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Part A: Recommended Heritage Places



‘Kookaburra Cottage’ & ‘Potters Cottage’—weatherboard houses

54-56 Burrawang Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Description

April 2021: This street is located parallel and one block to the north of the main street of Robertson. This site of 2024m² has two early gabled and corrugated sheet roofed weatherboard houses left and right of the block. The one to the right is smaller and seems earlier. The smaller cottage called Potters Cottage has a straight broken back profile roof to the verandah and it is partly enclosed on the right. The larger cottage called Kookaburra Cottage has a gabled front to the street and side entrance to the left via a portico. Windows to the larger cottage have hoods supported by decorative wooden brackets and the same detail is applied to the entrance portico.



Above: Kookaburra Cottage at 54-56 Burrawang Street, Robertson (April 2021).



Above: Potters Cottage at 54-56 Burrawang Street, Robertson (April 2021).

Internet Review

17 real estate images plus floor and site plan from 2020 at <https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-house-nsw-robertson-132482614>, accessed April 2021). The following sale description is from the same site:

This unique property exudes both the charm and character of years gone by and is sure to pull at your heartstrings. Featuring two character cottages on a generous 2000 sqm parcel with rear lane access, just moments from the local school, village shops and cafés.

Ideal for those looking to accommodate extended family, weekenders or the savvy investor. A 20-minute drive from Bowral and Moss Vale with easy access to the coast, its location is perfect for relaxed country living.

Main House – Kookaburra Cottage

North facing, solar passive

Three spacious bedrooms, new ensuite to the master

Open plan kitchen, dining and living with new flooring

Traditional high ceilings, double hung and casement windows, French doors

Family bathroom with claw foot bath, separate toilet

Potters Cottage

Currently a popular AirBnB

Three bedrooms with traditional features

Bathroom, separate toilet

Cozy lounge and dining

Fenced yard, own driveway access



Above: Potters Cottage in 2020 (Source: <https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-house-nsw-robertson-132482614>, accessed April 2021).



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Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site <i>(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)</i>
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the early development of the Burrawang Street section of Robertson.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because the beauty of the setting and architectural form of the two cottages.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	<i>Of significance because the item possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case two early cottages on the one site.</i>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made

Statement of Heritage Significance

54-56 Burrawang Street, Robertson is significant because it illustrates the early development of the Burrawang Street section of Robertson. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of the setting and architectural form of the two cottages and for possessing a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case two early cottages on the one site.

Californian bungalow (one of a group of three) 71 Burrawang Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

April 2021: Weatherboard house in Californian Bungalow style directly opposite the Cheese Factory now a tourist centre. Although the address is Burrawang Street the house faces Hoddle Street. In front of the house in an extremely wide road verge which sets the house well back from Hoddle Street.



Above: The Californian Bungalow at 71 Burrawang Street, Robertson—view from Hoddle Street (April 2021).

Internet Review

No real estate images or other information found.

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(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the residential development of the eastern end of the main street of Robertson in the Interwar period.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a Californian Bungalow style residence.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

71 Burrawang Street, Robertson is significant because it illustrates the residential development of the eastern end of the main street of Robertson in the Interwar period. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form and for demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a Californian Bungalow style residence.

Californian bungalow (one of a group of three) 77-79 Burrawang Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

April 2021: A very fine weatherboard house in a carefully detailed Californian Bungalow style. It is located at the eastern end of the main street (Hoddle) of Robertson on a large 1775m² corner site of Camp Street and diagonally opposite the Cheese Factory which is now a tourist centre. It has a wide road verge and a post and rail fence enclosing a large simple garden which provides a very good setting for the house. Although the address is Burrawang Street the house faces Hoddle Street. Garden is enhanced by having car access at the rear and side.



Above: 77-79 Hoddle Street, Robertson (May 2021).



Above: close up of front porch and main entry (May 2021).

Internet Review

23 real estate images (including image below) from 2013 from <https://www.realestate.com.au/property/77-79-burrawang-st-robertson-nsw-2577> (accessed May 2021).



Above: 2013 image of 77-79 Hoddle Street, Robertson (Source: <https://www.realestate.com.au/property/77-79-burrawang-st-robertson-nsw-2577>, accessed May 2021).

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(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a very well designed and detailed Californian Bungalow style residence.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Very substantially intact.

Statement of Heritage Significance

77-79 Burrawang Street, Robertson is significant history of the local area because it illustrates the residential development of the eastern end of the main street of Robertson in the Interwar period. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because the beauty of its setting and architectural form and for demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a very well designed and detailed Californian Bungalow style residence

‘Eureka’—Victorian weatherboard house including some interiors

1 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Heritage Survey 2009 Recommendation

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

The house has significance as an early Victorian residence.

Description

A one storey freestanding house that dates from 1896 – the late Victorian period - set on a small triangle site between the Railway and Hoddle Street at the western gateway to Robertson in a town setting that has largely retained its context. The building is setback from the street. The site has an appropriate early wire type front fence and a right side driveway to a rear garage and parking area. The front garden is small and informally landscaped and creates a picturesque setting.

The façade presents a simple symmetrical elevation and is constructed of weatherboard. The roof is hipped with a steep pitch and is clad in corrugated sheet metal and has brick chimneys. The verandah runs across the façade and returns to the left, has a bullnose profile in corrugated sheet metal and has timber posts and cast metal brackets and fringe. The front door is 4 panelled with fanlight. Fenestration comprises vertically proportioned 2-pane double hung windows. The building appears to be in good condition and is highly intact. Alterations include sympathetic replacement of original rear verandah with a sun room.



Above: 1 Hoddle Street, Robertson (April 2020)

Internet Review

26 images and 1 plan at this site from 2011 including image below which shows house to have picket fence and short sheeted metal roof.

<https://www.realestate.com.au/property/1-hoddle-st-robertson-nsw-2577>



Above: photo of 1 Hoddle Street, Robertson (source: <https://www.realestate.com.au/property/1-hoddle-st-robertson-nsw-2577>, accessed 7/3/2023)

History

Notes from Helen Tranter

The “Gatehouse”, previously the home of William and Christina Graham for many years, was transferred in August 1927 (in part) to the Railway Commissioners of NSW. It remained in Railway ownership until 1993.

While the line was being built, probably 1928-1932, it was occupied by Ian McLean Paterson and his wife Emily. “Dr. Pat” was the paramedic for men working on the line.

Possibly the Miller family lived here in 1930s or 1940s. Una Bailey lived here as a schoolgirl in 1940-41.

Leonard Thorpe was the first Station Master in 1932. The Thorpes lived in a railway rented house, then a double-bayed house (not No. 1 Hoddle), not far from the Hoddle St. level crossing. This is the blue painted house, currently for sale, which was altered since 2000. No.9-11. Leonard Thorpe retired and left Robertson 1941 after 40 years with the railway. (see : Southern Mail 6-6-1941 p.2)

Their daughter Thelma was about 13 years old when they came. We interviewed her in 2002. She said her father was on his own at the station for awhile but later had an assistant. He had to get up at 4am , when it was very cold, to be there to help load from the stockyards, when the early freight trains came through. Thelma was at one time the crossing minder. The train would blow its whistle when about to depart for Moss Vale and she would run down and open the crossing gates to let the train through.

Research from Andrew Kennard

Restored to original name ‘Eureka’ in 2013. aka Highwayman’s cottage, the Railway House, the stationmaster’s house, the ganger’s house, the gatekeepers’ cottage or the gatehouse.

Note; the name ‘Highwayman’s cottage’ was used only in 2005-2015. It pre-dates the railway by 30 years and there is no evidence the stationmaster himself ever lived there.

Significance

Located on the Illawarra Highway (Hoddle St) on the western edge of Robertson, the house is one of the oldest residences in the village of Robertson, retaining many elements from the 19th century intact.

The property reflects much of the history of Robertson; showing aspects of a rural/commercial beginning before moving to a more modern residential role. Like the town, it was strongly influenced by the opening of the Moss Vale-Unanderra railway in 1932.

History

After the Robertson Land Act of 1861, land was designated to form the Village of Robertson. However, the house stands on land that was originally part of Joseph Dunster's 50 acre selection ⁽¹⁾ of 1867, outside of and immediately to the west of the Village itself. The current No. 1 Hoddle St is in the north east corner of Dunster's selection, which stretched west along the Illawarra Hwy to approx. Rossgoll St. Joseph Dunster also bought a further approx. 200 acres covering much of the land to the south and west of the Village.

Dunster's death in 1882 saw the land subdivided and sold including "lot1 ..frontage to main street...good new dairy and kitchen..." ⁽²⁾. This lot includes the current No. 1 Hoddle St ⁽³⁾.

In 1886, approx 8 acres were sold to Mary McMahon, 'widow of Jamberoo' ⁽⁴⁾. There is no evidence Mary lived at the property although at least 6 of her children lived or were married ⁽⁵⁾ in Robertson around this time, including some on the adjoining property.

In 1887 it was reported that her children Frederick, Mary Ann and Letitia moved to Robertson to 'a new residence and store they have had built' ⁽⁶⁾. This is the location of the current No1 Hoddle. An 1890 photo ⁽⁷⁾ of Hoddle St shows the house, with a single chimney.

In 1893 this original building was destroyed by fire ⁽¹⁷⁾ '....'Jubilee Stores' the property of Messrs. McMahon and Co., was burned to the ground, nothing being saved....was leased by Mr. W. Hunter....' . Charred stumps and debris of this fire (melted glass and pewter) are still to be found in the underfloor area of the current building.

Mary died in 1893 and the property was sold ⁽⁴⁾ to William Graham who built the current No. 1 Hoddle St around 1896 and lived there with his family until his death in 1915. An undated photo of Hoddle St ⁽⁸⁾ thought to be taken early in the 20th century, shows the house.

William Graham was a well known identity in Robertson, running the main general store and was a pillar of the St John's Church of England in Hoddle St. When he died in 1915 aged 69 "at his late residence 'Eureka' in Robertson" ⁽⁹⁾ his family dedicated a stained glass window to his memory which can still be seen at the church.

After his death, his wife Christina remained in the house with some of her children, until she moved to Sydney in 1919 ⁽¹⁵⁾. From 1919 to 1927, the property was rented to Francis Reynolds, tinsmith (plumber), and family who did most of the plumbing for 'Ranelagh House/Fountaindale Manor as well as local whisky stills' ⁽¹⁰⁾.

In 1927 the NSW Railways bought approx. 2 acres ⁽¹¹⁾ including the current site to accommodate the upcoming railway construction, which finally opened in 1932. The property remained in Railway hands until 1993. During this period it was occupied by a number of railway workers/employees, including Ian Maclean Paterson (known as 'Dr Pat' locally) a medical/first aid worker ^(7,13), Wilson family, the Miller family ('gatekeeper') ⁽⁷⁾, as well as the Bailey (1940-1954) and Mitchell families ^(12,16). The Railway made numerous modifications to the building, some internal fittings are still marked as railway property.

The railways sold the current site in 1993 to Judd ⁽¹¹⁾ and it was subsequently sold to Link, Rackstraw and then Kennard/King ⁽¹⁴⁾. The two most recent owners have undertaken significant restoration/renovation to the house and grounds.

Construction

The current property of approx.. 1200sqm is triangular shaped bounded by the railway line and Hoddle St (Illawarra Hwy). The third side adjoins No. 3 Hoddle St, although this land was originally part of West St.

The building is of weatherboard construction with a bullnose verandah on the northern and eastern sides. Internally all walls and 11' ceilings are lined with boards, with the floors made of 6" Kauri boards. The fabric of the building remains very largely original.

Original doors were removed and replaced with modern doors in the 1990s; recycled old doors were refitted in 2015-16. Internal walls appear to have been originally painted green, with subsequent layers of pale green, pale blue and brown in various rooms ⁽¹⁶⁾, under the current white. There is evidence of a simple floral paper frieze or wallpaper at door height in at least one room.

Underfloor hardwood joists are supported on hardwood stumps, with local basalt used to support outer foundations. There is some deterioration but the foundations are generally very sound. The roof was corrugated iron branded 'Emu Best' lightly framed in timber. It was reroofed in due to deterioration 2018.

There is clear evidence in the roof that the current central fireplace was a later addition, sometime before 1940.


A rear veranda was closed in over a series of stages over many years and was dilapidated before being replaced with a new sun room/bathrooms in 2018.


The toilet is thought to have been moved indoors from a septic system in the 1990s which replaced the original 'drop' outhouse located in the SE corner of the property. It was connected to the sewer in 2014.

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Robertson
3 Bedroom Weatherboard Cottage
Town water, gas heating, open fires



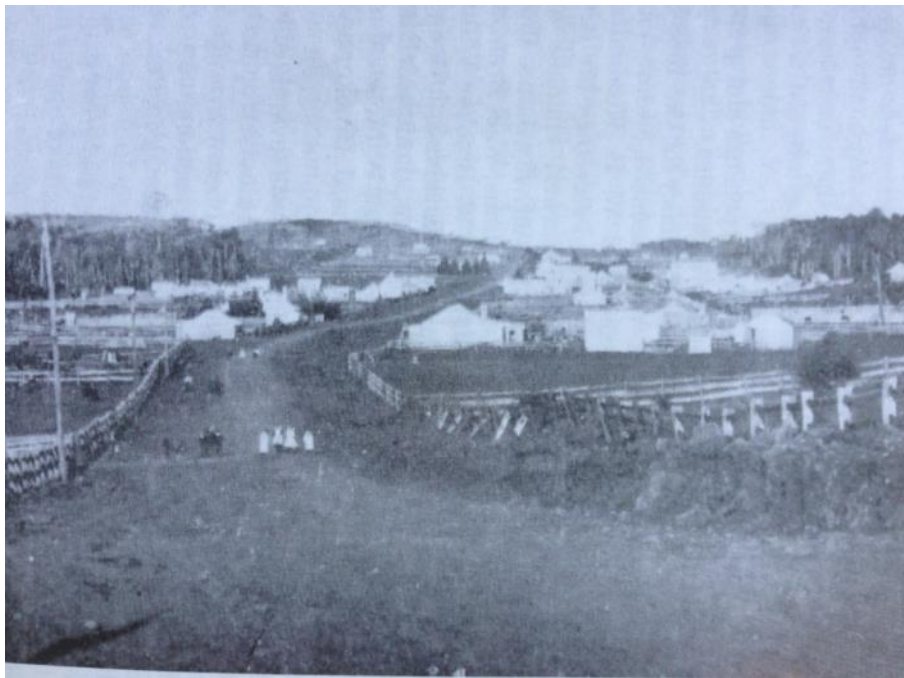
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Above: Advertisement from Robertson Newsletter, August 2004



Above: Opening of the Moss Vale to Port Kembla rail line 20th August 1932. Crowd welcoming the first train to pass through Robertson Station. (Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/southernhighlandshistory/photos/c1930s-ranelagh-house-robertson/2170358496318171>)



Above: 1890 image from the Robertson History Group showing the original No 1 Hoddle Street upper right from the 4 female figures. Prior to railway being built. In 1893 this original building was destroyed by fire ⁽¹⁷⁾ '....'Jubilee Stores' the property of Messrs. McMahon and Co., was burned to the ground, nothing being saved....was leased by Mr. W. Hunter....'.

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(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<p>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the development of the main street of the planned government town of Robertson.</p> <p>Located on the Illawarra Highway (Hoddle St) on the western entrance to Robertson, the house is one of the oldest in the village and it retains many elements from the 19th century intact. The property reflects much of the history of Robertson; showing aspects of a rural/commercial beginning before moving to a more modern residential role. Like the town, it was strongly influenced by the opening of the Moss Vale to Unanderra railway in 1932.</p>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	<p>Of significance because of its association in the local area with a number of early Robertson residents including the first owner of the second house on this site in c. 1896 - William Graham. Graham was a well-known identity in Robertson, running the main general store and was a pillar of the St John's Church of England in Hoddle St. When he died in 1915 aged 69 at his late residence 'Eureka' in Robertson his family dedicated a stained glass window to his memory which can still be seen at the church.</p>
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<p>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form.</p>

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its railway association. In 1927 the NSW Railways bought approx. 2 acres including the current site to accommodate the upcoming railway construction, which opened in 1932. The property remained in Railway hands until 1993. During this period it was occupied by a number of railway workers/employees, including Ian Maclean Paterson known as a medical/first aid worker the Wilson family, the Miller family ('gatekeeper'), as well as the Bailey (1940-1954) and Mitchell families. The Railway made numerous modifications to the building, some internal fittings are still marked as railway property.</i>
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a single storey late Victorian symmetrically fronted weatherboard residence.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

Eureka at 1 Hoddle Street, Robertson is significant because it illustrates the development of the western end of main street of the planned government town of Robertson. The house is one of the oldest in the village and retains intact many elements from the 19th century. The property reflects much of the history of Robertson; showing aspects of a rural/commercial beginning before moving to a more modern residential role. Like the town, it was strongly influenced by the opening of the Moss Vale to Unanderra railway in 1932 and by its NSW Railways ownership between 1927 and 1993. It is also significant for its first owner William Graham who was a well-known identity in Robertson, running the main general store and a member of St John's Church in Hoddle St. When he died in 1915 his family dedicated a stained glass window to his memory in the church. Eureka is of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form and for demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a single storey late Victorian symmetrically fronted weatherboard residence.

Late Victorian weatherboard cottage

2 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

June 2021: A single storey gabled weatherboard cottage from circa mid 1890s at the western end area of the main street of Robertson adjoining the railway crossing to the left. The cottage is set back a short distance from the front alignment on a large 1633m² site. There is projecting hipped bay to the left and verandah to right. Verandah has a broken back profile and is supported by timber posts. Roof is clad in corrugated metal.



Above: 2 Hoddle Street, Robertson (source: Google Earth)

History

Historical Notes from Andrew Kennard (12 June 2021)

Current owner says much of the building is original (from 19th century).

This property was just outside the boundary of the original village boundaries. It stems from a subdivided portion of an original 320 acres selection by William Rutter Hindmarsh 1829-1914.

No. 2, is not present in a historical photo taken in 1890-91 but is present in photos of taken in the early 1900s. I would suggest built in mid 1890s. This would also line up with the startup of the adjacent butter factory and the fact there appeared to be few residences in that area in the 1890 census, but several by 1901 census.

