research for the purposes of this report were: *Historical version 05 Dec 2003 to 14 Dec 2008*, *Historical version 14 Feb 2003 to 04 Dec 2003*, and *Historical version 20 Apr 2001 to 13 Feb 2003*. Schedules of heritage items

History of Heritage Listing – Sandstone Blocks			
Study or EPI	Item No.	Address	Lot/DP
1989 Heritage Study	Not identified	–	–
1993 Heritage Study	Identified (Item 402)	“Council stored some of it at the Morton Street depot”	None (described as relic)
Parramatta LEP 1996 (Heritage and Conservation) – gazetted 21 February 1997	402	Morton Street (Council depot)	Lot B of the DP 162815
National Trust (Parramatta Branch) review of heritage inventory, 2002	–	“Removed to inside the Morton Street Council Depot”	–
Parramatta LEP 1996 (Heritage and Conservation) – Historical version 20 Apr 2001 to 13 Feb 2003.	402	Morton Street (Council depot)	Lot B of the DP 162815
Parramatta LEP 1996 (Heritage and Conservation) – Historical version 14 Feb 2003 to 04 Dec 2003,	402	Morton Street (Council depot)	Lot B of the DP 162815
Parramatta LEP 1996 (Heritage and Conservation) – Historical version 05 Dec 2003 to 14 Dec 2008	402	Morton Street (Council depot)	Lot B of the DP 162815
Parramatta LEP 1996 (Heritage and Conservation) – Repealed version for 15 December 2008 to 6 October 2011	402	Morton Street (Council depot)	Lot B of the DP 162815
Parramatta LEP 2011	I-578	42 Bridge Street (Council depot)	Part of Lot 2, DP 128739; Part Lots 211 and 304, DP 14244

There is nothing in the 1993 or 2002 listing, or in any LEP version, that could explain why the item’s street address, initially attributed as “Council depot, Morton Street,” was later changed to “Council depot, Bridge Street, Rydalmere.” In any case, this apparently happened when blocks were relocated from one Council’s depot to the other, as the updated address was entered only in the LEP 2011.¹⁰ It appears wrongful to add the stones, which are essentially moveable and not relating to any particular property, to the LEP Schedules as though they were buildings or structures.

(including some related definitions) were amended through gazettals of 20/4/2001, 14/2/2003, and 5/12/2003, however, these did not imply any changes on the heritage status of stone blocks.

¹⁰ Diane Galea, personal comment to Zoran Popovic, 23 May 2012.

3. Associated Heritage Items – Listings and Descriptions

The National Trust description of sandstone blocks referred to three items separately listed as heritage items in the Parramatta LEP 2011. These items are: Convict Barracks, Gasworks Bridge, and Mortimer Lewis Courthouse.

Convict Barracks were demolished c. 1937; however, *Convict Barracks Wall and Potential Archaeological Site* remain at rear of 100 Macquarie Street, Parramatta. The item is listed in Parramatta LEP 2011, and was previously listed in Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 1996 (Heritage and Conservation). Its remnants consist of convict-built brick wall on sandstone foundations, approximately 1.8 metres high and 450 mm thick, built in Colonial bond sandstock brick and with brick coping. The wall is situated in proximity of the Warders' Cottages (1-3 Barrack Lane), and originally formed the rear wall of the convict barracks built facing Macquarie Street (Figure 3).

The item's significance was described as: "Site possesses potential to contribute to an understanding of early urban development in Parramatta."¹¹ This was augmented in the 2011 PCC Heritage Review to read: "The convict barracks wall and its site are of historical and scientific significance for their ability to demonstrate the early colonial period history of Parramatta and the associated town planning practices, then widely used. The wall remnant is a rare surviving example of built fabric from this key period in Parramatta's history." The item is a related place, in heritage terms, to adjacent Warders Cottages (at 1-3 Barrack Lane, Parramatta) which are listed in the State Heritage Register.



