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ITEM DETAILS							
Name of Item	Telegraph Road Proposed Heritage Conservation Area						
Other Name/s Former Name/s	Part of Davies' HCA 17						
Item type (if known)	Heritage Conservation Area						
Item group (if known)							
Item category (if known)	Cultural Landscape/Heritage Conservation Area						
Area, Group, or Collection Name							
Street number	Various						
Street name	Telegraph Road						
Suburb/town	Pymble					Postcode	2073
Local Government Area/s	Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council						
Property description							
Location - Lat/long	Latitude				Longitude		
Location - AMG (if no street address)	Zone		Easting			Northing	
Owner	Various						
Current use	Residential lands/dwellings						
Former Use	As above						
Statement of significance	<p>Part of Robert Pymble's Crown grant of 600 acres in 1823. Pymble was an early settler and an orchardist. The area was used for timber getting until around 1840. Subdivision of Pymble's estate commenced after 1882 when the district was beginning to expand to accommodate upper class dwellers from the city, with the prospect of the railway link in place by 1890. This was a powerful incentive for development.</p> <p>The route began as the main timber getting bullock track through Robert Pymble and Matthew grants towards Stoney Creek Rd (Mona Vale Rd). 1856 is the earliest reliable map to show Telegraph Road. Earlier known as Military Rd, in 1883 it was renamed Government Rd and then Telegraph Road to commemorate the running of the telegraph line from the coast to the western settlements of Sydney.</p> <p>The landscaped setting and the soft street edge, even given some of the high fences along the street, still reveal a strong relationship between houses and their garden setting.</p> <p>The planting is ordered and provides a parklike setting in many instances. The street is well layered with buildings dating from the 1890s through to the present with a good representation of pre 1943 residences.</p> <p>The materiality of buildings and their landscaped areas and fences (sandstone, timber and brickwork) generally reflect the natural materials and colour and texture of the area and so relate strongly to the character of the place.</p>						



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	<p>Building forms and particularly roofs are predominantly a combination of gables and steep pitches. The buildings generally sit within spacious grounds without being crowded in. Tennis courts still remain on a number of the properties.</p> <p>The street is anchored at the nodes at each end with iconic structures: the east being the two Pratten houses; Stapleton, a grand Edwardian building with a magnificent southern vista across the Pymble Memorial Soldiers Park and Juniper Green, a Burley Griffin design. The western or Pacific Highway node is framed by the reservoir and particularly its distinctive Pump house and the former corner sited Motor Garage on the southern corner. St Swithun's Church also provides a strong corner element at the west end of the road.</p> <p>Telegraph Road has an ability to demonstrate the economic shifts over time with waves of subdivision and then further subdivision being clearly reflected in the building styles of later interventions. There are modest cottages interspersed with grander homes, possibly a reflection of economic circumstance and opportunity, but also represents a socio economic mix. This is particularly found on the northern side of Telegraph Road.</p> <p>It has a Technical significance for the development of garden settings, planting materials and architectural stylistic and detailed influences on the housing demands of the higher socio-economic cohort on the north shore of Sydney and the architectural development of the works of Burley Griffin.</p>	
Level of Significance	State <input type="checkbox"/>	Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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DESCRIPTION						
Designer	The street is important for the preponderance of high quality building design from its various development phases from high profile architects: Walter Burley Griffin notably for two buildings, Juniper Green and Coppin.					
Builder/ maker	N/A					
Physical Description	<p>Telegraph Road runs along a spur starting at the Pacific Highway Pymble in the west and finishing at Mona Vale Road, Pymble East to the east end.</p> <p>The east end of Telegraph Road rises to Mona Vale Road, that ridge being higher and commanding expansive views across the Sydney basin.</p> <p>The western end terminates with the Reservoir and its distinctive pump house located on the northern corner and on the southern corner a former Service Station/ motor garage.</p> <p>The eastern end at the Mona Vale Road junction is the site of two substantial properties developed by the Pratten family members; Juniper Green on the north side, designed by Walter Burley Griffin and on the south, an Edwardian House "Stapleton" built for the patriarch of the Pratten family.</p> <p>The streetscape of Telegraph Road is one that is predominated by grand houses and has so been historically. Despite some mainly larger properties having higher front fences, front perimeter and street planting remains dominant. There are a significant number of properties retaining original landscaped features including stone walls and sandstone "crazy" paving, materials having a close correlation with the natural elements of the area and so tend to meld into the natural pattern of the place.</p> <p>Buildings on the southern side and steeper sloping side of Telegraph Road capture views over the Lower North Shore to Sydney and those to the north were overlooking primarily agricultural land (orchards and market gardens) with open landscape views. The land has now been developed with residential subdivision and long views have been lost to the north. The south still commands expansive views.</p>					
Physical condition and Archaeological potential	The street presents a high urban quality cultural landscape.					
Construction years	Start year		Finish year		Circa	<input type="checkbox"/>
Modifications and dates						
Further comments						