Volume 29 Folio 114 (320 acres)

5th Apr 1862

First purchased by William Rutter Hindmarsh of Yarrawa for 320 pounds

23rd Aug 1894	<i>Part of land leased to Robertson Dairy Company (AK: this company ran the Butter Factory near the railway, at that time adjacent to current #2 Hoddle. Hindmarsh was director)</i>
27th May 1895	<i>Transferred to Michael Evans Hindmarsh, gentleman of Robertson</i>
29th Feb 1896	<i>Lease surrendered</i>
12th Mar 1896	<i>Part of land leased to Robertson Dairy Company</i>
28th Oct 1925	<i>Lease expired by effluxion of time</i>
26th No 1909	<i>Mortgaged to Commercial Banking Co of Sydney</i>
12th June 1928	<i>Part transferred to Minister of Public Works (AK: to give railway right of way)</i>
23rd Dec 1932	<i>Part transferred to Transport Commissioners of NSW</i>
Title then transferred to Vol 4565 Fol 11	
Volume 6633 Folio 11	
26th Feb 1953	<i>Eastern part (126 acres) transferred to Jeffry George Fisk, farmer of Robertson</i>
20th Aug 1951	<i>Mortgaged to Rural Bank of NSW</i>
11th April 1962	<i>Resumption of easement for power lines by Electricity Comm of NSW.</i>

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(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the late 19th Century development of the western end of the main street of Robertson.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its association in the local area with the early pioneering Hindmarsh family. In 1862 William Rutter Hindmarsh 1829-1914 of Yarrawa bought this site as part of a much larger holding of 320 acres. In 1894 part of the 320 acres was leased to Robertson Dairy Company which ran the adjacent Butter Factory. William Rutter Hindmarsh was a director of the company.</i>
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case an early single storey hipped roof weatherboard cottage from c. mid 1890s.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

2 Hoddle Street, Robertson is significant because it illustrates the late 19th Century development of the western end of the main street of Robertson and for its association in the local area with the early pioneering Hindmarsh family. In 1862 William Rutter Hindmarsh 1829-1914 of Yarrawa bought this site as part of a much larger holding of 320 acres. In 1894 part of the 320 acres was leased to Robertson Dairy Company which ran the adjacent Butter Factory. William Rutter Hindmarsh was a director of the company. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form and for demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case an early single storey hipped and gabled roof weatherboard cottage from c. mid 1890s.

Double-fronted weatherboard cottage 9-11 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

April 2021: A double gable fronted weatherboard house at the western end area of the main Street of Robertson. Street is lined with cherry trees. The gables front hestreet and each has bay window. Recent work since 2018 has been done to this attractive building including new galvanised roofing, guttering and down pipes and repainting.



Above: 9-11 Hoddle Street, Robertson (April 2021)

Internet Review

42 images and 2 plans at this 2014 and 2018 site incl. 2018 image below

<https://www.realestate.com.au/property/9-11-hoddle-st-robertson-nsw-2577>



Above: 9-11 Hoddle Street, Robertson, in December 2018 (source: <https://www.realestate.com.au/property/9-11-hoddle-st-robertson-nsw-2577>, accessed 22/2/2023)

History

Summary Notes extracted from Historical Research by the Robertson History Group

Lot 2 Section 2. 9-11 Hoddle.

Lot 1 Section 2. 5-7 Hoddle.

12 September 1865. First purchased by James Powell, storekeeper of Berrima for 4pounds 8 shillings.

29 July 1868 Transferred to Robert John Campbell, government surveyor of Dubbo.

Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
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(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the early development of the western end of the main street of Robertson.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case an early single storey double gabled weatherboard cottage.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

9- 11 Hoddle Street, Robertson is significant because it illustrates the early development of the western end of the main street of Robertson. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form and for demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case an early single storey double gabled weatherboard cottage.

'Woodside'—Victorian gabled weatherboard cottage 12-14 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

April 2021: Symmetrical cottage on a very large site at the western entrance area to Robertson. No front fence grassed area and driveway at left to garage and sheds at rear. Gable roof. Straight Verandah. Early vertical gal iron garage/store to the right front of the site.



Above: 12-14 Hoddle Street, Robertson (April 2021)

History

Summary Notes extracted from Historical Research by the Robertson History Group

Lot 7 Section 1—12-14 Hoddle Street

<i>11 September 1865</i>	<i>First purchased by John Reed of Yarrawa for 4 pounds.</i>
<i>10th April 1876</i>	<i>Transferred to Robert McDonald, blacksmith of Wingecarribee 27th July 1877 Transferred to Anna Matilda Johnston, spinster of Kiama</i>
<i>19th July 1923</i>	<i>Transferred to Margaret Stone, wife of George Ernest Stone farmer of Robertson</i>
<i>3rd Jan 1969</i>	<i>Owned by Ida Marjorie McEvilly, wife of Walter Daniel McEvilly, farmer of Robertson</i>
<i>6th Feb 1987</i>	<i>Owned by Martha Maeve A Rugg(?)</i>

28th Sept 1981

Owned by Brian Walter McEvilly

Note from Andrew Kennard

'Woodside' references to this property appear in the Robertson Advocate as early as at least 1916.

Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
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(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the development of the western end of the main street of Robertson in the late 19th Century.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case an early small single storey gabled weatherboard cottage from the late Victorian period.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

12-14 Hoddle Street, Robertson is significant because it illustrates the early development of the western end of the main street of Robertson in the late 19th Century. Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form and for demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case an early small single storey gabled weatherboard cottage from the late Victorian period.

Late Victorian gabled cottage 19 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

June 2021: A small single storey gabled weatherboard cottage at the western end area of the main street of Robertson which is lined with cherry trees. The cottage is set back a short distance from the front alignment. Verandah has a broken back profile and is supported by timber posts. Roof is clad in corrugated metal.



Above: Google Street View image (May 2017)

History

Notes from Andrew Kennard (12 June 2021)

I would suggest built in mid 1890s. No. 2, is not present in an 1890-91 photo but present in an early 1900s photo of Hoddle Street. This would also line up with the startup of the adjacent butter factory and the fact there appeared to be few residences in that area in the 1890 census, but several by 1901 census.

Current No. 17-19 Hoddle St

Section 2 Lot 4 Torrens title Volume 326 Folio 29

20 th Sep 1876	First purchased by Harman John Tarrant, physician of Kiama for 11 pounds 2/6
2 nd Feb 1884	Mortgaged to Mutual Life Assoc of Australia

27 th May 1886	<i>Mortgaged to Mutual Life Assoc of Australia</i>
23 rd Jan 1889	<i>Power of Attorney to his wife Francis Jane Tarrant</i>
14 th Mar 1889	<i>Both mortgages discharged</i>
14 th Mar 1889	<i>Transferred to William Rutter Hindmarsh, landowner of Robertson</i>
23 rd Aug 1894	<i>Transferred to William Gardiner, boot-maker of Robertson</i>
25 th Apr 1901	<i>(Transferred) to Robert George Gardiner, bootmaker of Robertson</i>
4 th June 1907	<i>Transferred to Roderick Ross, blacksmith of Robertson</i>
2 nd Sept 1942	<i>Transferred to Alfred Wood, farmer of Robertson</i>
2 nd May 1943	<i>(Transferred) to Elizabeth Wood his wife</i>
24 th April 1947	<i>Transferred to Alexander Charles Wood and Frederick John Wood as tenants in common.</i>

Title transferred to Vol. 5774 Fol.199/200

Heritage Significance Assessment

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(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the early development of the western end of the main street of Robertson.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a small early single storey gabled weatherboard cottage.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

19 Hoddle Street, Robertson is significant because it illustrates the early development of the western end of the main street of Robertson. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form and for demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a small early single storey gabled weatherboard cottage.

Double fronted house 24 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

April 2021: Twin gable fronted house at the western end of the main street of Robertson. Likely to be from the Federation era. Has both a hipped and gabled iron roof. It adjoins a modern service station on left and three single storey verandah shops to the right. There is rear lane access.



Above: 2021 photo of cottage

Internet Review

15 images including one below and text below at this site from 2021:

<https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-house-nsw-robertson-136655670>



Above: aerial image of 24 Hoddle Street, Robertson from <https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-house-nsw-robertson-136655670> (accessed 28/2/2023)

History



Above: image from the early 1930's shows No 24 Hoddle at left, then service station at No.26 and to the far right No. 28

Research Notes from Robertson History Group

20 Sept 1876	First purchased by Harman John Tarrant, physician of Kiama for 15 pounds
27 Feb 1884	Mortgaged to Mutual Life Association of Australia.
27 May 1886	Mortgaged to Mutual Life Association of Australia. 1st(?) Mar 1889 Both mortgages discharged
15 June 1889	Transferred to William Kuhan, carpenter of Robertson
28 Aug 1889	Transferred to James Gilroy, farmer of Robertson
12 May 1923	transferred to George Abbott, gentleman of Melbourne
30 Jan 1924	Mortgage to Arthur Greaves Walker, retired mariner of Springwood
29 May 1925	Part transferred to Henry William Jones

Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
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(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the early commercial development of the western end of the main street of Robertson.</i>
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case an early single storey double gabled front weatherboard cottage from the Federation era.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

24 Hoddle Street, Robertson is significant as it illustrates the early commercial development of the western end of the main street of Robertson. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form and for demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case an early single storey double gabled front weatherboard cottage from the Federation era.

Weatherboard cottage 25 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

April 2021: Single storey double fronted cottage on a corner site to Wallanganda Street. Projecting bay suggests early use as a shop (was first purchased by a storekeeper and later used as a pharmacy).



Above: 25 Hoddle Street, Robertson (April 2021)

Internet Review

7 images at this c.2006 site: <https://www.realestateview.com.au/property-360/property/25-hoddle-street-robertson-nsw-2577/>

History

Summary Notes extracted from Historical Research by the Robertson History Group

Lot 1 Section 15—25-27 Hoddle.

14 July 1873 First purchased by Valentine Schlaadt, storekeeper of Jamberoo for 4 pounds.

Andrew Kennard Notes

Was used as pharmacy (W. Wilkinson) from 1898 to 1914. Also used by visiting dentist.

Heritage Significance Assessment

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(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the late 19th Century development of the western end of the main street of Robertson and for its earlier use as pharmacy by W. Wilkinson from 1898-1914 and by visiting dentists.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case an early single storey gabled weatherboard cottage from the late 19th century.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

25 Hoddle Street, Robertson is significant because it illustrates the late 19th Century development of the western end of the main street of Robertson and for its earlier use as pharmacy by W. Wilkinson from 1898-1914 and by visiting dentists. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form and for demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case an early single storey gabled weatherboard cottage from the late 19th century.

Shop—formerly Robertson's first garage (one of a group of 7 verandahed shops)

26 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

March 2021: A single storey weatherboard shop at the western end of the main street of Robertson. The main roof behind the pedimented parapet is a low gabled and clad in corrugated sheet. The simple post supported straight and relatively flat verandah extends over the footpath and is timber post supported. Facade features large shop window openings. At the time of inspection shop was not being used. There is rear lane access via Burrawang Lane.



Above: 26 Hoddle Street (May 2021)

History

Historical Notes from Robertson Village Heritage Walk by the Robertson History Group

Source: <http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au/robertson-village-walk.html> (accessed January 2021):

The first Garage in Robertson was where Robertson Recollections is now and was run by Lenville A. Jones from 1925. There were no petrol pumps until 1927 and cars drove through the big double doors to get fuel from drums. Before the train line was built, Jones's Hudson cars provided a service to bring visitors from Moss Vale to and from Ranelagh House (now Robertson Hotel) as well as providing the mail service.



Above: Lenville Jones' Service Station in the 1920s/1930s (Source: Robertson History Group)



Above: image from the early 1930's shows No 24 Huddle at left, then service station at No. 26 and to the far right No. 28. Typical of the time there is much signage and there are three hand pump petrol bowsers on the street verge. (Source: Robertson History Group)

Ryerson Index (Lenville Austin Jones):

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

Surname	Given Names	Notice Type	Date	Event	Age	Other Details	Publication	Published
JONES	Lenville Austin	Funeral notice	01MAR1971	Death	71	late of Yallah	Illawarra Mercury	02MAR1971

Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site <i>(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)</i>
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the early commercial development of the western end of the main street of Robertson and for its early use as a motor service station by Lenville Austin Jones 1900-1971</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	<i>Of significance because the item possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case its former use as an early motor service station.</i>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case an early single storey weatherboard parapet style commercial building with a straight verandah to street alignment.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although alterations and rebuilding has occurred over many years.

Statement of Heritage Significance

26 Hoddle Street, Robertson. is significant because it illustrates the early commercial development of the western end of the main street of Robertson and for its early and rare use as an early motor service station by Lenville Austin Jones 1900-1971. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form and for demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case an early single storey weatherboard parapet style commercial building with a straight verandah to the street kerb.

Tudor style fibro cottage

27 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

April 2021: Single storey double fronted fibro cottage. Roof is gabled including a gable section to the main street. House has had Tudor style timber trim attached. As elsewhere the main street there are Cherry trees in the verge and the site has a front timberpicket fence.



Above: 27 Hoddle Street, Robertson (2021)

Internet Review

No information.

History

Summary Notes extracted from Historical Research by the Robertson History Group

Lot 1 Section 15—25-27 Hoddle Street

14 July 1873	<i>First purchased by Valentine Schlaadt, storekeeper of Jamberoo for 4 pound.</i>
15th Mar 1880	<i>Caveat entered</i>
30th April 1887	<i>Caveat withdrawn</i>
1st Mar 1887	<i>Mortgaged to Mary Isabella Lacey, widow of Kiama and Harman John Tarrant, doctor of Sydney</i>

25th Mar 1891	Mortgage discharged
16th Dec 1895	Transferred to Henry Chittick, farmer of Robertson 9th Dec 1895 Mortgaged to English Scottish and Australian Bank
26th Sept 1898	part Transferred to William Robert Tressler 29th Dec 1899 Mortgage discharged

William Tressler was a tailor from 1894-1903

Heritage Significance Assessment

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(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the late 19th century development of the western end of the main street of Robertson.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case an early single storey gabled weatherboard cottage from the late 19th century.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

27 Hoddle Street, Robertson. is significant because it illustrates the late 19th century development of the western end of the main street of Robertson. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form and for demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case an early single storey gabled weatherboard cottage from the late 19th century.

Robertson Doctor (one of a group of 7 verandahed shops) 28 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

March 2021: A one and a half storey weatherboard commercial building at the western end of the main street of Robertson. The main roof behind the pedimented facade is a high gabled and clad in corrugated sheet. The elegant ogee shape verandah extends over the footpath and is timber post supported. This verandah shape built prior to 1999 and replaced an earlier straight verandah roof. There are two section of timber balustrade on the street kerb. The facade features large window openings. It appears that a single storey section to the east has been added at some time. Since 2009 building used as a doctor's surgery. There is rear lane access via Burrawang Lane.

A major new extension was built to the rear following the approval of DA 12/0992 (also referred to as LUA 12/0992) on 22 March 2013. Development application details and documents may be viewed on Council's DA Tracker <https://datracker.wsc.nsw.gov.au> and searching the above DA number. The link below is the Statement of Environmental Effects submitted by the applicant for this project: <https://datracker.wsc.nsw.gov.au/modules/DocumentMaster/ViewDocumentFTP.aspx?key=uKX0Q%2bkwYqNTprcXajQoxA%3d%3d>.



Above: 28 Hoddle Street, Roberson (March 2021).

History

Research Notes from Helen Tranter

Some history of the surgery building.

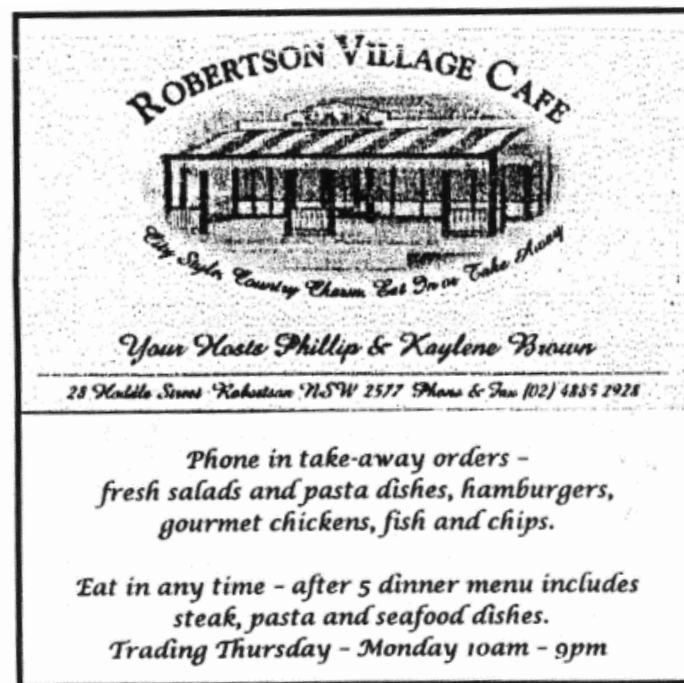
Frank Izzard set up his grocery shop in this building after the first world war. There is a photo at the Railway Station of Len Jones' Garage in the 1920s (now Robertson Recollections) which also shows the name Izzard above the awning of the shop.



Above: image from the early 1930s showing Lenville Jones' service station at centre and the pitched gable roof of 28 Hoddle Street at right. Side window can be seen in the upper floor of No. 28 and at that time it featured a straight verandah and no parapet. (Source: Robertson History Group)

Mrs. McBarron, who was widowed in 1939, worked in the store and cared for Mr. Izzard when he was dying (his wife had died earlier). He left her the shop but as she didn't have the capital to run the business she exchanged the building with Ernie Wood for his Hoddle Cottage south of the highway. Ernie Wood ran his radio and TV repair business from the shop in the 1960s. Then it was vacant for some time.

The building was renovated in 1992-1993 as a café by the Zionist Full Salvation Church who had a community on a property in Fountaindale Road.



Above: advertisement for the Robertson Village Café from the Robertson Newsletter, March 1999.

After they left it had a number of short term occupants including as an antique shop.

Research Notes from Andrew Kennard

This site is the probable location of the town's earliest doctors/chemists/dentists from the 1880s.

Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
	<i>(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)</i>
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the late 19th century commercial development of the western end of the main street of Robertson.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its association in the local area with a number of early Robertson residents including Frank Izzard (1890-1948). Frank Izzard set up his grocery shop in this building after WWI. Mrs. McBarron, who was widowed in 1939, worked in the store and cared for Mr. Izzard in later. He died in June 1948 in Bowral Hospital. After 1992 -1993 it was used as a café by the Zionist Full Salvation Church and it is currently used as a very much respected medical centre called the Robertson Doctor.</i>
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case an early single storey weatherboard parapet style shop building with a post supported verandah to street alignment.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although alterations and rebuilding has occurred over many years.

Statement of Heritage Significance

28 Hoddle Street, Robertson is significant because it illustrates the late 19th century commercial development of the western end of the main street of Robertson and for its association in the local area with a number of early Robertson residents including Frank Izzard (1890-1948). Frank Izzard set up his grocery shop in this building after WWI. Mrs. McBarron, who was widowed in 1939, worked in the store and cared for Mr. Izzard in later years. After 1992 -1993 it was used as a café by the Zionist Full Salvation Church and it is currently used as a very much respected medical centre called the Robertson Doctor. The place is of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form and for demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case an early single storey weatherboard parapet style shop building with a post-supported verandah to the street kerb.