Figure 3 – Convict Barracks Wall and Potential Archaeological Site, photographed c. 2002
(http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/07_subnav_01_3.cfm?itemid=2240357&imageid=2240368)

¹¹ http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/07_subnav_04_2.cfm?itemid=2240357

Gasworks Bridge is listed in the LEP 2011, and was previously listed in the Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 1996 (Heritage and Conservation). The item comprises a lattice girder bridge on large sandstone piers. Its history was described as: “In March 1878 a petition was presented to Parliament by the people of Parramatta (who had already subscribed a large sum of money for this work) for the erection of a bridge at the foot of Harris Street. Work on the bridge was completed in 1885.” National Trust (Parramatta Branch), in their 2004 review of this item added that: “Gasworks Bridge was raised 18 inches (45 cm) in 1960 (Sydney Morning Herald, 16 March 1960).”¹²

The significance of this bridge was established in the 2011 PCC Heritage Review to read: “This item is of historical significance because it provides evidence of the history of amenities and services in the local area. The barrier formed by the river was a major factor in development as late as 1880, at which time it was only bridged at Church Street, Parramatta. In the 1880s both the Newlands (Gasworks) and Gladesville Bridges were opened.”

As mentioned, two “Memorial stones” originally placed on eastern side of the bridge are now permanently stored in Parramatta Heritage Centre, but currently located at conservation workshop where they are prepared for display.



Figure 4 – Gasworks Bridge (formerly Newlands Bridge), photographed c. 2004
(http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/07_subnav_01_3.cfm?itemid=2240221&imageid=2240245)

The “**Mortimer Lewis Courthouse**” was demolished in 1978 to build the Commonwealth Bank building. However, the *Court House Wall and Sandstone Cellblock and Potential Archaeological Site* is a listed item in Parramatta LEP 2011 (and earlier in the Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 1996 (Heritage and Conservation)).

¹² http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/07_subnav_04_2.cfm?itemid=2240221, accessed 3 June 2012.

The summarised history of the item indicates that this, Parramatta's "first Court House with Police Station and Lock-up", was designed by Mortimer Lewis in 1837 and completed and opened in 1840. The site previously comprised convict allotment and hut, registered c. 1790, and the earliest known lessee was Mary Morgan, registered on 8 August 1809.¹³

The item was described by the National Trust (Parramatta Branch), in their 2002 review of this item, as: "Sandstone walls with slate roof. Roof construction: Shop building is hip, cellblock is pyramid slate with metal ridge capping. Chimneys: two sandstone chimneys from courthouse remain Fence: sandstone wall approx. 4 metres high with sandstone coping."

Significance of the item was initially described as: "Association with notable events or people – building or work associated with notable people. Site possesses potential to contribute to an understanding early urban development in Parramatta." This was modified in the 2011 PCC Heritage Review to read: "Stone wall at rear of the modern building at 235-237 Church Street is of significance for the local area for historical and scientific reasons, as it can demonstrate the earlier development on the site and have the potential to contribute to a further understanding of the early urban development in Parramatta."