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HISTORY

Historical notes	<p>Robert Pymble, a settler and orchardist, was granted 600 acres by the Crown in the parish (as later defined) of Gordon in 1823. Unlike many grantees of his time, Pymble became a permanent resident and pioneer of the region.</p> <p>He retained most of his estate for most of his life. It was not until 1882, when the district was beginning to expand to accommodate upper class dwellers from the city, that large-scale alienation of the Pymble properties took place.</p> <p>The projected building of the North Shore railway (begun in 1887 and opened from St. Leonards to Hornsby in 1890) was a powerful incentive for development. ⁽¹⁾</p> <p>Re-named to commemorate the running of the telegraph line from the main northern line at Castle Hill to the customs station near Barrenjoey Light House Station, a section of which ran along this road then likely route along Stoney Creek and Pittwater Rds (both now Mona Vale Rd) through the Matthew and Ayres (St Ives) grants.</p> <p>The route began as the main timber getting bullock track through Robert Pymble and Matthew grants towards Stoney Creek Rd (Mona Vale Rd).</p> <p>1856 is the earliest reliable map to show Telegraph Road. Earlier known as Military Rd, in 1883 it was renamed Government Rd. ⁽²⁾</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Historian v39 n1:2010 pp72+ 2. http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/resources/documents/attomc10Aug2010GB.13-01.pdf Heritage Inventory Sheet for 29 Telegraph Road, Pymble. Eric Pratten House
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THEMES

National historical theme	<p>Peopling Australia. Developing Local, Regional and national Economies. Building Settlements Towns and Cities.</p>
State historical theme	<p>Development of Towns Developing Local Economies/ feeding people Establishing Communications</p>