Shop (one of a group of 7 verandahed shops) 30 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

March 2021: A single storey weatherboard building housing two shops at the western end of the main street of Robertson. The main roof behind the pedimented façade is a low gable clad in corrugated sheet. The simple post supported straight and relatively flat verandah extends over the footpath and is timber post supported and strap supported. At the rear there is an attached new apartment. Façade features large shop window openings. There is rear lane access via Burrawang Lane.



Above: 30 Hoddle Street, Robertson (March 2021).

Heritage Significance Assessment

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

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
	<i>(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)</i>
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the early commercial development of the western end of the main street of Robertson.</i>

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case an early single storey weatherboard parapet style shop building with a straight verandah to the street alignment.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although alterations and rebuilding has occurred over many years.

Statement of Heritage Significance

30 Hoddle Street, Robertson. is significant because it illustrates the early commercial development of the western end of the main street of Robertson. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form and for demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case an early single storey weatherboard parapet style shop building with a straight verandah to the street kerb.

Southern Rise Bakery (one of a group of 7 verandahed shops)

34 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

March 2021: A single storey weatherboard building with gabled iron clad roof and chimney located in the centre of the roof ridge. It reads as bungalow house to which a shop front has been built to the street alignment on the left hand side. Site is 1011m² and has rear lane access via Burrawang Lane.

Internet Review

Little information. Image below from this site accessed April 2021:

https://www.tripadvisor.com.au/Restaurant_Review-g529019-d7353234-Reviews-Southern_Rise_Bakery-Robertson_Southern_Highlands_New_South_Wales.html.



Above: 34 Hoddle Street Robertson (Source: https://www.tripadvisor.com.au/Restaurant_Review-g529019-d7353234-Reviews-Southern_Rise_Bakery-Robertson_Southern_Highlands_New_South_Wales.html).

History

Research Notes from Andrew Kennard

Probably pharmacy (EE Medicott) approx. 1891-1898 and possibly doctors (Corder, Nash, Wilson) between about 1889-1901.

20th Sept 1876

First purchased by Fortune John Holden, farmer of Kiama for 15 pound 1/3.

4th Feb 1889	Transferred to Michael Shanahan, baker of Robertson
3rd Jan 1890	Transferred to Robert Mullin, storekeeper of Wilds Meadow
6th Jan 1890	Mortgaged to Bridget Hanrahan, widow of Robertson
20th Nov 1894	Transferred to Isabella Hanrahan, widow of Robertson by mortgagee
16th Feb 1898	Transmission to Margaret Hanrahan, spinster of Robertson
25th Mar 1901	Transferred to Michael Hanrahan, farmer of Robertson
5th Feb 1902	Mortgaged to James Vincent Hanrahan, gentleman of Sydney and Thomas Walsh, grazier of Berrellan(?)
18th Jul 1906	Mortgage discharged
26th Jul 1923	Transferred to George Abbott, gentleman of Melbourne
7th May 1924	Mortgaged to Cecil James Purser, grazier of Blayney
5th Dec 1924	Mortgaged to Agnes Louisa Turton, wife of Frederick William Turton, conveyancer of Sydney
24th May 1926	Mortgage foreclosed, transferred to Agnes Louisa Turton
13th Dec 1929	Caveat entered
2nd Jun 1933	Caveat withdrawn
16th May 1933	Mortgage to Purser discharged
1st May 1933	Transferred to Samuel Thomas Whyte(?), tailor of Moss Vale
??	Transferred to Marcel Whyte and James Corbett as joint tenants

Extract on Samuel Whyte (1865-1940) from the Southern Highland News 14 August 2009

FOR 114 years, generations of the Whyte family have been clothing the people of the Southern Highlands, from head to toe. Since 1895, when Samuel Whyte set up his tailoring shop in Burrawang, Whytes store has been living up to the family motto "You Can Face The World When Your [sic] Dressed by Whytes".

Established in Moss Vale in 1897, Whytes' title as the town's oldest family-owned store is undisputed. But according to Family Business Australia, Whytes Moss Vale is also the second-oldest clothing business in Australia to have been run continuously by one family, beaten only by iconic Aussie hat-maker Akubra. Whytes ranks 14th as the longest-running family business known to Family Business Australia.

Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
	(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the early commercial development of the western end of the main street of Robertson.

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its association with a number of early owners including the Whyte family. Samuel Thomas Whyte 1865-1940 bought 34 Hoddle Street in 1933. This family has run a clothing business in the Southern Highlands for 126 years although it is not clear if this particular site in Robertson was ever used as a clothing store. Robertson History Group says probably a pharmacy (EE Medicott) approximately 1891-1898 and possibly doctors surgery (Corder, Nash, Wilson) between about 1889-1901 and later a Saddler's Shop in the early 1900s, Butcher's shop and then Bakery after 2000.</i>
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic value in the local area because of its setting and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of local area's heritage in this case a single storey gabled weatherboard cottage style building with shop projecting to front boundary.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although alterations and rebuilding has occurred over many years.

Statement of Heritage Significance

34 Hoddle Street, Robertson is significant because it illustrates the early commercial development of the western end of the main street of Robertson and for its association with a number of early owners including the Whyte family. Samuel Thomas Whyte 1865-1940 bought 34 Hoddle Street in 1933. This family has run a clothing business in the Southern Highlands for 126 years although it is not clear if this particular site in Robertson was ever used as a clothing store. Robertson History Group says probably a pharmacy (EE Medicott) approximately 1891-1898 and possibly doctors surgery (Corder, Nash, Wilson) between about 1889-1901 and later a Saddler's Shop in the early 1900s, Butcher's shop and then Bakery after 2000. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic value in the local area because of its setting and architectural form and for demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of local area's heritage in this case a single storey gabled weatherboard cottage style building with shop projecting to front boundary.

Antiques shop (one of a group of 7 verandahed shops) 36 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

March 2021: A single storey weatherboard shop/residence at the western end of the main street of Robertson. The main roof behind the pedimented facade is gabled and clad in new Colorbond® sheeting. The projecting shop bay is also gabled. The post supported bullnose verandah with timber brackets extends over the footpath. Facade features large shop window openings, French doors, and double hung window. There is rear lane access via Burrawang Lane.



Above: 36 Hoddle Street, Robertson (March 2021).

Internet Review

One image only below from this site c. 1997:

<https://www.onthehouse.com.au/property/nsw/robertson-2577/36-hoddle-st-robertson-nsw-2577-13699372>.



Above: 26 Hoddle Street, Robertson in c. 1997 (Source: <https://www.onthehouse.com.au/property/nsw/robertson-2577/36-hoddle-st-robertson-nsw-2577-13699372>).

History

Historical Notes from Robertson Village Heritage Walk by the Robertson History Group

Source: <http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au/robertson-village-walk.html> (accessed January 2021):

Old Shop. This was the Barber and Tobacconist shop from the early 1890s for many years and later from 1930 to 1951 a Drapery and Haberdashery.



Above: early image of Hoddle Street, Robertson. No 36 is the middle of the three verandahed buildings on left.



Above: early 1950's image shows Hoddle Street. No 36 is the red gable roofed building on the left.

Article from Robertson Newsletter August 2002

In talking to Ros about her new business, the interesting history of her shop also came to light. Once Robertson's barber shop, the picturesque building, with its bull-nose verandah, (see photo) is built on land originally bought from the Crown in 1876 for ten pounds. It changed hands several times before being set up as Mr Humphries Tobacconist and Barber, in 1895. It was Miss Agnes King's haberdashery from 1930 until 1951, then a private dwelling for some time owned first by Mrs Mauger, then by Dorothy Nugent, before Carol and Kevin McCallum, bought it in the 1990s to set up "Elspeth Antiques".

A big welcome to a new business, adding another page of history to one of our interesting old buildings.



Above: Barber shop



Right: Antiques shop.

Above: Article and images from Robertson Newsletter, August 2002. Image at right is No. 36 Hoddle Street from the 1990s.

Research Notes from Andrew Kennard

Tobacconist, Hairdresser and sometime pound keeper, A . Humphries from no later than 1888.

20 th Sept 1876	First purchased by James Gilroy, farmer of Robertson for 10 pound.
3 rd Nov 1881	Transferred to John Davis, publican of Robertson
11 th Oct 1884	Transferred to Mary Ann Price, widow of Robertson
13 th Oct 1884	Mortgaged to Charles Clarence Gale, solicitor of Moss Vale

16 th Mar 1888	<i>Mortgage discharged</i>
31 st Mar 1888	<i>Mortgaged to /William Stewart, storekeeper of Jamberoo</i>
17 th Mar 1892	<i>Mortgage discharged</i>
3 rd Oct 1892	<i>Mortgaged to Alfred Edmund Jaques, solicitor of Sydney and Joseph Herbert Mullens, clerk in holy orders of Pyrmont</i>
29 th Aug 1895	<i>Mortgage discharged</i>
29 th Aug 1895	<i>Transfer of the easterly (?) to Andrew Humphries, tobacconist of Robertson and the rest to Peter Page, produce merchant of Sydney</i>

Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site (no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the late 19th century commercial development of the western end of the main street of Robertson.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its association in the local area with a number of businesses including Andrew Humphries, barber and tobacconist from 1895, Mrs Agnes King, haberdasher 1930-1951 and Carol and Kevin McCallum, antique dealers in the 1990s.</i>
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of local area's heritage in this case an early single storey gabled weatherboard cottage style building with post supported bullnose verandah over the front footpath.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although alterations over many years.

Statement of Heritage Significance

36 Hoddle Street, Robertson is significant because it illustrates the late 19th century commercial development of the western end of the main street of Robertson and for its association in the local area with a number of businesses including Andrew Humphries, barber and tobacconist from 1895, Mrs Agnes King, haberdasher 1930-1951 and Carol and Kevin McCallum, antique dealers in the 1990s. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form and in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of local area's heritage in this case an early single storey gabled weatherboard cottage style building with post supported bullnose verandah over the front footpath.

Former Uniting Church

39-41 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

March 2021: A very attractive 1902 Gothic style weatherboard church on a large site at the western end of the town of Robertson. On the front alignment there is new well designed round top picket fence and this design is repeated in the garden as well. The gable end facing the street has simple and elegant timber framework. Windows have rounded frame tops. In recent years it has been converted into very high quality B and B studios, as shown by the internet images. There is rear lane access via Alcorn Lane.

Internet Review

21 images from this site including one below <https://www.booking.com/hotel/au/church-conversion.en-gb.html>.



Above: View of the former Church from Hoddle Street (Source: <https://www.booking.com/hotel/au/church-conversion.en-gb.html>).



Above: Early undated postcard of the church and former manse.

Historical Notes from Robertson Village Heritage Walk by the Robertson History Group

Source: <http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au/robertson-village-walk.html> (accessed January 2021):

The Church Building. The first Wesleyan slab church was built here from trees cut on the site in the early 1870s, replaced by a later church in 1888, until the present church was opened in 1902. and the hall added in 1932. It was a Methodist Church which became a Uniting Church in 1977 but has now ceased to be used as a church.



Above: The timber manse to the right of the church at 37 Hoddle Street, built 1896, is now a private residence and was LEP listed in 2017.

History

Historical Notes from the Robertson History Group

Lot 3 Section 15 37-39 Hoddle Street.

10 January 1878 Grant for Wesleyan Church residence

Lot 4 and 5 Section 15. Church and 43/45 Hoddle (Light Horse Gallery)

10 January 1878 Grant for Wesleyan Church.

Robertson Uniting Church, then and now

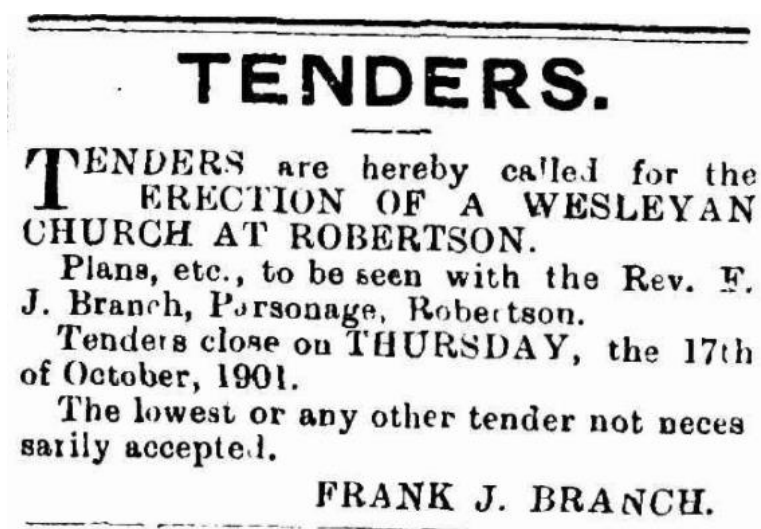
There isn't a lot of information available about the origins of the Uniting Church in Robertson, but it is evident that many of these pioneers were Wesleyan Methodists. The original church of timber slab construction was erected in Hoddle Street around 1870. By 1888 this was in poor condition and was replaced by another building. In 1894 the community had built a fine manse next door in timber for a regular minister. This building is now rented as a private dwelling.

The current timber church was erected in 1902 on the same site as the previous church. It is thought to be of local cedar - now painted, but the vaulted ceiling inside today shows its original beauty. A school hall was added to the church in 1932.

During the early years, congregations had also developed in Wildes Meadow and Kangaloon, & by 1888 had become part of what was then known as the Robertson Methodist Circuit. During the 20th Century, the Robertson Church remained a strong centre of worship & community activity, with fellowship, youth, and children's groups. With the shift in population towards larger centres and a decline in farm labour in the late 20th century, and the incorporation of the local Methodist community as part of the Uniting Church, Wildes Meadow church was closed, Kangaloon church became attached to Bowral, and Robertson began to be ministered to from Moss Vale.

Above: *Clipping about the Robertson Uniting Church from the Robertson Newsletter October 2011.*

The 1901 tender below called in the name of Rev. Frank James Branch 1860-1930 who was the Minister in residence at the time.



Above: Newspaper advertisement for tenders for the construction of the church in 1901. (Source: Trove—1901, The Mittagong Express (NSW. : 1899 ; 1901 - 1902), 11 October, p. 2. , viewed 20 Apr 2023, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-page30024170>).

Ryerson Index (Francis James Branch):

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

Surname	Given Names	Notice Type	Date	Event	Age	Other Details	Publication	Published
BRANCH	Francis James	Obituary	20MAY1930	Death	70	late of Castle Hill, formerly of Port Macquarie	Wauchope Gazette	28MAY1930

Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
	<i>(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)</i>
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the development of the western end of three main street of Robertson in the late 19th Century. Built in 1902 it is the third of churches built on the same site.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because the beauty of its setting and architectural form including its sensitively handled adaptive re-use.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its association with the local Methodist/Uniting Church community of Robertson and surrounding area.</i>
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a small weatherboard Gothic Style rural church.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made including those to enable its conversion for residential use.

Statement of Heritage Significance

The Former Uniting Church at 39-41 Hoddle Street, Robertson is significant because it illustrates the development of the western end of the main street of Robertson in the late 19th Century, for being the third of three churches built on the same site and for its association with the local Methodist/Uniting Church community of Robertson and surrounding area. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because the beauty of its setting and architectural form including its sensitively handled adaptive re-use for accommodation and in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a small weatherboard Gothic Style rural church.

Studio 40 (one of a group of 7 verandahed shops) 40 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

2021: A single storey shop located at the western end of the main street of Robertson. It has low roof behind a low parapet to the front. The shallow depth bullnose verandah extends over the footpath and is cantilevered. Fenestration includes a large window and a pair of double hung sash windows to the facade. While thought to date from 1890 it is likely to have been subject to rebuilding. Has rear lane access via Burrawang Lane.



Above: 40 Hoddle Street, Robertson (March 2021).

Internet Review

70 images of No 40 from 2009 at this site from 2009: <https://www.realestate.com.au/property/40-hoddle-st-robertson-nsw-2577>.

History

Research Notes from Andrew Kennard

Saddler (Moss, then Clarke) from 1890.



Above: early 1950's image shows No 40 Hoddle Street on left between the red roofed No 36 and the green roofed No 42.

Heritage Significance Assessment

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

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
	<i>(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)</i>
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the early commercial development of the western end of the main street of Robertson.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a single storey shop with cantilevered verandah to the street.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

40-Hoddle Street, Robertson is significant because it illustrates the early commercial development of the western end of the main street of Robertson. It is also of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a single storey shop with cantilevered verandah to the street.

Pizzas in the Mist (one of a group of 7 verandahed shops) 42 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

March 2021: A large single storey weatherboard restaurant located on the corner of Caalong Street. The hipped roof is major feature of this building. The simple timber post supported shallow depth bullnose verandah extends over the footpath to both streets. The kerb is characteristically high. Façades to both streets feature large window openings. The roof has been painted red in recent times or else roof replaced. The Hoddle/Caalong intersection is important to the whole main street – this building 42 Hoddle, Hampden Park to the north east, the heritage listed primary school to the south east and the attractive heritage style buildings on the south west at 43 and 45 Hoddle Street. Hoddle is the main east west street Illawarra Highway and Caalong is the commencement of historic Kangaloon Road which runs from this corner for 24 kilometres to Bowral.



Above: 42 Hoddle Street, Robertson (March 2021).

Internet Review

The image below was sourced from the following website: <https://mapio.net/s/83600667/>.



Above: image of 42 Hoddle Street, Robertson showing the previous green roof and verandah striping.
(Source: <https://mapio.net/s/83600667/>.)

History

Historical Notes from Robertson Village Heritage Walk by the Robertson History Group

Source: <http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au/robertson-village-walk.html> (accessed January 2021):

***Pizzas in the Mist.** There has always been a store where Pizzas in the Mist is now. It was William Graham's General Store from the 1890s and later Arthur Vandenberg's store from the late 1920s to the late 1930s. At one time it included a Billiard Saloon.*

Research Notes from the Robertson History Group

Lot 6 Section 16 38-42 Hoddle Street.