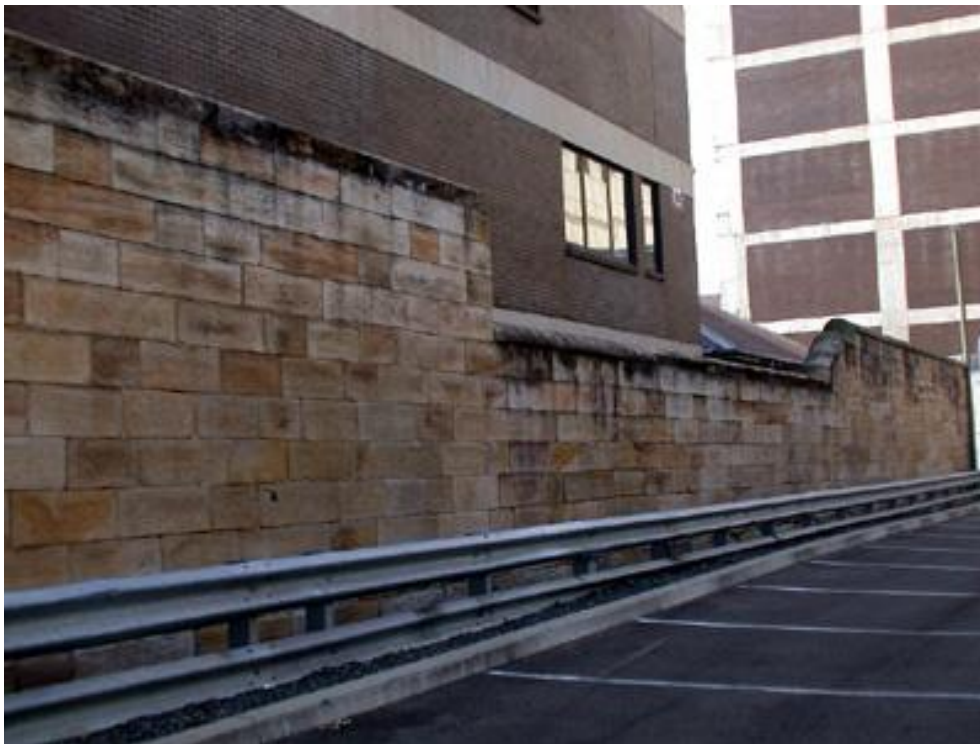


Figure 5 - Court House Wall and Sandstone Cellblock and Potential Archaeological Site
(http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/07_subnav_01_3.cfm?itemid=2240112&imageid=2240148)

4. Available Background Information and Description

The sandstone blocks currently stored at Bridge Street depot vary greatly in size, shape and quality of forming work. The majority of stones appear partly formed, or broken, or damaged and present little more than large size rubble. Most of this stone would potentially be suitable only for reuse in seawalls, kerbs, gutters or minor repairs to historic structures.

¹³ http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/07_subnav_04_2.cfm?itemid=2240112



Figure 6 – Sandstone blocks stored in Council's depot in Bridge Street, Rydalmere, 30/05/2012

Some stone however is relatively finely cut to size for a particular purpose, with indications that they were previously part of a building, or a utility structure. Individual stones are also identifiable as former part of kerbs and gutters.

In any case, results of my site inspection of Parramatta City Council's depot in Bridge Street, Rydalmere conducted on 30/05/2012 indicate that among sandstone blocks currently stored in that depot there are no sandstone blocks that have any distinctive markings or inscriptions which would potentially allow for their association with a particular site, building or location.



Figure 7 – Sandstone blocks stored in Council's depot in Bridge Street, Rydalmere, 30/05/2012



Figure 8 – Sandstone blocks stored in Council's depot in Bridge Street, Rydalmere, 30/05/2012



Figure 9 – Sandstone blocks stored in Council's depot in Bridge Street, Rydalmere, 30/05/2012



Figure 10 – Sandstone blocks stored in Council's depot in Bridge Street, Rydalmere, 30/05/2012

5. Assessment Against NSW Heritage Council's Criteria

Sandstone Blocks	
Please refer to previous pages for photographs and basic information available. Note that applicable inclusions and exclusion criteria have been bolded.	
Integrity: As described, the blocks were removed from their original context and, albeit identifiable as cut stone, they are currently in relatively simple and non-specific forms. The only exceptions are pediment stone of Convict Barracks and the Memorial stone(s) originally placed on eastern side of the Gasworks Bridge, however, neither of these two elements is currently in the Bridge Street depot. It is noted that none of the stones have any associations with the Bridge Street depot, other than by mere fact that they were deposited there about 2 years ago.	
Assessment against NSW Heritage Council criteria	
(A) An item is important in the course, or pattern, of NSW's cultural or natural history (State significance); OR An item is important in the course, or pattern, of the local area's cultural or natural history (local significance).	
Inclusion: • shows evidence of a significant human activity • is associated with a significant activity or historical phase • maintains or shows the continuity of a historical process or activity	The only elements that satisfy this criterion are the pediment stone of Convict Barracks and the Memorial stone(s) originally placed on eastern side of the Gasworks Bridge. Other stone blocks, including former kerbs and gutters, or former building stone, or any other loose stone blocks, do not satisfy this criterion.
Exclusion: • has incidental or unsubstantiated connections with historically important activities or processes • provides evidence of activities or processes that are of dubious historical importance • has been so altered that it can no longer provide evidence of a particular association	None of the stones are associated with the Bridge Street site, and neither of the two identified significant elements is currently located in the Bridge Street depot. Other stone blocks do not satisfy this criterion. The results of inspection of Council's depot in Bridge Street, conducted on 30/05/2012, indicate that among sandstone blocks currently stored there, none have any distinctive markings or inscriptions which would potentially allow for their association with <i>any</i> particular site, building, location or event.