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APPLICATION OF CRITERIA	
Historical significance SHR criteria (a)	<p>The area was used for timber getting up until around 1840. Mona Vale Road was originally divided into two parts which joined at Telegraph Road – the southern part was known as Stoney Creek Road, and the northern part was known as Pittwater Road.⁽³⁾</p> <p>These roads were used as D.D. Mathew's access to his sawmill on Cowan Road, St Ives. Telegraph Road marks the main timber getting route through both land grants (Robert Pymble's 600 acre grant (240ha) of 1823 and Rosedale, DD Mathew's 800 acre grant (320ha) of 1838) towards Stoney Creek Road and Pittwater Road. Telegraph Road was originally known as Government Road, and was named to commemorate the construction of the telegraph line from Parramatta to the coast, which ran along a section of the road.</p> <p>(3) Information from Ku-ring-gai Historical Soc.</p>
Historical association significance SHR criteria (b)	<p>Associated with prominent residents and their architects, most notably the Prattens and Walter Burley Griffin who designed two buildings in the street for them, representing the last works he carried out prior to leaving for India.</p> <p>Associated with the timber haulage and later, the development of communications (telegraph service) on the north shore as the route of the telegraph line from Parramatta to the coast.</p>
Aesthetic significance SHR criteria (c)	<p>The landscaped setting and the soft street edge, even given some of the high fences along the street, still reveal a strong relationship between houses and their garden setting.</p> <p>The planting is ordered and provides a parklike setting in many instances.</p> <p>The street is well layered with buildings dating from the 1890s through to the present with a good representation of pre 1943 residences.</p> <p>The materiality of buildings and their landscaped areas and fences (sandstone, timber and brickwork) generally reflect the natural materials and colour and texture of the area and so relate strongly to the character of the place.</p> <p>Building forms and particularly roofs are predominantly a combination of gables and steep pitches. The buildings generally sit within spacious grounds without being crowded in. Tennis courts still remain on a number of the properties.</p> <p>The street is anchored at the nodes at each end with iconic structures: the east being the two Pratten houses; Stapleton, a grand Edwardian building with a magnificent southern vista across the Pymble Memorial Soldiers Park and Juniper Green, a Burley Griffin design. The western or Pacific Highway node is framed by the reservoir and particularly its distinctive Pump house and the former corner sited Motor Garage on the southern corner. St Swithun's Church also provides a strong corner element at the west end of the road.</p>
Social significance SHR criteria (d)	<p>Telegraph Road has an ability to demonstrate the economic shifts over time with waves of subdivision and then further subdivision being clearly reflected in the building styles of later interventions.</p> <p>There are modest cottages interspersed with grander homes, possibly a reflection of economic circumstance and opportunity, but also represents a socio economic mix. This is particularly found on the northern side of Telegraph Road.</p>
Technical/Research significance SHR criteria (e)	<p>The development of garden settings, planting materials and architectural stylistic and detailed influences on the housing demands of the higher socio-economic cohort on the north shore of Sydney.</p> <p>The architectural development of the works of Burley Griffin.</p>
Rarity SHR criteria (f)	
Representativeness SHR criteria (g)	
Integrity	<p>The streetscape and spacious settings together with the gardenesque qualities of the road and its associated building stock retain integrity of materiality, form and framework.</p>

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HERITAGE LISTINGS

Heritage listing/s	Eighteen properties within Telegraph Road have heritage listings: State listings: Pymble Reservoirs 1 and 2, 29 Telegraph Road.
	Local listings: 4, 15, 17, 21, 24-26, 31, 37, 38, 40, 43, 51, 53, 63, 77, 100 Mona Vale Road

INFORMATION SOURCES

Include conservation and/or management plans and other heritage studies.

Type	Author/Client	Title	Year	Repository
		Heritage Branch Web site		http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/heritagesearch.aspx

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations	That the area shaded on the attached map on Telegraph Road be proclaimed a Heritage Conservation Area in concurrence with the Davies Report (2010) That St Swithun's Church cnr Merrivale and Telegraph Roads and a timber cottage at no. 28 Telegraph Road be listed as individual LEP heritage items
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SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION