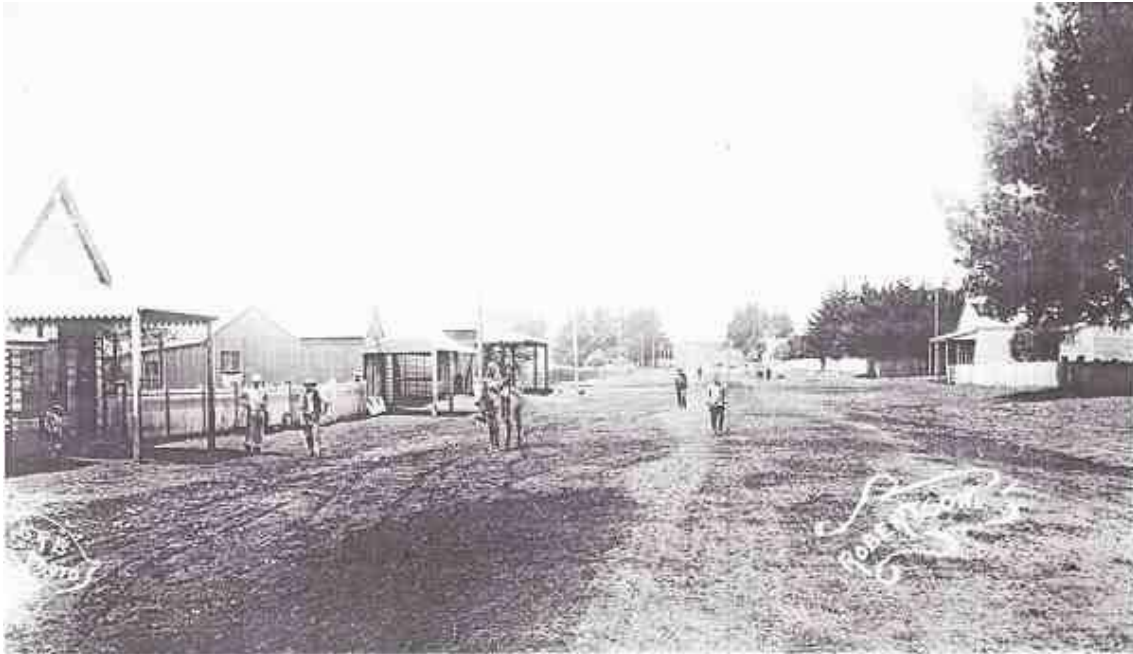
20 Sep 1876 First purchased by Joseph Tidmarsh, farmer of Robertson for 15/2/6.

Ryerson Index (Arthur James Charles Vandenberg):

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

Likely notification for Arthur Vandenberg – place and time is right:

Surname	Given Names	Notice Type	Date	Event	Age	Other Details	Publication	Published
VANDENBERGH	Arthur James Charles	Death notice	23MAY1958	Death		late of Robertson	Sydney Morning Herald	24MAY1958



Above: a very early image shows Hoddle Street, Robertson. No 42 as the last verandahed building on the left on the corner of Caalong Street.



Above: early 1950's image shows Hoddle Street. No 42 is the last building on the left with green roof on the corner of Caalong Street.



Above: 1937 photo of the shop on the corner of Hoddle and Caalong Streets. Corner sign reads "A.VANDENBERGH" (Source: 2001, Bailey, Joyce "The Well Mature Robertson Cheese Factory", self-published, p 51.)

Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site (no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the late 19th century commercial development of the western end of the main street of Robertson.
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	Of significance because of its association in the local area with a number of businesses including William Graham's General Store from the 1890s, Arthur Vandenberg's store from the late 1920s to the late 1930s and the current Pizzas in the Mist restaurant from 1999.
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form.
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of local area's heritage in this case an early single storey gabled weatherboard cottage style building with post supported bullnose verandah over the front footpath.

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations over many years.

Statement of Heritage Significance

42-Hoddle Street, Robertson. is significant because it illustrates the late 19th century commercial development of the western end of the main street of Robertson and for its association in the local area with a number of businesses including William Graham's General Store from the 1890s, Arthur Vandenberg's store from the late 1920s to the late 1930s and the current Pizzas in the Mist restaurant from 1999. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form and for demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of local area's heritage in this case an early single storey gabled weatherboard cottage style building with post supported bullnose verandah over the front footpath.

Light Horse Gallery and adjoining house 43-45 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

March 2021: A large single storey weatherboard store located on the corner of Caalong Street. Behind the pedimented facade is a gabled roof. The timber post and bracket supported straight verandah extends over the footpath and returns to the left where it also extends over the footpath. The Hoddle/Caalong intersection is important to the whole main street. The intersection has this building to the south west, Hampden Park to the north east, the heritage listed primary school to the south east and the Pizza restaurant on the north west corner. The double fronted weatherboard house at No 43 is in the same ownership as No 45. No 43 has a projecting gable to the street. Both buildings have had conservation work done to them in recent years and are in very good condition.



Above: The Light Horse Gallery shopfront and adjoining house at 43-45 Hoddle Street, Robertson (March 2021).

Internet Review

12 Images at this site from 2012: <https://www.realestate.com.au/property/43-45-hoddle-st-robertson-nsw-2577>.

Land size is stated as 1164m².

History

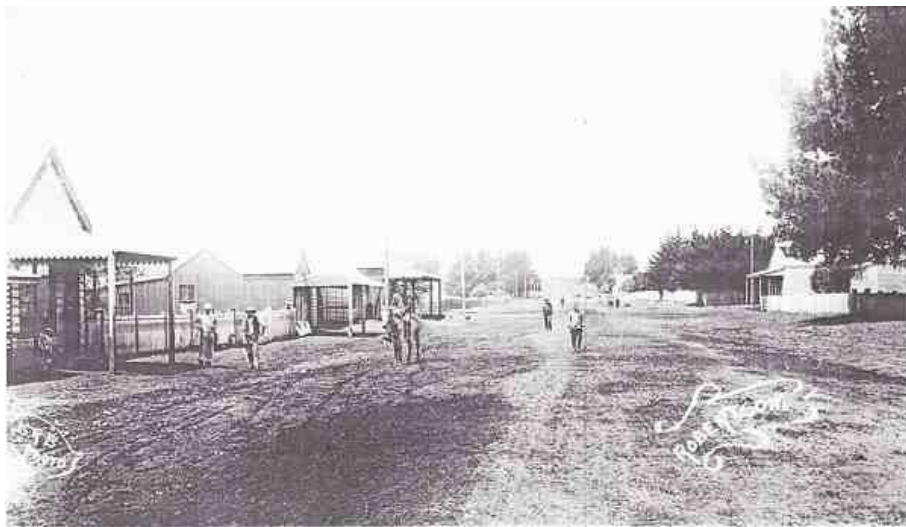
Research Notes from the Robertson History Group

Lot 4 and 5 Section 15. Church and 43/45 Hoddle (Light Horse Gallery) 10 January 1878 Grant for Wesleyan Church.

Historical Notes from Robertson Village Heritage Walk by the Robertson History Group

Source: <http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au/robertson-village-walk.html> (accessed January 2021):

The Light Horse Gallery: This building has been in use since the 1890s, starting as an Auctioneer's office and as the Orderly Room for a half squadron of the Australian Light Horse. It was Henningham's General Store from the 1930s, bought by the Dairy Farmers Co-op in the 1950s. For 34 years from 1968 to 2002, it was St Anthony's Roman Catholic Church. Then it was occupied by Elder's Real Estate before being extensively and sensitively restored as the Light Horse Gallery.



Above: early image shows Hoddle Street. No 45 is the last verandah building on the right on the corner of Caalong Street.



Above: 1950's image shows Hoddle Street looking east. No 45 is the last verandah building on the right on the corner of Caalong Street. No 43 is the gabled house first right.

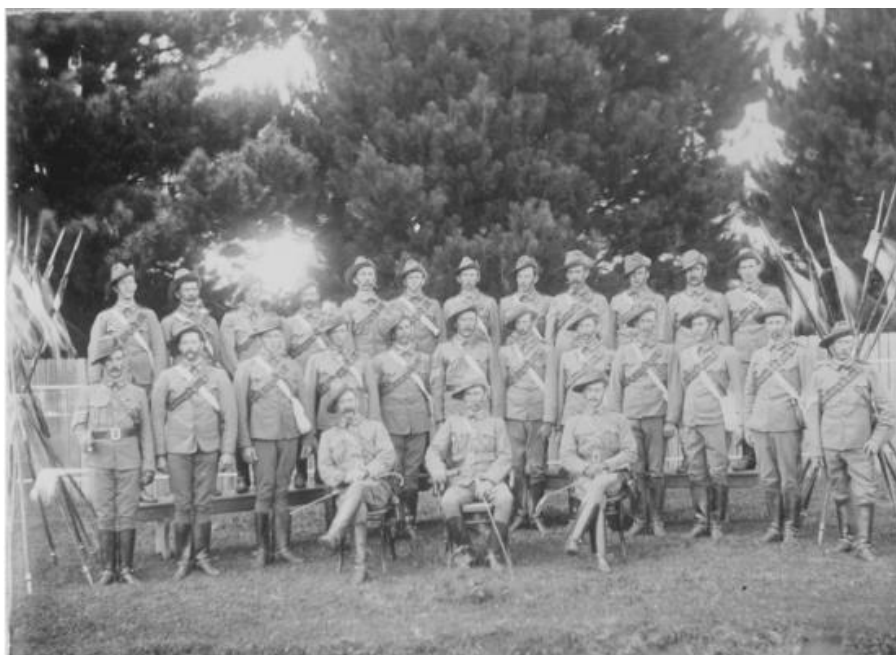


Above: image from Robertson Newsletter June 2004. Used then as an Elders store.

Extract from Robertson Newsletter June 2002

Source: https://www.robertsonctc.org.au/uploads/4/0/2/2/40223981/edition_30_-_june_2002.pdf:

Sunday the 23rd of June, will be the last mass to be held in St. Anthony's church on the corner of Hoddle and Caalong Streets, after which the building will be taken over by Elders Real Estate. The building itself has quite a history. At the turn of the last century it was used by the Light Horse Brigade, attached to the West Camden Troop. During the Boer War, at least five of the Light Horse came from Robertson. At a later stage, the building was transformed into Mrs. Henningham's General Store, selling groceries, haberdashery and stock feed. It was later taken over by Dairy Farmers, then remained empty until St. Anthony's purchased it in 1968. Prior to that, Catholic Church services were held at St. Anthony's Monastery, run by the Franciscan Monks (now Ranelagh). When the monks sold the Monastery, the church purchased the old shop on the corner of Caalong and Hoddle Streets. It has operated there since 1968. Until the new Catholic Church is built on the corner of Wollungunda and Hoddle Streets, Catholic services will be held at Burrawang.



Above: Undated Image above Robertson Light Horse. Photo courtesy of B. McEvilly. (Source: Robertson Newsletter June 2002

https://www.robertsonctc.org.au/uploads/4/0/2/2/40223981/edition_30_-_june_2002.pdf.)

LIGHT HORSE GALLERY



An exciting new art gallery has opened in Robertson, an area known as the artistic hub of the Southern Highlands. Amanda Louth, an artist who has always dreamed of opening a gallery, feels she has found the perfect location. The new Light Horse Gallery is on Hoddle Street, in an historic building with lots of character and charm. Together with her partner Ken Forshaw, the old

“Elders” building has taken on a new lease of life. Ken has meticulously restored the building: replacing the footings and damaged weatherboards.

The building has had a chequered past – general store, dairy farmers, real estate and even a catholic church. The name of the gallery is taken from the days of the mounted volunteers West Camden Light Horse Squadron. The Robertson group used the building as their headquarters. Local dairy farmer Brian McEvilly recalls that his grandfather, Richard, born in 1856, was a Major in the Squadron.

Above: article from Robertson Newsletter October 2010.

Heritage Significance Assessment

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

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
	<i>(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)</i>
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the development of the western end of the main street of Robertson in the late 19th Century.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because the beauty of its setting and architectural form of both the corner store and adjoining house.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its association with:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. The Robertson contingent of the Light Horse Brigade at the turn of the 19th Century</i> <i>2. The local Catholic community of Robertson and surrounding area as St Anthony's Catholic Church from 1968-2002.</i>
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	<i>Of significance because No 45 Hoddle Street, Robertson possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case former use from 1968 to 2002 as St Anthony's Roman Catholic Church.</i>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance because No 43 Hoddle Street, Robertson demonstrates the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case an early single storey gable fronted weatherboard cottage.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

The Light Horse Gallery and adjoining house at 43-45 Hoddle Street, Robertson is significant because it illustrates the development of the western end of the main street of Robertson in the late 19th Century and for its association with the Robertson contingent of the Light Horse Brigade at the turn of the 19th Century and the local Catholic community of Robertson and surrounding area for being St Anthony's Catholic Church from 1968-2002. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of the beauty of its setting and architectural form of both the corner store and adjoining house. The corner store at No 45 Hoddle Street possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case its former use from 1968 to 2002 as St Anthony's Roman Catholic Church. No 43 Hoddle Street demonstrates the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case an early single storey gable fronted weatherboard cottage.

Hampden Park

48 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

March 2021: Most of this large site is occupied by an oval. Facilities are listed by the council as: Sports fields (1 cricket & 2 soccer), children's play area, Skate Park, picnic area, BBQ area, shelter and toilet facilities. Tennis Courts (3 in total). The Park has mature exotic trees along the Hoddle Street frontage and native trees along Caalong Creek at the rear (north). It has been a public park since 1897 and its major contribution to the heritage of the Robertson at this time is to provide an important green space in the middle of town as shown by the first photograph below. In the future it could well serve as a proper town park to a larger town with the sporting facilities being moved elsewhere including the show ground site.



Above: View of plantings along the Hoddle Street frontage of Hampden Park as viewed from the corner of Caalong Street.



Above: Aerial photo of Hampden Park. Bounded by Caalong Street on left, Hoddle Street at bottom and with some frontage to Meryla Street on right (Source: SIX Maps)

History

Research Notes from Helen Tranter and <https://robertson.nsw.au/history.html>

This Park was dedicated in 1897 and named after 2nd Viscount Hampden, the Governor of New South Wales from 1895 to 1899. It has been a centre for passive and active recreation for residents, for sports, community picnics or celebrations. The facilities today include a BBQ, children's playground and a small skate park. Caalong Creek borders the playing fields and a little wooden bridge, built by Lions Club volunteers, connects the fields to a part of the Park called the Bush Park. Previously a swampy wasteland, it was rehabilitated with Council assistance and in 1988, the bicentennial year, the school children and residents planted over 1,000 trees there. These have now grown to create the setting for a pleasant winding path, part of the Caalong Street walk.



Above: View of main oval of Hampden Park from the north looking toward Hampden Street (left) and Caalong Street (right) (March 2021).



Above: 1912 advertisement for a tender for wire netting at Hampden Park (Source: Trove—1912 'Advertising', Robertson Advocate (NSW : 1894 - 1923), 23 August, p. 3. , viewed 14 Apr 2023, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article113791197>)



Above: Map showing the central and prominent location of Hampden Park in the main street of Robertson.

Heritage Significance Assessment

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

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
	(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	Of significance to the history of the local area as an important and central part of the planned government town of Robertson
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in aesthetic achievement in the local area in providing a welcome green space to the centre of the town of Robertson.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its strong association with the sporting and general community of Robertson and District.</i>
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a public park from the 19th Century.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some additions and improvements have been made over time.

Statement of Heritage Significance

Hampden Park at 48 Hoddle Street, Robertson is significant as an important and central part of the planned government town of Robertson and for its strong association with the sporting and general community of Robertson and District. It is also of significance in aesthetic achievement in the local area in providing a welcome green space to the centre of the town of Robertson and in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a public park from the 19th Century.

St John's Anglican Church and Rectory

62-66 Illawarra Highway (Hoddle Street), Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Heritage Survey 2009 Recommendation

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

The church has historic significance for its role in the development of the community. The church is important for its aesthetic and landmark qualities. As a place of public worship, the Church has social values for the community.

Description

October 2020:

Church. A freestanding sandstone church in a simple Gothic Revival style that dates from 1876 set on a corner site to Meryla Street a main street setting that has retained its context. The church includes an extension in stone built to the east in 1940. The site has no front fence but stone piers in the driveway to the rectory. The roof is gabled and has closed eaves and is clad in corrugated sheet metal and features a fine belfry. The gabled entry porch projects from the rear facade. Fenestration comprises pointed arch, trefoil leadlight windows and a fine set of three stained glass windows. The building appears to be in good condition and is highly intact. Alterations include brick remembrance wall and metal fencing at rear.



Above: Photograph of St John's Church from the south from Hoddle Street (2020).



Above: Photograph of the northern side of St John's Church showing the entry vestibule (2020)

Rectory. The site also features a fine single storey sandstone rectory to the west of the church which compliments the setting of the place. It is understood that the foundation stone was laid on 22 October 1921. It was completed and opened in January 1924. The rectory has a hipped and gabled roof. The only unsympathetic changes to the rectory are a carport to the left and what appears to be a replacement of an earlier roof material. It is understood that the 22 May 1961 Robertson Earthquake caused the chimneys of the rectory to fall and this may explain the need for a newer roof. The garden is turfed and sparsely landscaped and has mature conifers and exotic trees, including a cypress hedge and shrubs.



Above: Photograph of the Rectory at 62-66 Illawarra Highway, Robertson (2020).

Internet Review

April 2023: Some good images on Flickr

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/johncowper/5908416734/in/photostream/>.

History

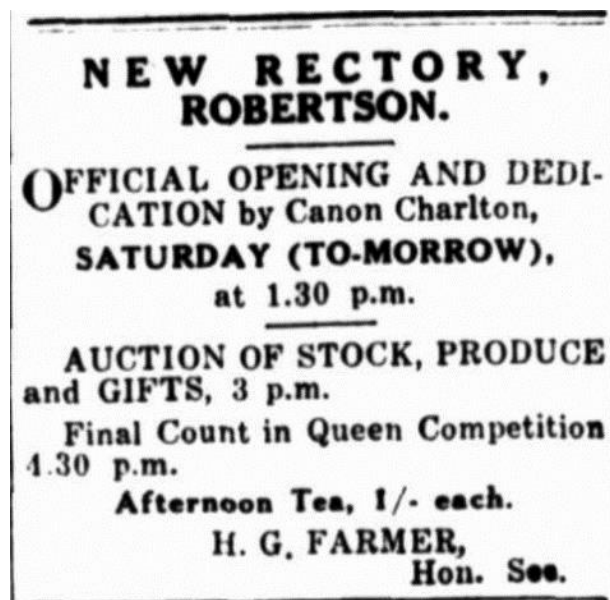
Historical Notes from Heritage Survey 2009

St. John's Church of England was opened on 6 December 1876, when Rev. J. Langley preached an open sermon. A tea meeting was held at the "Iron Store" afterwards and at a Bruce auction twenty head of cattle were sold for the benefit of the church funds. The original building cost 569 pounds. A new vestry was built in 1887. Trees and shrubs were planted around the church in 1901. The foundation stone for the extensions to the edifice was laid by John Missingham on 28 February 1940 and the work was completed in May. For some reason the church was not consecrated until 13 March 1954, when Archbishop Mowell performed the ceremony. (Existing WSC Inventory)

Architects for the Rectory were Burcham Clamp and MacKellar (1920 'LOCAL AND GENERAL.', *The Scrutineer and Berrima District Press* (NSW : 1892 - 1948), 8 September, p. 2. , viewed 12 Apr 2023, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article124753386>):

Builders desirous of tendering for the erection of a rectory at Robertson are asked to forward their names to Burcham Clamp and MacKellar, architects, 122 Pitt-street, Sydney

The Rectory was official opened on 12 January 1924:



Above: newspaper article from 1924 'Advertising', *The Southern Mail* (Bowral, NSW : 1889 - 1954), 11 January, p. 4. , viewed 12 Apr 2023, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article114063916>

Additional note: *A History of the Parish of Robertson*, 1976 (p 19) by Rev A. Horrex. The Bell Tower of the church was brought down by the severe earthquake of 22 May 1961 and was subsequently rebuilt.