Sandstone Blocks	
(B) An item has strong or special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in NSW's cultural or natural history (State significance); OR An item has strong or special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in the cultural or natural history of the local area (local significance)	
Inclusion: • shows evidence of a significant human occupation • is associated with a significant event, person, or group of persons	The two elements that satisfy this criterion (the pediment stone of Convict Barracks and the Memorial stone(s) originally placed on eastern side of the Gasworks Bridge) are permanently stored in Council's heritage centre as part of the Cultural Collection (moveable items). Other stone blocks, including stones apparently taken from former kerbs and gutters or buildings, or any other loose stone blocks, do not satisfy this criterion.
Exclusion: • has incidental or unsubstantiated connections with historically important people or events • provides evidence of people or events that are of dubious historical importance • has been so altered that it can no longer provide evidence of a particular association	As discussed above, all stone blocks (other than Convict Barracks pediment stone and Gasworks Bridge Memorial stones) have been modified and lost their original context, so that it is not possible to associate them with any particular person or event.
(C) An item is important in demonstrating aesthetic characteristics and/or a high degree of creative or technical achievement in NSW (State significance); OR An item is important in demonstrating aesthetic characteristics and/or a high degree of creative or technical achievement in the local area (local significance)	
Inclusion: • shows or is associated with, creative or technical innovation or achievement • is the inspiration for a creative or technical innovation or achievement • is aesthetically distinctive • has landmark qualities • exemplifies a particular taste, style or technology	The pediment stone of Convict Barracks is the only element to satisfy this criterion, however, it is now stored in Parramatta Heritage Centre in Church Street, as part of Council's moveable collection. Other stone blocks, including stones apparently taken from former kerbs and gutters or buildings, or any other stone blocks currently on the site, do not satisfy this criterion.

Sandstone Blocks	
Exclusion: • is not a major work by an important designer or artist • has lost its design or technical integrity • its positive visual or sensory appeal or landmark and scenic qualities have been more than temporarily degraded • has only a loose association with a creative or technical achievement	Deprived of their original context, majority of stone blocks have lost any association with the buildings and structures that they were removed from, and do not retain cultural significance associated with their former locations.
(D) An item has strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group in NSW for social, cultural or spiritual reasons (State significance); OR An item has strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group in the area for social, cultural or spiritual reasons (local significance).	
Inclusion: • is important for its associations with an identifiable group • is important to a community's sense of place	The pediment stone of Convict Barracks and Gasworks Bridge Memorial stones are the only two items to satisfy this criterion, however, these are now stored in Parramatta Heritage Centre in Church Street, as part of Council's moveable collection. Other stone blocks do not satisfy this criterion.
Exclusion: • is only important to the community for amenity reasons • is retained only in preference to a proposed alternative	All stone blocks found on the site have some practical value, however, (except the pediment stone of Convict Barracks and Gasworks Bridge Memorial stones) no other stone retains cultural significance associated with their former locations. Stones apparently taken from former kerbs and gutters or buildings, or any other loose stone blocks, do not satisfy this criterion.

Sandstone Blocks	
(E) An item has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of NSW's cultural or natural history (State significance); OR An item has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the area's cultural or natural history (local significance).	
Inclusion: • has the potential to yield new or further substantial scientific and/or archaeological information • is an important benchmark or reference site or type • provides evidence of past human cultures that is unavailable elsewhere	None of the assessed stones meet this criterion.
Exclusion: • the knowledge gained would be irrelevant to research on science, human history or culture • has little archaeological or research potential • only contains information that is readily available from other resources or archaeological sites	With exception of pediment stone of Convict Barracks and Gasworks Bridge Memorial stones, all other stones are clearly irrelevant for any future researchers.
(F) An item possesses uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of NSW's cultural or natural history (State significance); OR An item possesses uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of the area's cultural or natural history (local significance).	
Inclusion: • provides evidence of a defunct custom, way of life or process • demonstrates a process, custom or other human activity that is in danger of being lost • shows unusually accurate evidence of a significant human activity • is the only example of its type • demonstrates designs or techniques of exceptional interest • shows rare evidence of a significant human activity important to a community	The pediment stone of Convict Barracks interprets the history of this important but unfortunately lost urban element of early NSW. This pediment stone is a rare element of its age and type in NSW terms. The Gasworks Bridge Memorial stones are of neutral value in terms of this criterion.
Exclusion: • is not rare • is numerous but under threat	All other elements are non-specific and common, and their fabric has little more than mere financial value. Except the pediment stone of Convict Barracks and Gasworks Bridge Memorial stones, stone blocks (including stones apparently taken from former kerbs and gutters or buildings, or any other loose stone blocks) do not satisfy this criterion.