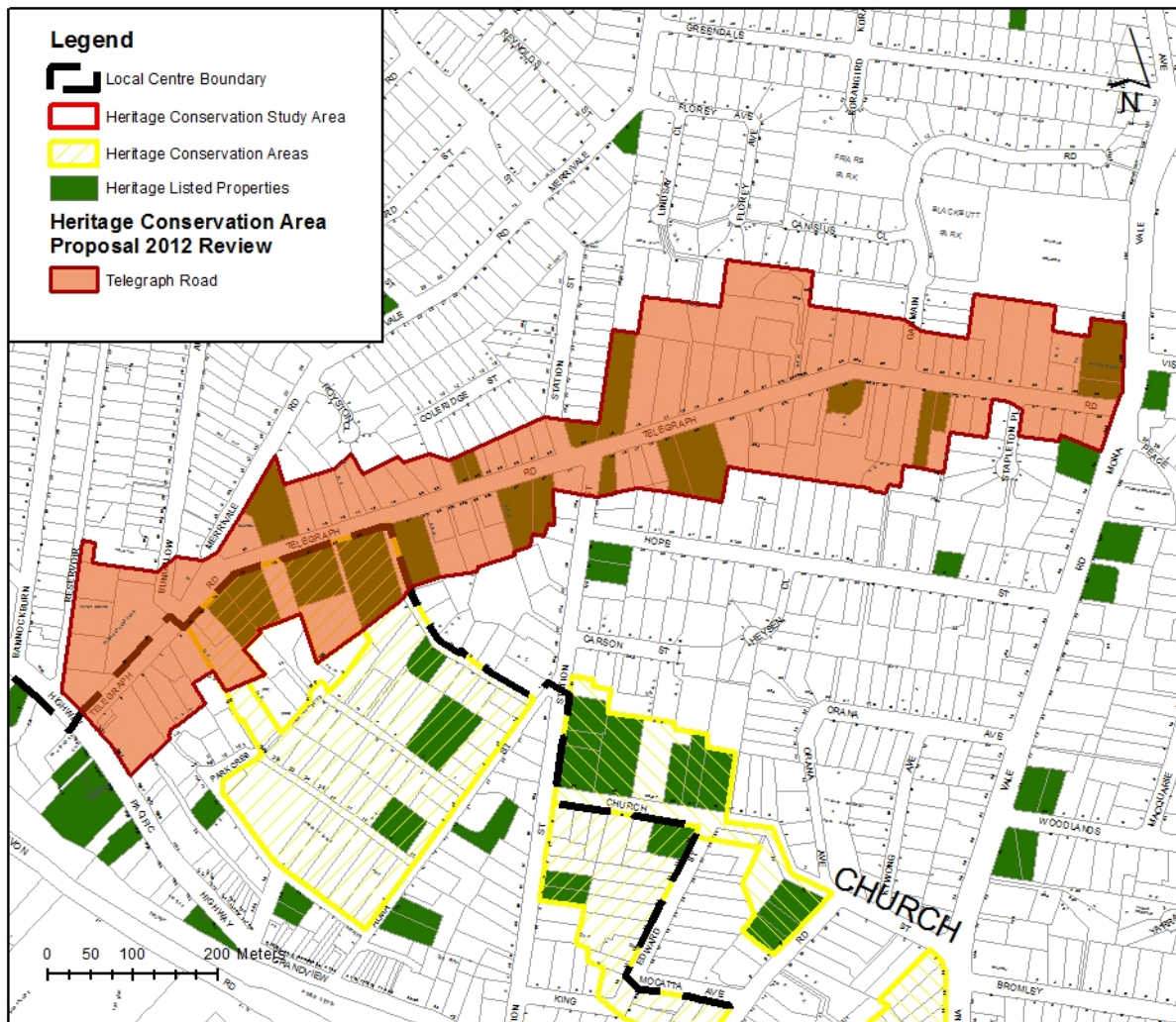
Name of study or report	Peer Review of North Kur-ring-gai draft Heritage Conservation Areas	Year of study or report	2012
Item number in study or report			
Author of study or report	Stephen booker carste STUDIO pl		
Inspected by	Sue Jackson-Stepowski and Stephen Booker April 2012		
NSW Heritage Manual guidelines used?		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Image caption	Council Maps with carste STUDIO overlay of the proposed Telegraph Road Heritage Conservation Area.				
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Image caption	53 Telegraph Road. One of the many grand buildings on the south side of the road located on multiple allotments. (111111Telegraph53 2012apr20 (8).JPG)				
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Image caption	21 Telegraph Road. One of the modest scale buildings retaining much of its soft and hard landscaping details. Telegraph n-side 2012apr20 (21).JPG				