Notes from this site accessed January 2021 <http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au/robertson-village-walk.html>:

St. John's Church. *Built of stone from nearby Glenquarry, the church was completed in 1876, at a time when there were few other buildings in the village.*

From Townsing book on Church and Edward Streets, Bowral – p 93 section on Henry Sheaffe.

St Johns of Robertson bears the date 1876, but it may have been built several years earlier. In 1940 a new wing (vestry) was added. From the above photo it is the wing on the left- hand side rear. The architect was Henry Sheaffe, and he went to great care to harmonize the additions with the older building and looking at it today it is hard to pick the addition.

In 1940 articlesan article appeared in *The Southern Mail* about the addition of a Vestry and Chancel to the Church. The foundation stone was set by John Missingham Esq. on Wednesday 28 February 1940 (1940 'Advertising - Laying of Foundation Stone', *The Southern Mail* [Bowral, NSW : 1889 –

1954], 23 February, p. 3. , viewed 13 Apr 2023, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article118890520> and 1940 'St. John's Robertson', *The Southern Mail [Bowral, NSW : 1889 – 1954]*, 1 March, p. 3. , viewed 12 Apr 2023, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article118893030>). The latter article going on to state:

The additions are being carried out in stone in accordance with the plans drawn by Mr. H. Sheaffe to harmonise with the old building: and will add greatly to the beauty and dignity of St John's.

The Southern Mail further reported on the progress of the additions (1940 'Advertising – Additions to Church', *The Southern Mail [Bowral, NSW : 1889 – 1954]*, 23 February, p. 4. , viewed 13 Apr 2023, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article118890494>), stating:

The architect for this work is Mr. H. Sheaffe; the contractor is Mr. Herb. S. Hambridge; and the stone masons are Messrs. Bush Bros. and Sons, of Peshurst.

Biographical Notes on Henry Sheaffe (1873-1958). Dennis McManus. January 1 2022.

The notes below draw heavily on Maureen and Bud Townsing's book *A brief History of Church and Edward Streets Bowral* 2016 pages 68-100. Copies of the book are available from Bud Townsing who can be contacted on 0429 030 195. to these notes I have added other known architectural and survey work by Henry Sheaffe and his father George.

Henry Sheaffe (1873-1958) was the eldest son of surveyor George Henry Sheaffe (1841-1932) and was born in Hunters Hill, Sydney on the 7th February 1873. The family came to Bowral when he was a child - and he received his first education at Bowral Public School. The family moved to Forbes when Henry was about nine years of age and later to Orange, where Henry completed his education at Wollaroi School, and upon leaving school he was articled to an architect in that town. Having served his articles, he went to Goulburn, where his father was then living, and . went out in the field to learn surveying. He passed as a licensed surveyor in 1899.

He did survey work for the British Government in Malaya and in particular in 1900 worked on the survey between Thailand (Siam) and Malaya. On return to Australia he took on surveying for the NSW Government.

In 1902 he went to the Inverell district and learned what a dreadful drought is like in the back country; later he undertook contract survey work for the Department of Lands on the Manning River. In 1906 Sheaffe joined the trigonometrical survey staff in New South Wales and enjoyed one of the longest titles in the service — Surveyor in Charge of Field Work of Trigonometrical Survey of New South Wales. He spent five years in the Western country. He then managed a property at Nyngan and later purchased *Coonarbee* at Cobar in partnership with Mr. W. P. Bragg. This partnership was dissolved in November 1912. He then acquired the property *Ayr* at Gundy near Scone.

On the 13th September 1911 he married Anne McGilvray McPhail of Moonee Ponds. They had two daughters Amy Marjorie born 1915 and Mary Rosalie (Molly) born 1917

In September 1917 Henry returned to Bowral and in December he had a Bowral telephone service with the number Bowral 113. He practised as H. Sheaffe, Surveyor and Architect. Henry always gave his business address as *Twickenham* in Bendooley Street on the corner of Banyette Street (in 2021 owned by the Education Department) so it appears that Henry and George effectively shared offices. Each traded under their own name - either "G. H. Sheaffe LS", or "H. Sheaffe, Surveyor and Architect".

Henry Sheaffe became an Alderman of the Bowral Municipal Council in February 1921 filling a vacancy by election and he remained an alderman until 1931. He served on all of Council's committees and was actively involved in the affairs of Council. He was Mayor in 1929-1931. In 1930 it was reported that *Henry has shown a progressive spirit in matters affecting the welfare of the town. Ald. Sheaffe supported the electricity scheme and has intimated his support to the proposal to install sewerage if satisfactory financial arrangements can be made.*

Henry served his community in other ways including:

- 1925 -1949 Honorary Architect to the Berrima District Hospital
- Member of Masonic Lodge Camarvon No 172. His name appears on the Past Masters Board for the year of 1927.

- Secretary School of Arts and Library Committee 1932 to 1939 and President from 1939 to 1947.
- President of the Bowral Horse Show and Gymkhana Society 1931-1946.
- Committee Member of Bowral Golf Club 1941 to 1944 and in 1953. Vice President 1945 - 1951 and President in 1952.
- Senior War Warden for his section of the Glebe Estate in Bowral from 1942

In 1949 The Southern Mail of 11 February reported: Mr. Harry Sheaffe, of Bowral, spent his 74th birthday in carrying out his work as a surveyor in particularly rugged country near Black Bob's Creek, about eight miles from Berrima.

Henry Sheaffe's last job appears to been the Bowral Baby Health centre extensions which were opened in September 1954. Henry had drawn up the plans for the extension but due to illness handed the project over to Mr. P. C. Blacket to complete the job.

In 1952 The Sydney Morning Herald of 11 December recorded the death of Henry Sheaffe's wife Ann: Ann McGilvray Sheaffe—December 10, 1952, at Bowral, beloved wife of Harry Sheaffe, of 4 Edward Street, Bowral, and dearly loved mother of Annie and Mollie. The Southern Mail of 19 December 1952. recorded that Ann had been an active member of the Presbyterian Church, the YWCA, the CWA and the Red Cross.

The Southern Mail reported on the 18th September 1953 that Henry was in Bowral Hospital but improving. Sometime after that he moved to be with his daughters in Barraba where he died in 1958 and is buried.

Henry spent 35 years working in Bowral – 1917-1952. He was very prominent in public life and community affairs and was an alderman for 10 years and Mayor for two years. A street in Bowral bears his name.

Henry Sheaffe did a broad range of architectural work for commercial buildings, council buildings and domestic residences. As noted by Maureen and Bud Townsing it has not always been possible to identify all of Sheaffe's work (especially houses). Those that we do know of include:

- 1917 Newbold's Store, 309 Bong Bong Street Bowral. In 2021 this building includes the Bookshop Bowral store.
- 1917 small power plant house for St Judes Church in Bendooley Street, Bowral
- 1920 WWI memorial obelisk in Memorial Park in the main street of Bowral built by Loveridge and Hudson using local trachyte stone from Mt Gibraltar
- 1920 memorial entrance gates and honour roll at St Judes Church in Bendooley Street, Bowral (iron gates and roof added later). Erected by D. Dunwoodie. The Robertson Advocate 5/11/1920.
- 1920 Mouquet the 1920 War Widow House at 37 Woodbine/Bundaroo Street, Bowral
- 1925 Hampshire and Moore motor and engineering building in the main street of Bowral on the corner of Bowral Street
- 1927-28 House at 5 Edward Street, Bowral (Glebe Estate)
- 1929 CWA building in Corbett Gardens, Bowral
- 1931 St Marks Church at 1540 Kangaloon Road, Kangaloon. Built by Mr. L. G. Price, of Bowral. Converted to a residence in the 1990s.
- 1932 Southern Rise Bakery shop and residence above at 332 Argyle Street, Moss Vale.
- 1933 Ambulance Station, 411-415 Bong Bong Street, Bowral. Building is on Australian Institute of Architects list of Notable Buildings in NSW. In 2021 it is the Alliance Bank.
- 1936 Wingecarribee Shire Council Electricity Sub Station in Argyle Street, Moss Vale
- 1936 Additions to Bowral Town Hall. Builder H S Hambridge. SMH 7/7/1936. Likely to be at the rear and for the purpose of Electricity Fund offices and Show Room.
- 1937 Two storey Produce Store at 31 Station Street, Bowral. Builder H C Smith of Clarke Street, Bowral Construction and Real Estate Journal 3/2/1937. In 2021 a rug showroom.
- 1937 Southern Portland Cement Power House and Boiler Room, New Berrima
- 1938 Alcorn Memorial Clock Tower, Argyle Street, Moss Vale. *The Southern Mail* 23/11/1937
- 1939 Alterations/additions to School of Arts (Memorial Hall) in Bendooley Street Bowral.
- 1940 Vestry to St Johns Anglican Church, 64 Hoddle Street, Robertson.

- 1940 Stafford Cottage, 22 Bendooley Street, Bowral. Alterations and additions to this council owned cottage next to the former Bowral Town Hall. Builder Herb. S Hambridge.
- 1944 Repairs to Bowral Gas Works Retort Building roof. *The Southern Mail* 3/11/1944.

Important survey work 1917 Jervis Bay City Estate (the port of the Federal Capital & the site of the Naval College), the 1919 Port Stephens City plans and the 1921 plan for the Glebe Estate in Bowral.

Henry had a busy surveying practice in Bowral from 1917. We know this because the plans were approved by the full council and thus recorded in the minutes.

From a Bowral heritage point of view perhaps Sheaffe's most important legacy is his 1921 subdivision design for the Glebe Estate church lands. . The BDHS archives has two plans for the Glebe. One is a sketch plan by renown architect John (later Sir John) Sulman dated April 1920 and the other a plan signed by Henry Sheaffe and dated 11th April 1921. We know that the 1920 Easter Bowral Vestry meeting considered two plans – one by Sulman and the other by G H Sheaffe - Henry's father. Because of the similarities between Sulman's sketch plan and Sheaffe's plan, what appears to have happened is that the Sheaffe plan was a formal working up of the sketch plan by Sulman. What is also likely is that both George Sheaffe and his son Henry Sheaffe worked on the final plan which carried Henry's signature only dated 11th April 1921.

Outside of Bowral Henry Sheaffe was the surveyor for both the 1917 Jervis Bay and 1919 Port Stephens City plans prepared in collaboration with Walter Burley Griffin, Landscape Architect.

Heritage Significance Assessment

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(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the development of the main street of the planned government town of Robertson.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of the 1920 design of the Rectory by architects Burcham, Clamp and MacKellar and the 1940 extension design to the church by Henry Sheaffe (1873-1958) prominent architect and surveyor, community leader and Mayor of Bowral 1929-1931.</i>
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because the beauty of its setting and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Both the church and rectory have a strong association with the Anglican community of Robertson and local area.</i>
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a small rural sandstone Gothic Revival Church.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Both the church and rectory are substantially intact.

Statement of Heritage Significance

St John's Anglican Church and the Rectory at 62-66 Illawarra Highway, Robertson are significant because they illustrates the development of the main street of the planned government town of Robertson in both the 19th and 20th Centuries and of significance for the 1940 extension to the church designed by Henry Sheaffe, prominent architect and surveyor, community leader and Mayor of Bowral 1929-1931 The church and rectory have a strong association with the Anglican community of Robertson and local area and they are of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement because of the beauty of their setting and architectural form. In the case of the church it demonstrates the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage, in this case a small rural sandstone Gothic Revival Church.

Former 1896 Post Office 63 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

An 1896 Walter Liberty Vernon designed post office and attached two storey residence now a residence located in the civic block of the main street of Robertson adjoining police station, school of arts and public school. Ground floor sandstone construction with vertical timber unpainted shingle upper floor to residence (now painted.). In 1961 the building was earthquake affected. In repairing the damage the front chimney (and possibly rear chimney also) was removed to roof level, the front stone wall to the public area on the street front with its round arched windows was replaced in part by a squared shopfront window with timber infill above. "S" shaped anchor plates were inserted into the stone wall. The elegant turned timber support columns to the street were replaced by a stone pillar possibly from the demolished wall and or chimney. See 1969 image below.

Internet Review

No image found except Google Earth Street View image of the site in winter.



Above: Google Earth image shows the timber replacement of the front pediment following the earthquake in 1961 (Source: Google Earth).



Above: limited view of the front window showing the stone work (March 2021).

History

Historical Notes from Robertson Village Heritage Walk by the Robertson History Group

Source: <http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au/robertson-village-walk.html> (accessed January 2021):

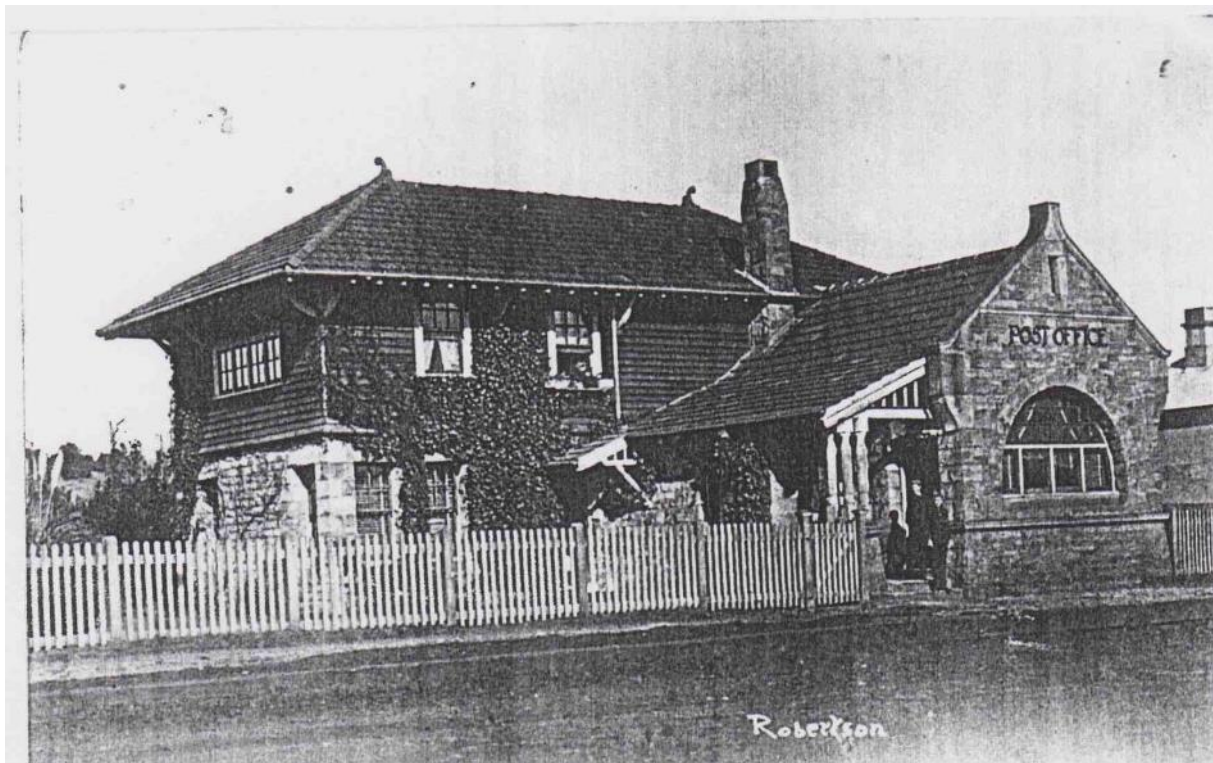
The Old Post Office. This building, with a lower stone floor and a timber upper storey, was completed in 1896. Mail came from Bowral six times a week by horseback until 1900. The telephone was connected to the Post Office in 1914. The building was one of those in the village damaged in the 1961 earthquake, opening after repairs with the current, altered façade and operating until 1994. It is now a private residence.

The Robertson Earthquake

Information on 1961 earthquake extracted from this website (accessed 6 February 2021):

<https://robertson.nsw.au/history.html>

One of the more memorable events occurred at 7:40am on Monday, 22 May 1961. Robertson was near the epicentre of a 5.8 magnitude earthquake, the most powerful ever recorded in NSW (Newcastle, 1989 was 5.7) Macquarie Pass suffered extensive damage and was closed. In town, many public buildings were significantly damaged as walls cracked and chimneys toppled. Part of the school's sandstone walls came down on desks which students were due to return to from holidays the next morning. The bell-tower of St. John's Church crashed to the ground. The Post Office was one of the worst affected as the original facade featuring an arched window caved in. The square window that eventually replaced it in 1966 is the most prominent scar remaining from the earthquake.



Above: Undated photograph of the post office showing the interesting combination of sandstone ground floor and timber upper floor residence. Building seems huge for the size of the town in 1896. Note the elegant stone chimney to the upper floor, the sandstone lower floor to the left, the porch entrance to the post office section, the huge overhang to the upper floor and the early picket fence. Altogether a most unusual design and none other seen like it in overall form in NSW.



Above: Undated photo but circa turn of the 19th/20th century period image of the LEP listed School of Arts, listed police station and then in the distance the Post Office and CBC Bank (both currently unlisted). Note the original form of the stone School of Arts building to the right which was altered including rendered walls.



Above: This image c. 1907 shows the Post Office to have at least two stone chimneys – front and back. (Source: Robertson History Group).



Above: Very clear undated image of the Robertson Post Office, but likely taken in the late 1890s soon after completion of the building (Source: Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/103861001224268/photos/pb.100067158863707-2207520000./103942214549480/?type=3>, accessed 9/10/2021).



Above: Image of uniformed man on horse along Hoddle Street, said to be 1906 (Source: <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=103923667884668&set=a.103864554557246>, accessed 9/10/2021).



Above: image taken before the 1961 earthquake showing a well-looked after site with picket fence along the whole main street to the corner of Yarrunga Street. There is a red post box to the left and red telephone box to the right of the building (Source: Robertson History Group).



Above: image taken before the 1961 earthquake showing a well-looked after site with picket fence along the Hoddle Street frontage and the unusual entrance arrangement. There is a red post box to the left and red telephone box to the right of the building (Source: Robertson History Group).



Above: The above image was taken shortly after the Monday 22 May 1961 earthquake showing clearly that the stone chimneys and the stone gable wall above the window have fallen. The front window, the elegant side timber-supported entrance, telephone box and picket fence all still intact (Photo from Debbie Gilroy via the Robertson History Group).



Above: The above image was taken shortly after the Monday 22 May 1961 earthquake showing the delivery of a demountable building to act as a temporary post office (Photo from McBarron via the Robertson History Group).



Above: 1969 image from National Archives of Australia shows that following the 1961 earthquake the chimney has been removed down to roof level and that the front wall of the public area has been rebuilt with a new squared window with timber infill above. The elegant turned timber support columns to the street were replaced by a stone pillar possibly from the demolished wall and/or demolished chimney. The building continued to be used as a post office until 1994 (Source: National

Archives of Australia, 1969. Robertson Post Office [box 612], accessed online from Trove
<https://trove.nla.gov.au/work/231407238>, 14/4/2023).