Sandstone Blocks	
(G) An item is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of NSW's cultural or natural places; or cultural or natural environments (State significance); OR An item is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the area's cultural or natural places; or cultural or natural environments (local significance).	
Inclusion: • is a fine example of its type • has the principal characteristics of an important class or group of items • has attributes typical of a particular way of life, philosophy, custom, significant process, design, technique or activity • is a significant variation to a class of items • is part of a group which collectively illustrates a representative type • is outstanding because of its setting, condition or size • is outstanding because of its integrity or the esteem in which it is held	The pediment stone of Convict Barracks is beyond doubt a fine example of its type and can be described as "outstanding because of its setting, condition or size." The Gasworks Bridge Memorial stones are representative as they have principal characteristics of an important class or group of items (memorial stones). None of the other assessed stones meet this criterion.
Exclusion: • is a poor example of its type • does not include or has lost the range of characteristics of a type • does not represent well the characteristics that make up a significant variation of a type	All except the discussed important stones are ordinary, unremarkable and nondescript stone blocks cut to size, and generally are not of heritage interest.
Comment In summary, the pediment stone of Convict Barracks and the Gasworks Bridge Memorial stones are of heritage interest, but strictly as moveable items which are not strongly associated with the property Lot/DP number of their current location. This type of item has no benefit from heritage listing in the LEP, given their moveable nature which would not allow for typical "development" of these elements. It is suitable and desirable to protect these elements as part of Council's moveable collection, store them in the controlled climate of the Heritage Centre and allow them to be viewed by the general public. It is noted that the pediment stone of Convict Barracks is already in this situation, and the Gasworks Bridge Memorial stones are prepared for a similar arrangement, which is considered fully adequate. With exception of Convict Barracks pediment stone and Gasworks Bridge Memorial stone, all other stones discussed in this report (particularly those currently still located in Council's depot in Bridge Street, Rydalmere) are clearly irrelevant for any future researchers. These elements have financial or service value as potential replacements of deteriorated historical stone kerbs and gutters or as material for repair of minor sandstone building elements. The council has a policy of storing such elements and reusing them in repairs of historic kerbs and gutters and other works and this is the adequate and appropriate use for this type of material, in a manner accepted by many local Council's across NSW.	

6. Recommendation

It appears wrong to further retain listing of historical stones, which are essentially moveable and not relating to any particular property, in the LEP Heritage Schedules as though they were buildings or structures.

Thus the conclusions of this report recommend that:

- The Item I-578, "Sandstone Blocks", should be deleted from heritage schedules of the Parramatta LEP 2011.
- None of the discussed items should be listed as individual heritage items in the Parramatta LEP.
- Convict Barracks pediment stone and Gasworks Bridge Memorial stone should remain permanently stored in Council's Heritage Centre (Church Street), protected and exhibited as part of Council's moveable items' collection (a.k.a. Tech One Cultural Collection).
- Loose sandstone blocks, particularly that remnant of historic kerbs and gutters, should be stored at Council's depot and reused for repairs of listed kerbs and gutters and other historic structures as required. In that sense, the current policies and practices are deemed suitable and appropriate.

Appendices:

1. NSW Government Gazette No. 20, of 21 February 1997, p. 934, shows listing of sandstone blocks as a local heritage item in the Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 1996 (Heritage and Conservation); and
2. Parramatta Heritage Study 1993, Item 402, datasheet and photograph;
3. State Heritage Inventory, datasheet entry for Sandstone Blocks.

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SCHEDULE 2 - Heritage Items of Local Significance (cont'd)

Street No.	Street name	Suburb	Name or Description of Items	Inv No.	Real Property Description
56	Merrylands Road	Merrylands	The Lodge	393	Lot 32 DP 9814
59	Merrylands Road	Merrylands	Cottage	394	Lot 30 Sec 1 DP 72546
73	Milner Street	Guildford	House	396	Lot 17 Sec 9 DP 4047
18, 27, 29	Milton Avenue	Eastwood	Milton Avenue Group	397	Lots 28, 29, 82 DP 7004 Lot 2 DP 592833
4	Mobbs Lane	Carlingford	Weatherborad cottage	398	Lot 15 DP 31022
end	Morton Street (adj to river bank)	East Parramatta	Stone wall	401	--
-	Morton Street (Council depot)	Parramatta	Standstone Blocks	402	Lot B DP 162815
2	Myrtle Street (374 Victoria Road)	Rydalmere	Roman Catholic Church	403	Lot 12 Sec 6 DP 977669 Lot 1011 DP 777415

NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT GAZETTE No. 20

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CITY OF PARRAMATTA HERITAGE STUDY:		INVENTORY FORM										
Present name Sandstone Blocks	Inventory number 402											
Address - Morton Street P'matta Coun Depot Parramatta												
Description A large pile of sandstone blocks removed from kerbs and gutters (and other works) as a result of new road works. Sandstone kerb and guttering is a major feature of the older areas of Parramatta.												
Historical details Sandstone was used for kerb and gutters and road pavement from the early 19th century, and cut from local quarries. In recent decades much kerb and guttering has been removed as a result of roadworks, and the Council stored some of it at the Morton St depot.												
Historical themes 2.2 Nineteenth Century Regional Town	Evaluation criteria <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"><tr><td>☐ Historic</td><td>☐ Rare</td></tr><tr><td>☒ Aesthetic</td><td>☐ Representative</td></tr><tr><td>☐ Social</td><td>☒ Associative</td></tr><tr><td>☐ Scientific</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>☐ Other</td><td></td></tr></table>		☐ Historic	☐ Rare	☒ Aesthetic	☐ Representative	☐ Social	☒ Associative	☐ Scientific		☐ Other	
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☐ Scientific												
☐ Other												
Significance Amenities & services - regional or local												
Information sources Field survey												
Category Relic	Neighbourhood Parramatta Central	Field survey number 0309										

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INVENTORY FORM

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Sandstone Blocks

Item

Name of Item: Sandstone Blocks

Type of Item: Landscape

Group/Collection: Urban Area

Category: Boundary Feature

Primary Address: Morton Street, Parramatta, NSW 2150

Local Govt. Area: Parramatta

Property Description:

Lot/Volume Code	Lot/Volume Number	Section Number	Plan/Folio Code	Plan/Folio Number

All Addresses

Street Address	Suburb/Town	LGA	Parish	County	Type
Morton Street	Parramatta	Parramatta			Primary
Council Depot	Parramatta	Parramatta			Alternate

Statement of Amenities & services - regional or local. National Trust (Parramatta Branch): Amenities and services- regional or local.

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Significance

Date Significance Updated: 08 Mar 02

Note: There are incomplete details for a number of items listed in NSW. The Heritage Branch intends to develop or upgrade statements of significance and other information for these items as resources become available.

Description

Physical Description:

A large pile of sandstone blocks removed from kerbs and gutters (and other works) as a result of new road works. Sandstone kerb and guttering is a major feature of the older areas of Parramatta. National Trust (Parramatta Branch): Archit StyleRemoved to inside the Morton Street Council Depot.

Further Information:

Field survey

History

Historical Notes:

Sandstone was used for kerb and gutters and road pavement from the early 19th century, and cut from local quarries. In recent decades much kerb and guttering has been removed as a result of roadworks, and the Council stored some of it at the Morton St depot. National Trust (Parramatta Branch): Sandstone was used for kerb and gutters and road pavement from the early 19th century, and cut from local quarries. | In recent decades much kerb and gutters has been removed as a result of road works, and the Council stored of it at the Morton Street depot. | | 1) Foundation stone removed from Convict Barracks when demolished c.1937. | 2) Memorial stone originally on gasworks east side of Gasworks Bridge. | | Also recently added has been the front facade of the Mortimer Lewiis courthouse erected in Church Street Parrammatta in 1838. | |

Assessment of Significance

SHR Criteria c)

[Aesthetic Significance]

This item is aesthetically significant.

Assessment Criteria

Items are assessed against the  **State Heritage Register (SHR) Criteria** to determine the level of significance. Refer to the Listings below for the level of statutory protection.

Listings

Heritage Listing	Listing Title	Listing Number	Gazette Date	Gazette Number	Gazette Page
Local Environmental Plan		402	21 Feb 97	20	873
Heritage study					

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Study Details

Title	Year	Number	Author	Inspected by	Guidelines Used
City of Parramatta Heritage Study	1993	402	Meredith Walker		Yes
Parramatta Heritage Review	2004		National Trust (Parramatta Branch)		No

References, Internet links & Images

None

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