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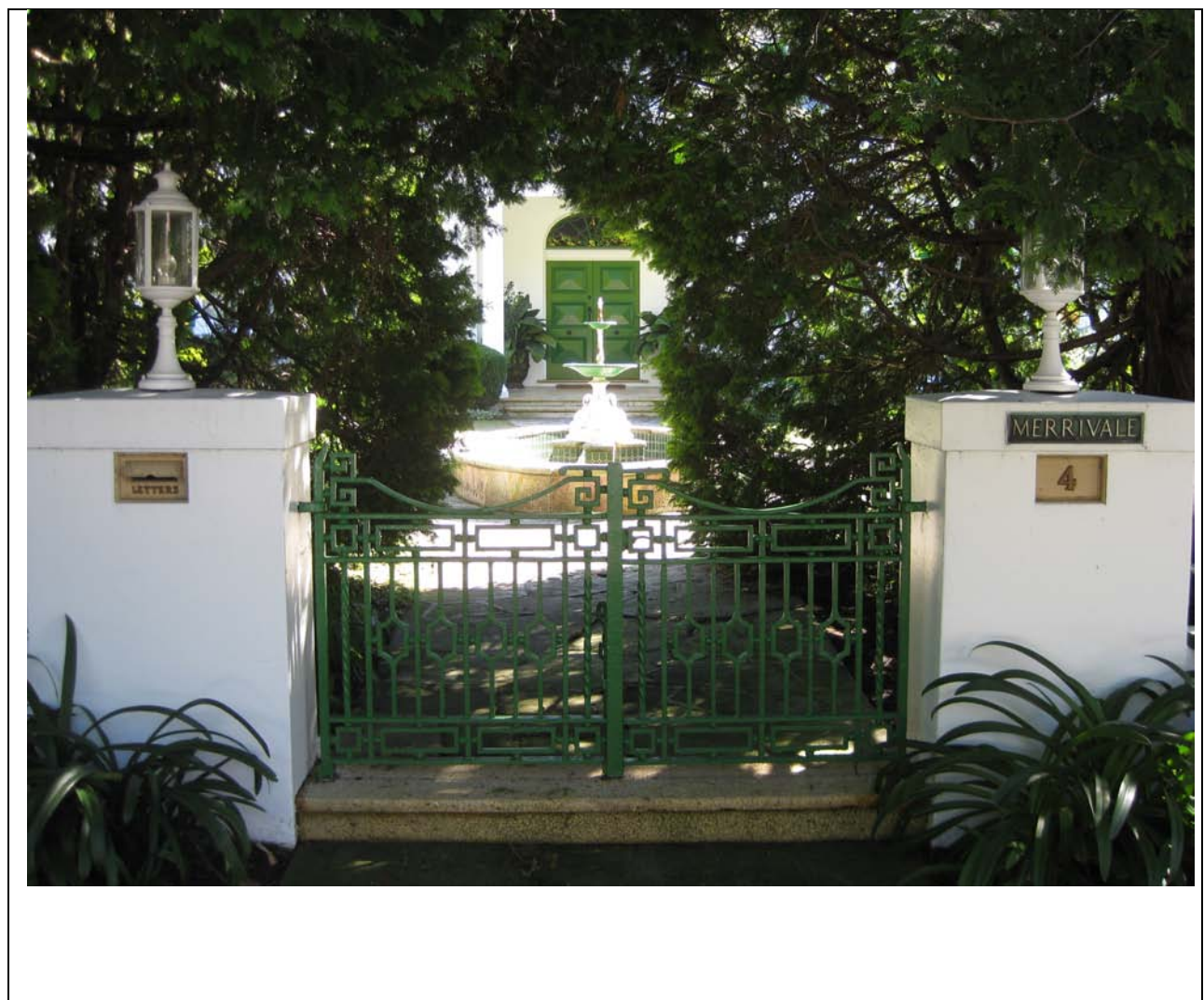


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Image caption	4 Telegraph Road, Merrivale entry. Telegraph Road. One of the few grand buildings on the north side of the road located on multiple allotments. (Telegraph4 2012apr20 (18).JPG)				
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Image caption	Residence on the corner of Station Street and Telegraph Road. (Telegraph38 NE cnr Station 2012apr20 (27).JPG)				
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Image caption	Juniper Green . Designed and built for the Pratten Family. A Walter Burley Griffin house on the northern corner of Telegraph Road and Mona Vale Road. (Telegraph88 MonaVale100 2012apr20 (38).JPG)				
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