Above: Walter Liberty Vernon (1846-1914). c. 1890 (Source: State Library of NSW
<https://collection.sl.nsw.gov.au/record/9O4oK06n>).

Biography of Walter Liberty Vernon

Extract from Wikipedia at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walter_Liberty_Vernon:

Colonel Walter Liberty Vernon VD FRIBA (11 August 1846 – 17 January 1914) was an English architect who migrated to Australia and pursued his career as an architect in Sydney, New South Wales. In his role as the New South Wales Government Architect he is noted for designing multiple government buildings, many of which are extant with listings on national and state heritage registers.

Early life

Vernon was born 11 August 1846 in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, England, the son of a banker's clerk, Robert Vernon and Margaret Liberty. He was articled in 1862 to a London architect, W. G. Habershon, and studied at the Royal Academy of Arts and South Kensington School of Art. After completing his studies, he pursued a practice as an architect in London and

married Margaret Anne Jones in 1870 at Newport, Wales. His London practice was successful, but he suffered from bronchial asthma and received medical advice to leave England. He migrated to Australia and arrived in Sydney in November 1883.

Career in Australia

Vernon established a private practice in Sydney, and then partnered with William Wardell from 1884 until 1889. Vernon assisted with works already in progress, designed buildings and supervised Wardell's Melbourne projects in 1884–85. Vernon was an alderman on East St Leonards Municipal Council in 1885–90, serving a single term as Mayor from 1887 to 1888. When the Borough of East St Leonards amalgamated to form the Municipality of North Sydney on 29 July 1890, Vernon was an Alderman of the new council, but did not seek re-election when his term expired in February 1891. Elected a fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1885, he joined the (Royal) Art Society of New South Wales in 1884, (Sir) John Sulman's Palladian Club and the Institute of Architects of New South Wales in 1887, and the Sydney Architectural Association in 1891.

On 1 August 1890 Vernon was appointed as the New South Wales Government Architect, however his staff numbers were reduced significantly. Vernon showed that the system of design competitions were twice as expensive and the activities of this office were boosted in 1894 when extra funding was committed as a way of creating relief work during the Depression of the 1890s.

As an architect practising in Australia, Vernon favoured what were later known as the Federation styles, such as the Free Classical, Arts and Crafts, and Free Style.

Examples of the former were his fire station in St Johns Road, Glebe, Jenolan Caves House in the Blue Mountains and the Public School, Military Road, Mosman. Examples of the latter were his fire stations in The Avenue, Randwick; Darlinghurst Road, Darlinghurst; and Pyrmont Street, Pyrmont. Another example of Federation Free Style is the former police station, Taylor Square, Darlinghurst. In a stylistic departure, he designed the (former) police station in Bourke Street, Surry Hills, in the Romanesque style.

For more substantial public buildings, Vernon continued the tradition whereby such buildings were designed in a Classical style. Notable examples were the Art Gallery of New South Wales, the Mitchell Library (part of the State Library), Central railway station and Newcastle Court House. The Art Gallery has been described as "masterly symmetry featuring Ionic colonnades. "Central Station has been described as "the grandest railway station in Australia."

Vernon also designed significant additions to existing buildings, such as Customs House in Circular Quay; Randwick Police Station; the Chief Secretary's Building, Sydney; Balranald Post Office; Armidale Post Office; and the former Premier's Office, Sydney. His office was also responsible for the public decorations during the Federation celebrations of 1901.

He retired as New South Wales Government Architect in 1911 and returned to private practice, establishing a partnership with Howard Joseland. The latter, also born in England, was a practitioner of the Federation Arts and Crafts and Federation Bungalow styles. One of the buildings designed by Vernon and Joseland was the Paterson Reid and Bruce building, York Street, Sydney. In 1911, Vernon judged the competition entries for Parliament House in Wellington, New Zealand, after the original buildings were destroyed in a 1907 fire.

Death and funeral

Following the amputation of a leg, Vernon died of septicaemia and gangrene on 17 January 1914 in Darlinghurst and his "impressive funeral" at St James' Church, Sydney on 19 January was attended by "a large and representative gathering of mourners". He is buried in the Anglican section of the Gore Hill cemetery.

Legacy

Vernon had an outstanding career as an architect, with many of his buildings being listed on various national and/or state heritage registers. He is known as a key practitioner of various

Federation styles. The Vernon lectures in town planning, instituted at the University of Sydney in 1916, were endowed in his honour. Vernon Circle in Canberra is named in his honour, as is the Vernon Pavilion in Sydney's Centennial Park.

Buildings by Vernon include the 1898 Governor's Residence at Berrima Gaol (below) and Bowral Court House. The Governor's Residence has the same wide overhang eaves and similar tapered top chimneys to Robertson Post Office.



Above: The Berrima Gaol Governor's Residence built in 1898 and designed by Walter Liberty Vernon
(Source: Wikimedia Commons—Photo by Sterry2607 taken 23 September 2008,
<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Governor%27sResidenceBerrima.JPG>)

Heritage Significance Assessment

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

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
	<i>(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)</i>
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it is one of four public buildings from the 19th Century in this block of the main street of Robertson. The other three buildings in this section are already heritage listed – the Police Station, the School of Arts and the Public School.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its association with NSW Government architect Colonel Walter Liberty Vernon VD FRIBA (1846 – 1914). He was an English architect who migrated to Australia. In his role as the New South Wales Government Architect he is noted for designing many buildings which are now on national and state heritage registers. Other buildings by Vernon in the southern Highlands include the 1898 Governor's residence at Berrima Gaol and the 1896 Court House in Bowral (the same year as the Robertson Post Office).</i>
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic, creative or technical achievement in the local area because of its design by NSW Government Architect Walter Liberty Vernon.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its service to the Robertson and District community as a post office for 98 years from 1896-1994.</i>

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	<p><i>Of significance because the item possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case having an exceptional design by NSW Government Architect Walter Liberty Vernon.</i></p> <p><i>Substantially intact although some alterations have been made largely as a result of the 1961 earthquake and its conversion to a residence. The building is capable of full restoration to its 1896 form and its significance would be enhanced if this were to occur.</i></p>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	

Integrity/Intactness

Relatively intact from post-1961 earthquake state. No longer used as a post office.

Statement of Heritage Significance

63 Hoddle Street, Robertson. The former 1896 Post Office is significant because it is one of four public buildings from the 19th Century in this block of the main street of Robertson. The other three are the Police Station/Court House, the School of Arts and the Public School. It is of significance because of its service to the Robertson and District community as a post office for 98 years from 1896-1994 and for its association with NSW Government architect Colonel Walter Liberty Vernon VD FRIBA (1846 – 1914). In his role as the New South Wales Government Architect he is noted for designing many buildings which are now on national and state heritage registers. Other buildings by Vernon in the Shire include the 1898 Governor's Residence at Berrima Gaol and the 1896 Court House in Bowral. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic, creative or technical achievement in the local area because of its design and for possessing a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case having an exceptional design by NSW Government Architect Walter Liberty Vernon.

Former CBC Bank and some interiors

67-69 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

March 2021: A single storey bank chamber and house built in 1889 in the main street of Robertson. Building is of rendered brick with a hipped and gabled corrugated metal roof. The building has at least 5 chimneys and 4 of these are intact with 2 terra cotta chimney pots each. Banking chamber is gabled and projects forward towards the street. Residence has a projecting bay window to the street and a straight verandah to the left. Windows are double hung single pane over single pane. Has a relatively new picket fence. Judging by the real estate photos, there are a number of original internal features that remain, including battened ceilings, marble fireplaces and original bank doors, but the bank counter joinery visible in 2017 photos no longer exists. See photos available online at <https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-house-nsw-robertson-125177090>.



Above: photo of the exterior of the former CBC Bank taken from Hoddle Street in March 2021. This photo shows the picket fence reconstructed from the early photo (see History section below).

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40 images including 2 below and a historic photo in the following history section, and 2 plans from this 2018 site from realestate.com.au (<https://www.realestate.com.au/property/67-69-hoddle-st-robertson-nsw-2577>)

Land area is stated as 2022m².

Property was sold in July 2017 for \$1,000,000 and again in January 2022 for \$2,700,000.



Above: Photo of exterior of bank in 2018 with previous, more sympathetic colour scheme (Source: <https://www.realestate.com.au/property/67-69-hoddle-st-robertson-nsw-2577>, accessed 2021).



Above: Photo of interior of bank in 2018 with extant bank joinery, which has since been demolished (Source: <https://www.realestate.com.au/property/67-69-hoddle-st-robertson-nsw-2577>, accessed 2021).

History

Historical Notes from the CBC Officers Club Inc website

<http://www.cbcbank.com.au/index.htm>

This website represents Officers and families of The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Limited and its subsidiaries & affiliates and contains historical information on CBC Branches in Australia.

The following information is extracted from the section of the website dedicated to the Robertson CBC Branch

(http://www.cbcbank.com.au/images/Branches/NSW/NSW%20Country/NSW%20Country%20P-T/nsw_country%20R.htm):

1887 Opened (79th Report); Note other research shows an 1889 date. The 1887 date may have been for a leased property?)

1893 January Listed in 89th Report;

1927 photo by Frank Chapman who commenced work there on 10/1/1927 receiving £50 salary and £40 Living Away from Home allowance. Mr. Darvall, later General Manager, came to audit the branch. 1934 Listed in Century of Banking;

1939 Bill Frost advised that it was closed during 1939/45 war as rationalisation of banking war measure and not reopened.

Listed in 1977 annual report as receiving office of Moss Vale.

The website was also reviewed for other branches featuring similar designs. CBC is known for its elegant two storey banks with residence on top and offices below but it also built single story buildings. The closest in design to Robertson with the projecting banking chamber to the street is the former CBC bank at Braidwood built one year later than Robertson.

Former CBC Bank at Braidwood 1888

The following information is extracted from that section of the website

(http://www.cbcbank.com.au/images/Branches/NSW/NSW%20Country/NSW%20Country%20A-B/nsw_country%20Br.htm):

Built by Commercial Banking Company of Sydney as bank, bank manager's residence and stables. See image below.

104 Wallace Street, Braidwood. Designer: Mansfield Brothers Builder: E J Sley Construction Years: 1888 – 1888. Physical Description: A former bank building incorporating a bank and residence, with former stables and outbuildings to the rear and attractive, enclosed garden to front. The entrance to the former bank features three round arches accommodating a pair of panelled entrance doors with windows flanking, separated by pilasters with a parapet and open-bed pediment above. Original fence remains extant. Roof is hipped with slate cladding.



Above: Former CBC Bank at Braidwood, NSW (Source: CBC Officers Club Inc website <http://www.cbcbank.com.au/images/Branches/NSW/NSW%20Country/NSW%20Country%20A-B/Braidwood/Braidwood%20from%20st%20JN%20P1020878.JPG>).



Above: Historical photograph of the CBC Bank c.1900 (Source: <https://www.realestate.com.au/property/67-69-hoddle-st-robertson-nsw-2577>).

Historical Notes from Robertson History Group

The former CBC Bank occupied Lot 1 and 2 in Section 13 of the Town of Robertson

Lots 1 and 2 were first purchased in 1865 by George Wakeford, of Yarrawa. Transferred in August 1883 to John Reed, innkeeper of Dapto.

Transferred in April 1886 to William Rutter Hindmarsh, farmer of Robertson. Transferred in March 1888 to the Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney Ltd. Transferred in December 1950 to Edna Wilhelmina Beryl Thortveist of Sydney. Transferred in June 1952 to Stanley Alexander Mitchell, grazier of Robertson. Mortgaged in November 1952 to the Illawarra Mutual Building Soc.

Lot 1 on the corner of Yarranga Street

Ron and Lyn Kerwand purchased the property for \$20,000 from a real estate agent in the mid-1970s. They built the motel and called it "The Spud Motel."

It later changed owners and became the Robertson Country Motel and Chats Café & Restaurant.

Lot 2

By August 1888 the plans for the large, sandstock brick, bank building for the Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney Ltd were completed and building opened in July 1889. The first building was a bank office with residence for the manager and comprised four rooms. The building was closed as a manager's residence in 1936 but the banking chamber continued including under a name change to the National Australia Bank until it closed in 1995.

After 1936 the building itself was rented to Mr. Len Eason, manager of the Cheese Factory (1936 to 1938), and later to Mrs. Nola Clarke. (his daughter) In 1939 -40 Joe and Mrs. McBarron were renting in the bank and sub-letting to the Sheather family. After Joe died in, in May 1940, Mrs. Mc Barron stayed on living in the bank for a while until she went to live with Granny Garrett. (Mrs. Mc Barron's Memoir)

Later Mrs. Sarah Jane Brown (1867-1950) leased or purchased the building and let rooms. In 1950 her obituary read: There passed away on the 23rd January, at the Commercial Bank residence at Robertson, one of the oldest residents of the Robertson district, Mrs. Sarah Jane Brown. She was born at Jamberoo and came with her parents the late Mr. and Mrs. Gilroy to Robertson when they took up a property there. She was the last surviving member of her family and her husband predeceased her. They lived in the Kangaloon district for many years and Mrs. Brown later moved to Robertson. Southern Mail 24 February 1950

On Mrs Brown's death it was left to a daughter, Mrs. Tautfeet, who lived in the building for some years before it was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Stan A. Mitchell of Bowral, who lived there for

some years before purchasing the lease of the Robertson Hotel. During that time the building remained empty and about 1969-70 Alice and Ken Murray decided to purchase the property. After nearly nine years of extensive and sensitive restoration the Murrays were able to move into their house in 1979.

Historical Research Note from Andrew Kennard

Ronald Ferguson manager 1889-1911. EE cox subsequently. Ferguson was a leading citizen of Robertson, sitting on or chairing numerous committee and boards

2018 Development Proposal & Front fence reconstruction

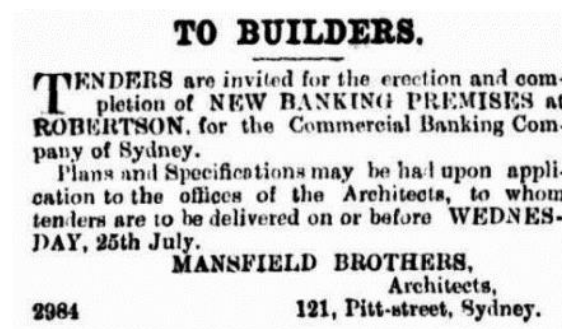
DA 18/0438 was approved - Robertson Old Bank and attached residence – DA 18/0438 proposed café, small bar and 6 tourist cabins at 67-69 Hoddle Street Robertson. 5 July 2018.

In 2020 a new fence reconstructed from historical photos was erected with financial assistance from the Wingecarribee Heritage Assistance Grants in 2019-20.

Additional historical information

Architect for the bank - George Allen Mansfield (1834-1908). See Obituary from *Sydney Morning Herald*, 21 January 1908, p 6 reproduced in Obituaries Australia website <https://oa.anu.edu.au/obituary/mansfield-george-allen-29099>.

Builders were Gee and Lusted.



Above: Advertisement for tender for the construction of the Robertson CBC Bank (Source: Trove—1888 'Advertising', Bowral Free Press and Berrima District Intelligencer (NSW : 1884 - 1901), 14 July, p. 3. , viewed 21 Feb 2023, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article118274430>)

Mansfield was also the architect for the two storey CBC bank in Bowral (now demolished) and the CBC bank in Mittagong (LEP listed) and for the 1884 house *Benderry* at 51-53 Merrigang Street, Bowral, for the Cordeaux family. *Benderry* is recommended for listing as part of this Heritage Review.



Above: Image of the bank c. 1990s before its closure in 1995 (Source: Robertson History Group).

Local Brevities.

At a well attended public meeting at Robertson on Wednesday night it was decided to form a butter company. Seven hundred shares were taken up at the meeting. Mr. E. A. Cordeaux was elected secretary pro tem. The meeting was adjourned to Friday.

A race club has been formed Wild's Meadow.

The two petitions recently in charge of Mr. C. Liardet, of Bowral,—one in reference to a road to the Wombeyan Caves, and the other with regard to the Express goods or paper train stopping at Bowral and Moss Vale stations—have been handed over to Mr. McCourt, M. L. A., who has forwarded them on to the Minister for Works. Both petitions were numerous signed—one by 800 persons, and the other by 400.

There are rumors of a ministerial crisis occurring in consequence of the Hon. T. Garrett's prolonged absence from office.

Jeremiah Norton, who appeared before Messrs. Childs and Girard, J.S.P. at the Mittagong police court on Wednesday had four charges—drunkenness, obscene language, resisting the police, and wilfully damaging a policeman's uniform—to answer for. He did not satisfactorily answer any of them, and the bench ordered him to ante up in all 47s., or serve her Majesty for 19 days in Berrima gaol. Prisoner elected to serve her Majesty.

Tenders, receivable up to the 25th inst., are invited for the erection of premises at Robertson for the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney. Messrs. Mansfield Brothers are the architects.

A new brick building is to be erected at Bundanoon for the Church of England.

The formation of a rifle club for Robertson is mooted.

Mr. W. Mealing has been elected secretary to the Mittagong School of Arts.

We understand that Mr. and Mrs Daniel Matthews, of the Maloga Aboriginal mission, accompanied by two converted aborigines, are to appear before a Bowral audience in the Wesleyan Church next Monday evening, and before a Mittagong audience on Tuesday evening in the Canterbury Hall.

Above: Article about tenders for the construction of the CBC Bank in Robertson (Source: Trove—1888 'Local Brevities,' Bowral Free Press and Berrima District Intelligencer (NSW : 1884 - 1901), 14 July, p. 2., viewed 21 Feb 2023, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article118274410>)

Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site <i>(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)</i>
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in illustrating the development of this central section of the main street of the planned government town of Robertson in the late 19th Century.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance for its association with renowned architect George Allen Mansfield (1834-1908), architect for the building.</i>
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement because of the quality of its setting and architectural form including some original interiors.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its strong association the banking service provided to the Robertson community from 1889 to 1995.</i>
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	<i>Of significance as being a relatively rare example of a high style single storey bank residence and bank chamber building in NSW</i>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	

Integrity/Intactness

Very substantially intact although some alterations have been made and the dark exterior colour scheme is unsympathetic.

Statement of Heritage Significance

The Former CBC Bank at 67-69 Hoddle Street, Robertson is significant in illustrating the development of this central section of the main street of the planned government town of Robertson in the late 19th Century and for its association with renowned architect George Allen Mansfield (1834-1908), architect for the building. It is also significant for the banking service provided to the Robertson community from 1889 to 1995. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement because of its setting and architectural form including some original interiors and for being a relatively rare example of a high style single storey bank residence and bank chamber building in NSW.

Californian bungalow (one of a group of three) 84 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

April 2021. Not easy to see this early 20th century era Californian Bungalow style house from road. It is on a large 2365m² site to Hoddle Street on the corner to Main Street. A single storey main section to the left and what appears to be a very well executed two storey addition to the right. Whole structure is weatherboard. Roof is gabled with wide bracketed eaves. Some external windows have hoods. The elevation of the main section has a very pronounced gable section over a verandah. Verandah is supported by two face brick pillars and there is balustrade. The deep overhang front gable is batted and has large brackets. All of the windows are casement with horizontal panes. Original face brick fireplaces remain inside.



Above: 2018 image from real estate website (Source: <https://www.realestate.com.au/property/84-hoddle-st-robertson-nsw-2577>, accessed 20/4/2023).

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66 real estate images and 3 plans from 2014, 2018 and 2022 from <https://www.realestate.com.au/property/84-hoddle-st-robertson-nsw-2577> (accessed April 2023).

Further information, images and sale listing notes from 2014 from <https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-house-nsw-robertson-116198791> (accessed April 2021):

Why not enjoy this gorgeous weatherboard two storey 1920's, three bedroom Californian bungalow home in mint condition. It is set in a private half acre garden close to all cafes and shops.

- 3 bedrooms, the main bedroom upstairs with a separate living area - whilst the downstairs bedroom has 2-way ensuite
- Both upstairs & downstairs bathrooms, plus separate toilet off the laundry
- Beautiful 10ft ceilings and wide wooden floorboards
- Renovated country kitchen with R/C
- 3 gas points throughout the home
- Relax in the spacious formal lounge with slow combustion fireplace
- Light filled casual living area with slow combustion fireplace
- 11 x 8 m teenage retreat or large studio where you could work from home which was previously used as an antique shop.
- Adjoining outside bathroom with toilet and basin
- 6 x 2m storage shed with power
- 6 x 6m weatherboard out house
- 6 x 4m storage shed
- A spacious and private 2,366sqm garden with plenty of established trees, hedges and lawn
- 1 carport



Above: 84 Hoddle Street, Robertson (source: <https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-house-nsw-robertson-116198791>, accessed April 2021).

Heritage Significance Assessment

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

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

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made including a well-designed two storey addition to the east.

Statement of Heritage Significance

84 Burrawang Street, Robertson is significant because it illustrates the residential development of the eastern end of the main street of Robertson in the Interwar period. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of its setting and architectural form and for demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a Californian Bungalow style residence.

The Robertson Inn (formerly Criterion Hotel, The Tourist Hotel and County Inn)

87-89 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

March 2021: Located in the main street of Robertson on the corner of Mary Street. The hotel presents a complex and interesting elevation of four attached gable roofed weatherboard structures as shown in the photographs below. Starting at the left is single storey structure, next a two storey section with an upper storey bullnose veranda and timber balustrade and then two single storey sections. Roofs are Colorbond. It is likely that a lot of repair and rebuilding has been undertaken to the hotel over many years. This includes the removal of the two storey cast iron verandah and its replacement in timber.



Above: The Robertson Inn showing the two storey section in the foreground with the single storey section (with the large street facing gable added in the 1930s) in the background (2021)

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Several images from various sources. See selection below.



Above: view of the front of the Robertson Inn (Source: <https://q-xx.bstatic.com/xdata/images/hotel/840x460/216642795.jpg?k=f4d6a47d1ec51917920955f16f7ad27cf3231fd0782c2e764ed6fb1a0b3002a3&o>, accessed 22/2/2023).



Above: view of Robertson Inn from the opposite side of Hoddle Street (Source: <https://d32u4bcfuuhhy.cloudfront.net/uploads/2019/07/rph2019-primary-cbdcf7f6-5005-41da-83f5-9f0c5b0f60b1.jpg>, accessed 22/2/2023).

History

Below text and image from the *Southern Highland News* 24 July 2020 online at <https://www.southernhighlandnews.com.au/story/6841271/robertson-est-1862-was-a-slow-starter/>:

The Criterion Hotel, Robertson's first hotel, opened in about 1885.

By 1887 Robertson had gained two hotels, two banks, three stores, five butcher shops, a chemist, baker, bootmaker and three auctioneers. By the next year a police station and a Court of Petty Sessions were established.

The Criterion Hotel, built by George Schlaadt, still stands as the Robertson Inn. The Royal Hotel, further down Hoddle Street, was destroyed by fire in the 1930s.



Above: The Criterion Hotel in Robertson (Source: <https://www.southernhighlandnews.com.au/story/6841271/robertson-est-1862-was-a-slow-starter/> with the caption "Robertson, est 1862, was a slow starter").

Historical Notes from the Robertson History Group

Lot 2 Section 12 Robertson Inn site.

14 July 1873 first purchased by George Schlaadt, storekeeper of Sydney for 4 pounds.

Historical Notes from *Life Behind the Bar, Inns and Hotels in the Southern Highlands 1824 to 1924* by Shylie Brown (Published 2014 pp 139-140)

George Schlaadt was the first licensee of the Criterion Hotel in 1887.



Above: Although strikingly similar in design, this image is NOT the Robertson Inn, but rather the Royal Hotel which was located to the west of the Robertson Inn in Hoddle Street. It was destroyed by fire on 1 December 1934.



Above: this image of the Robertson Inn from the 1920s/30s when it was the Hotel Criterion. The Robertson Inn has a bullnose verandah and the steep road cutting in front.



Above: view of the Hotel in 1936 (Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/103861001224268/photos/a.103864554557246/103929971217371/?type=3&theater>, accessed 1/8/2021).

Tooth & Co Hotel Cards for County Inn Hotel (ex Robertson Hotel, ex Criterion Hotel)—Australian National University Library

The Tooth & Co Hotel Cards contain property and management information for Tooth & Co Hotels and feature photographs over time. All the cards for the Robertson Inn from 1921 to 1979 are available online at <https://openresearch-repository.anu.edu.au/handle/1885/137172>. This section contains extracts from various cards.



Above: The 1920s card includes this image dated November 1924 (source: <https://openresearch-repository.anu.edu.au/handle/1885/137362>, accessed 22/2/2023).

HOTEL		LOCALITY	TRADE	OTHER FACTORS AFFECTING TRADE			
AREA OF HOTEL LAND	NO. OF STOREYS	TYPE OF DISTRICT	TRADE	POPULATION	YEAR	MOORE	OTHER
3 acres	2	Country Farming	HOUSE TRADE				
STRUCTURE: Wood - good old well maintained			PUBLIC BAR				
NO. OF ROOMS: 14		NEAREST HOTEL: DISTANCE?	SALOON BAR				
FURNITURE: good - 1st class		NO. OF HOTELS WITHIN QUARTER MILE RADIUS	BOTTLE DEPT.				
BAR MEASUREMENT: 25 x 25		7/12					
U.C.V. 1/10							
S.C.V. 1/10							
A.A.V. 1/10							
PROPERTY ADJOINING							
OWNER: J. H. Herbert							
J. H. Herbert							
Mrs. E. M. Bette (July 1934)							

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Above: The 1930s card below shows two images of the hotel in March 1930 (top) and December 1935 (under) (source: <https://openresearch-repository.anu.edu.au/handle/1885/137360>, accessed 22/2/2023).



Above: The 1950s card includes this image dated February 1950 (source: <https://openresearch-repository.anu.edu.au/handle/1885/137356>, accessed 22/2/2023).



Above: The 1970s card contains this image dated April 1971 (source: <https://openresearch-repository.anu.edu.au/handle/1885/137352>, accessed 22/2/2023).

Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site (no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the development of eastern end of the main street of Robertson from the late 19th Century. Of significance because of its association with George Schlaadt its first licensee and prominent 19th Century business man in Robertson.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic, creative or technical achievement in the local area because its setting and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its strong special association with the Robertson community over 134 years (1887-2021) as a hotel to the local district.</i>
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	<i>Of significance because of its rarity as it is the only remaining 19th Century hotel in Robertson – there were four in the main street including an almost identical hotel called the Royal.</i>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact building form although many alterations have been made over the years, including a street-facing gable added to the single storey section in the early 1930s.

Statement of Heritage Significance

The Robertson Inn at 87-89 Hoddle Street, Robertson is significant because it illustrates the development of eastern end of the main street of Robertson from the late 19th Century and for its association with George Schlaadt its first licensee and prominent early business man in Robertson and with the local community over 134 years (1887-2021) as a hotel to the local district. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic, creative or technical achievement in the local area because its setting and architectural form and for its rarity being the only remaining 19th Century hotel in Robertson – there were four in the main street including an almost identical hotel called the Royal.

Former Cheese Factory 107 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

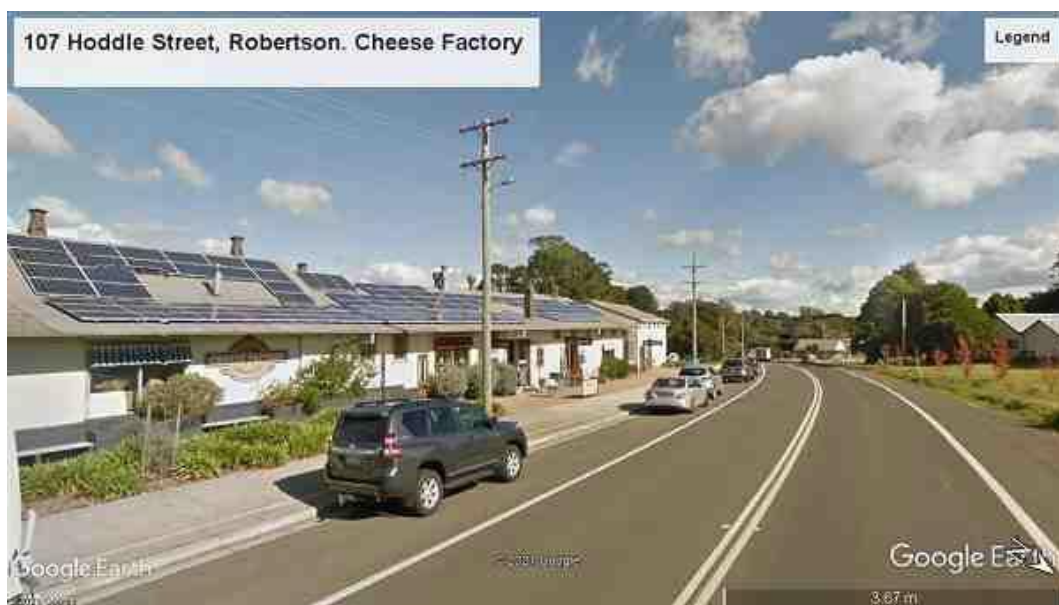
Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

March 2021: Located on a large 1682m² main street site at the eastern entrance to Robertson is this elongated commercial building.



Above: Robertson Cheese Factory – view from Hoddle Street from the east (April 2021).



Above: Street view image of the Robertson Cheese Factory (Source: Google Earth).

Internet Review

20 real estate images and sale listing note below from 2017 site

<https://homesales.com.au/details/commercial-properties-for-sale/robertson-nsw/2577/4477102>
(now unavailable).

ICONIC LANDMARK-ROBERTSON CHEESE FACTORY

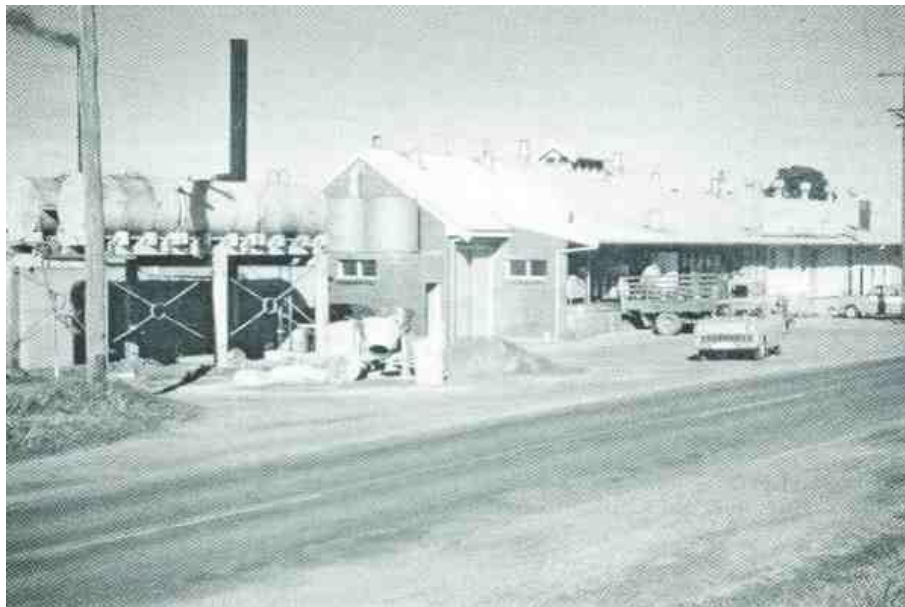
This imposing, Historic property has been owned and operated by the same family for the past 28 years. The current owner is looking to retire and is offering a unique and exciting opportunity to the next generation of entrepreneurs. Rising above the picturesque village of Robertson in the NSW Southern Highlands is the Old Robertson Cheese Factory, established in 1936 by the local dairy farming community. Located within an easy 25 minute drive of the Southern Highlands hub, Bowral. Today the factory remains a Southern Highlands icon, maintaining all its original charm and character. It currently houses an eclectic variety of speciality stores including a 70 seat rustic cafe, an Australian 'off farm' gourmet cheese and confectionery store, an emporium of unique clothing, homewares and hand crafts. There is also a fully operational commercial kitchen that can be leased separately. The options for the factory are endless and only limited by your imagination. Located on the main highway thoroughfare between the country and the coast. Only 1.5 hours easy drive to Sydney, 30 minutes to Wollongong and the southern beaches. This completely unique tourist destination can be purchased either with vacant possession or with current leases in place.

History

Opening in 1936 the Factory produced Robertson Cheese from local milk until it closed in 1989.

Historical Notes from Robertson Cheese Factory website

The Robertson Cheese Factory website (<https://www.robertsoncheesefactory.com.au/history/>, accessed 6/2/2021) contains several early images including the two below. All images appear to be taken before the 1989 closure of the cheese factory.



Above: undated photograph of Robertson Cheese Factory (Source: <https://www.robertsoncheesefactory.com.au/>, accessed 6/2/2021).

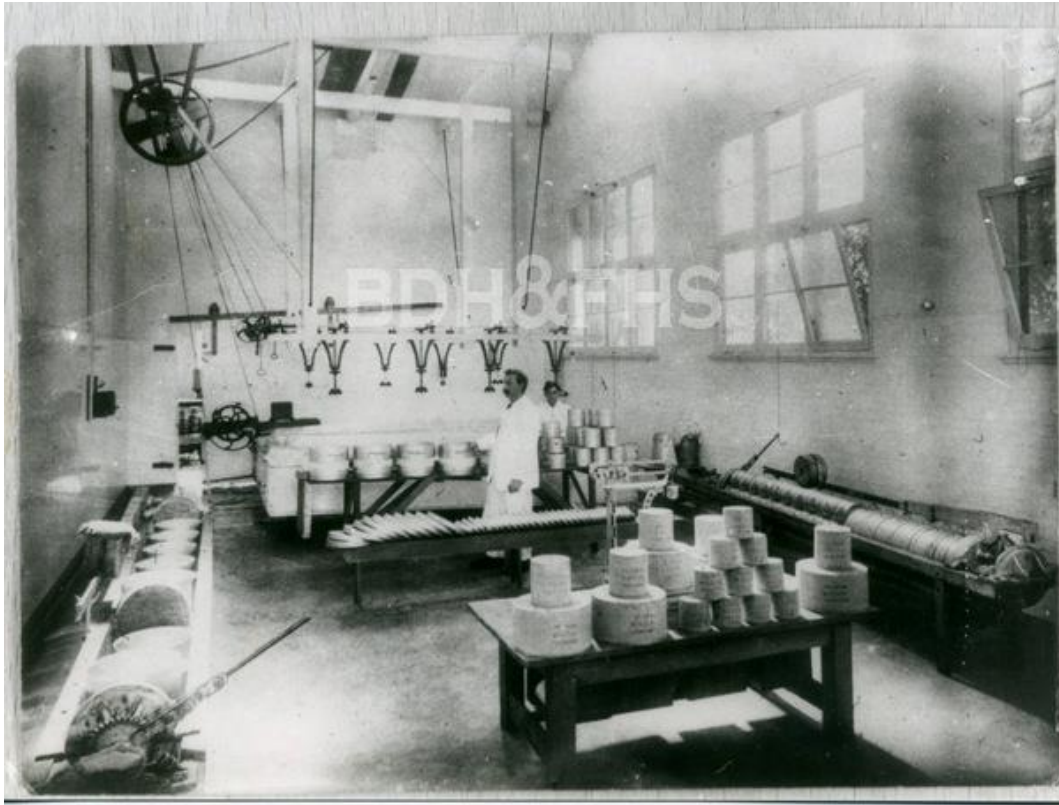
Efforts made by a strong community of settlers in the late 1800's to the early 1900's resulted in a successful Robertson-Burrawang farming presence. Having cleared vast amounts of the Yarrawa Brush, by the end of the 1930's, Robertson became one of the most productive dairy regions in Australia. A Robertson Co-Operative was formed in 1936 to continue the growth of the industry, add value to the dairy products, and provide much needed local employment.

Robertson's own "Tasty Cheddar with a Bite" became popular, not just in the Southern Highlands, but also major export markets. This made the Robertson Cheese Factory a popular tourist destination, even beyond 1989 when cheese making officially discontinued. Today, The Robertson Old Cheese Factory still wholly supports local industry and employment, growing into a fantastic tourism hub for national and international visitors alike. Our goal is to manufacture and source the best local food, produce, arts, crafts, clothing and vintage wear available for purchase. Allow your friendly team at the Robertson Old Cheese Factory be the first to welcome you to the historical Southern Highlands.



Above: *undated photograph of Robertson Cheese Factory (Source: <https://www.robertsoncheesefactory.com.au/>, accessed 6/2/2021).*

Excellent history on the site in the self-published book *The Well Matured Robertson Cheese Factory* by Joyce Bailey (120 pages, no date). Page 5 from *The Mail* Tuesday 11, 1936 records the opening on Saturday 8/2/1936. "Most of those present accepted the Chairman's invitation to inspect the plant which is the latest word in cheese factory equipment. There are three 800 gallon stainless steel cheese vats with power agitators and curd mill. Electric motive power is used throughout, but steam boiler has been used for heating purposes. The factory, which is of solid construction, was built by Mr E. Bursell, to plans prepared by Mr A D Francis. It includes Board Room, Testing Room, Curd Room and Offices. The completed work reflects the highest credit upon architect and builder. The plant is capable of treating 2,500 gallons of milk daily, each gallon producing a pound of cheese. After the cheese has been made, the whey is returned to the farmer as food for calves and pigs."



Above: “Wingecarribee Cheese Factory, Robertson NSW” undated photo from the Berrima District Historical & Family History Society Image Library with the following caption: “The Robertson Co-operative Dairy Society operated the cheese factory from 1936 and was taken over by Dairy Farmers in 1956. It produced cheddar cheese called Robertson Cheese. The picture shows Ben Pearce, cheesemaker, inside the Wingecarribee Cheese Factory. Grandfather of Barry Norman of Glenquarry. The building was bought by Liz and Allan Jackson in 1989 and turned into a gift shop and café” (Source: BDHS Image Library – image # 104655)



Above: Workers at the Cheese Factory after 1960 possibly 1961. Left to right: Terry Wheeler, Len Munchenburg, Richard Booth, Bill Wheeler (a prize winning cheese maker who joined Robertson Cheese Factory in 1960 and retired in 1982), Gerry Booth, Jim White, Bill Potters, Tony Bush. Image from Facebook. Text from p.50 *The Well Matured Robertson Cheese Factory* by Joyce Bailey. Self Published.

Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site <i>(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)</i>
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the development of the eastern end of the main street of Robertson in the 1930s following the completion of the railway line.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating technical achievement in the local area because of its state of the art cheese making facilities and the quality of its product.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its association with the Robertson and District community and in particular the dairy industry sector.</i>
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	<i>Of significance because the item possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case a major industrial building complex from the 1930s and one associated with the important early dairy industry in the district.</i>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although alterations have been made to accommodate its current retail complex use since 1989.

Statement of Heritage Significance

The former Cheese Factory at 107 Hoddle Street, Robertson, is significant because it illustrates the development of the eastern end of the main street of Robertson in the 1930s following the completion of the railway line in 1932 and for its strong association with the Robertson and District community and in particular the dairy industry sector. It is also of significance in demonstrating technical achievement in the local area because of its state-of-the-art cheese making facilities when built and the quality of its product. It possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case a major industrial building complex from the 1930s and one associated with the important early dairy industry in the district.

Former Butter Factory and 'Redbank Cottage' 4840 Illawarra Highway, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Heritage Survey 2009 Recommendation

The Heritage Survey 2009 did not formulate a new statement of significance but instead relied on notes from the 1993 Heritage Study by JRC Planning Services which stated:

Good example of local masonry and industry.

Description

Former Butter Factory (October 2020) :A one storey freestanding building that dates from 1889 set on a large rural site bisected by the railway line in a rural setting that has retained its context. The building is built to the railway line. The site has a front fence of post and wire plus cattle grid. The site is large and pastoral and features mature eucalypts near the building.

The bulk of the building is constructed of rubble stone with a hipped and gabled medium pitch iron roof. The western section reads more as corrugated iron shed. Fenestration has been rendered and openings bricked in. The building appears to be in poor condition. Alterations include infill of openings and substantial addition to the west.



Above: The remains of the Robertson Butter Factory (2020).

Redbank Cottage, Manager's Residence (October 2020): A small single one storey freestanding cottage set on a large site bisected by railway in a rural setting that has retained its context. The building is setback 5 metres from the street. The site is large and pastoral creating a picturesque setting. The roof is gabled and has closed eaves. The roof is clad in corrugated sheet metal and

features corbelled brick chimney. The straight broken back profile verandah runs across the façade and has timber posts and balustrade. The front door is centrally located.

Fenestration comprises vertically proportioned 2-pane and 6-pane double hung timber windows. The building appears to be in only fair condition, substantially intact and in 2020 not occupied.



Above: 'Redbank Cottage' from the Illawarra Highway (2020).

The Heritage Survey 2009 quotes the following information taken from the Heritage Study for Wingecarribee Shire Council by JRC Planning Services, 1993

BUTTER FACTORY (2680444) Coursed rubble walls quoined at returns, sandstone sills, lintels, and door quoins, sandstone string course in south wall. Corrugated iron 'M' roof recently modified. Modern corrugated accretions at north and east (SHOULD READ NORTH AND WEST). Obviously built in anticipation of the railway which did not arrive for fifty years (planned 1872, built 1932). Several buildings in the Robertson Kangaloon area are almost identical in construction detail – particularly the rhythm of the rubble courses.

Internet Review

No information.

History

Historical Notes from Heritage Survey 2009

Information incorrectly refers to the cheese factory at the other end of town.

Historical Note from BDHS 1994 booklet *Let's Visit a Historic Village*

It describes REDBANK Cottage as the Manager's Residence for the Butter Factory and adds this comment. "The Robertson Dairy Company operated the factory from 1888 to the end of 1905. It served up to 52 suppliers who provided up to 4000 gallons of milk daily in the summer months. Re-opened, it closed again in August, 1922."



Above: Undated image of the 1889 Robertson Butter Factory from BDHS collection via the Southern Highland News. Note the upper floors in this image are now missing.

Historical Notes on the Pritchett family

Extract from the Berrima District Historical and Family History July 2020 Newsletter (available online at <https://www.berrimadistricthistoricalsociety.org.au/data/documents/529-July-2020-BDHS-newsletter.pdf>):

Arthur Pritchett (1860-1932) was the manager of the Robertson Butter Factory in the 1890s. He later moved to become the manager of the Butter Factory in East Kangaloon.

Our Society does hold considerable information about the early dairy industry. A major turning point was the opening at Kiama in the 1880s of the first cooperative butter factory which revolutionised butter making, until then done on the farm, and which spurred farmers to apply co-operation to production. The movement took off and many factories soon existed, including at Berry and Barrengarry, and on the Berrima district's eastern side, at Wildes Meadow (the 'Beehive'), at Robertson, at Kangaloon, at East Kangaloon (the 'Waratah'), at Glenquarry ('Roberton Park'), and at Manchester Square near Moss Vale. Farmers carted their whole milk in cans to these factories and, after separation, the skimmed milk was taken back to feed animals. In 1891 local farmers formed the Berrima District Farm & Dairy Company, a marketing co-operative. In 1895 it acquired existing butter factories at Mittagong and Robertson, converting them into central factories to achieve greater efficiency than provided by the small, scattered depots, which soon closed. The 1890s was thus a time of rapid change and progress for the local district's dairy industry.



Above: “Jim, Agnes, Ada and Arthur Pritchett on the verandah of their Robertson home, prior to departure”. Note the 6+6 pane windows of this earlier section of the house. (Source: BDH&FHS Newsletter July 2020, <https://www.berrimadistricthistoricalsociety.org.au/data/documents/529-July-2020-BDHS-newsletter.pdf>).



Above: “Jeff Fisk’s old house near Butter Factory occupied by the Handley Family until 1973”. This image shows the earlier 6+6 pane window section to right and the 2+2 pane window in the later added section to the left (Source: Robertson History Group, obtained 2022).

Note on Redbank Cottage from *Robertson Newsletter* June 2006

Congratulations to the Fisk Family on their recent completion of the restoration of the cottage adjacent to what was the old butter factory It is located just over the railway line, on the right hand side on the way to Bowral. The area was very important to village as the butter factory was located nearby as well as the curing facility owned by the Hindmarsh family.

Robertson's History of Butter

Extracts from article by Quentin Waters published in *Robertson News*, Edition 126, August 2018 (https://www.robertsonctc.org.au/uploads/4/0/2/2/40223981/robertson_news_august_2018.pdf):

As the Robertson district developed in its early years, dairying soon became the most significant activity of the farmers. However, though the land was good for dairying, Robertson's isolation meant that the milk itself wasn't a viable product. In the days before refrigeration, the milk would spoil before it reached the markets. To overcome this, in the early years all the milk produced was used to manufacture butter.

The milk was poured into wide, shallow pans, which were placed in a small room or hut near the farmhouse, and allowed to stand for the cream to separate. Then the women on the farm would skim off the cream and churn it into butter. Once it was washed and salted for transport, it was placed in a keg ready to be carried to the harbour at Kiama, a 3 day round-trip in the early days. If only one keg was to be taken to port, a bag of stones would be attached and they'd both be slung across the pack-saddle...

The new railway to Moss Vale and Bowral allowed the butter to be transported to Sydney from there in time. The quality of the butter manufactured varied from very good to very bad, there was as much variation as there were farmers. Soon however, refrigeration and mechanical separators would revolutionise the industry.

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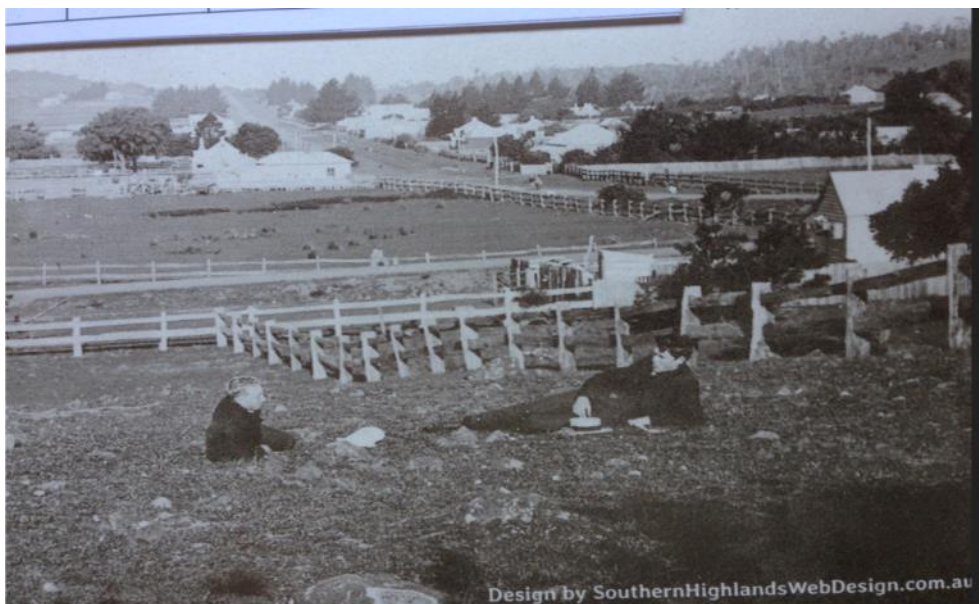
The Robertson Butter Factory

In July 1888 a meeting was held at the Robertson School of Arts to discuss the formation of a butter factory in town. W. R. Hindmarsh offered a 21 year lease for a site just outside the village to the west at £5 per acre. 20 farmers put up their hands to supply the factory at the meeting and 700 shares were taken up at that meeting. James Cashman of Moss Vale won the tender to build the factory for £451. The Robertson Butter Factory opened in January 1889, with Mr. Goebells as manager. 3 weeks after its opening, it had received 26,371 gallons of milk, from which 9,000 pounds of butter was produced. By that point 27 farmers were supplying the factory with some 1,800 gallons of milk per day. The Factory was quite successful, but by the 1920's, most of the milk produced in the Robertson district was being sent directly to Sydney and the small butter factories came to an end.

In May 1922, at the half-yearly meeting of the company, the directors sought the meeting's opinion on whether to spend the £600 improving the factory necessary to meet the Government's regulations, which necessitated a virtual rebuild. The meeting agreed that it was in the best interests of the suppliers that the factory close and the milk be sent to the Dairy Farmers Co-operative Milk Company's new receiving depot in Moss Vale opening later that year. When the Robertson Butter Factory ceased operation in November 1922, it had the distinction of being the oldest dairy factory in the state. In October of 1922, the Robertson Butter Factory produced 7,783 pounds of butter. In May the next year the buildings and machinery were auctioned off by J. D. Wood. The cottage fetched £72, the factory £35; 25 h.p. the horizontal engine £40, the boiler £40, and the refrigeration £51. On the 14th of July 1923 the shareholder meeting held at the Robertson School of Arts voted to place the company into voluntary liquidation, thus ending one of Robertson's institutions.



Above: The first manager of the Robertson Butter Factory, Mr. and Mrs. Goebells.



Above: c. 1910 image from the side paddock of 'Redbank Cottage' (at right) looking towards main street of Robertson. Figures not known. (Source: Robertson History Group.)

Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
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(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the butter manufacturing industry related to the important dairy industry of the Robertson District.

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its association in the local area with many early pioneering families including W. R. Hindmarsh who leased the site to offered a 21 year lease for the butter factory to be built in 1889.</i>
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because the beauty of the setting and architectural form of both the Old Butter Factory and Redbank Cottage.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its association with the local community for the strong role it played in the local dairy industry from 1889 to 1923.</i>
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	<i>Of significance because the factory possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case the only known remaining butter factory in the local area.</i>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance because the cottage demonstrates the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a small single storey symmetrically fronted gabled roofed weatherboard cottage from the late 19th Century.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Main factory structure still evident although many alterations have been made over the years including the removal of the upper roof sections.

Statement of Heritage Significance

The former Butter Factory and Redbank Cottage at 4840 Illawarra Highway, Robertson are significant because they illustrate the butter making industry related to the important dairy industry of the Robertson District and for their association in the local area with many early pioneering families including W. R. Hindmarsh who offered a 21 year lease for the factory to be built in 1889 and with the local community for the strong role it played in the local dairy industry from 1889 to 1923. They are also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of the setting and architectural form of both the factory and the cottage and because the factory possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case the only known remaining butter factory in the local area. The cottage demonstrates the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a small single storey symmetrically fronted gabled roofed weatherboard cottage from the late 19th Century.

‘Brae House’—weatherboard cottage

3-5 Main Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

April 2021: This small early cottage is located close to the main street – Hoddle Street in the east of the town. It is on a large 2021m² site which has three frontages – Burrawang Street, Main Street and unmade Burrawang Lane. The site is surrounded by a large laurel hedge and includes mature trees. Facade faces Main street and there is driveway to the left. The house is of weatherboard with a gabled roof and straight verandah both clad in corrugated metal. The windows at the front have been replaced in aluminium. The verandah is supported by timber posts and it has a carved timber valance and cross timber design balustrade. A well-designed carved timber valance appears to have been added in recent times.



Above: 3-5 Main Street from the street (2021).

Internet Review

20 images from 2017 including images at <https://www.realestate.com.au/property/3-5-main-st-robertson-nsw-2577>.



Above: 3-5 Main Street, Robertson from 2017 (Source: <https://www.realestate.com.au/property/3-5-main-st-robertson-nsw-2577>, accessed 22/2/2023).

History

Notes from Helen Tranter 2021

My information came from Mrs. Nance Morrow (nee Hindmarsh, born 1922) main researcher and principal author of "Winds of Change", the history of the Show Society and Robertson published in 1979 on the centenary of the Show Society. We had been talking to Mrs. Morrow about the history of Robertson, then in 2002, when she decided to move to Cowra, where her sons now farm, we arranged a long interview as we drove slowly up and down Hoddle St. One of the first places she directed us to was 'The Brae'. Nance said that the Hindmarshs lived here in the 1890's while their house, 'Alnwick', was being built and even though he was only about three years old she said her father remembered the day when all their furniture and other belongings were loaded onto carts to be moved to the new house. The name Alnwick was probably applied to the property before the house was built as that was the name of the town in Northumberland, England which the original Michael Hindmarsh left in 1822 to come to Australia. Alnwick is on Caalong Street/Kangaloon Road past the Showground

Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
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(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the development of the eastern section of the town of Robertson in the late 19th Century.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its association in the local area with the early pioneering Hindmarsh family who lived here in the 1890's while their house, 'Alnwick', was being built.</i>

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of the beauty of its setting and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a small single storey symmetrical and gabled roofed weatherboard cottage from around the late 19th Century.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

Brae House at 3-5 Main Street, Robertson is significant because it illustrates the development of the eastern section of the town of Robertson in the late 19th Century and for its association in the local area with the early pioneering Hindmarsh family who lived here in the 1890's while their house, 'Alnwick', was being built. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area for the beauty of its setting and architectural form and for demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a small single storey symmetrical and gabled roofed weatherboard cottage from around the late 19th Century.

Twin Creeks and Garden

140 Old Kangaloon Road, Robertson.. (2681683) 2020/238

Recommendation

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

Heritage Survey 2009 Recommendation

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

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

Description

October 2020: Not possible to see from the gate but the following description has been derived from good real estate photos available online. The property is accessed over the railway line at the termination of Old Kangaloon Road. Previously Old Kangaloon Road extended further north to meet Kangaloon Road. The main house is beautifully sited on the land and is one and half storeys high and of weatherboard construction. It has a hipped roof and dormer windows. It is joined to a single storey hipped roof wing and a gabled roof double garage with loft above all set around a courtyard. All new work to the site is well designed and painted the same colour and with the same red corrugated metal roofs. The garden is extensive and includes mature trees, stone walls and a dam.

The property has also been known as *Taballa*.



Above: driveway entry to Twin Creeks

Internet Review

October 2020: 44 photos including image below and 4 plans from December 2015 at <https://www.realestate.com.au/property/140-old-kangaloon-rd-robertson-nsw-2577>. Additional information and photographs at <https://www.realestate.com.au/news/kyle-sandilands-and-imogen-anthonys-3m-robertson-home/> and <https://www.realestate.com.au/news/no-flushing-toilet-or-wifi-at-kyle-sandilands-new-home/>.



Above: Twin Creeks buildings 2015 (Source: <https://www.realestate.com.au/property/140-old-kangaloon-rd-robertson-nsw-2577>)



Above: The Twin Creeks homestead complex showing garden (Source: Nearmap, image date 11 March 2023)

History

Online media articles state property was built in 1890.

Heritage Significance Assessment

To understand more about the NSW Heritage Assessment Criteria, refer to the Heritage NSW publication *Assessing Heritage Significance* available online at <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/research-and-publications/publications-search/assessing-heritage-significance>.

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site <i>(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)</i>
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area as a substantial early rural holding.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because the beauty of its rural and garden setting and architectural form.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	<i>Of significance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a well-designed early rural weatherboard residence and associated buildings.</i>

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some sympathetic changes and additions have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

Twin Creeks at 140 Old Kangaloon Road, Robertson is significant as a substantial early rural holding. It is also of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of the beauty of its rural and garden setting and architectural form and for demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's heritage in this case a well-designed early rural weatherboard residence and associated buildings.

Shierlaw Road—early road

Shierlaw Road, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Description

May 2021: This is a beautiful narrow unpaved dead end road which runs off Belmore Falls Road to the south of Robertson village. Just past a distance of 250 metres off Belmore Falls Road it crosses Barrengarry Creek on a natural rock platform. On the day of inspection water running over this crossing and very heavy washed out sections on the road itself. Needs careful management to maintain quality. Possibly any heritage listing could be restricted to wooded area which includes the Barrengarry Creek crossing.

1991 description (from Wingecarribee Heritage Study 1993): A single lane unmade track (two wandering wheel ruts) through rainforest with vistas to cleared paddocks connecting Yeol and McEvilly Roads. Particularly valuable because of the visual intersection created by ruts wandering through forest; except for a rough concrete ford and car tracks instead of horse tracks it has not changed in 100 years. Under immediate threat of improvement i.e. total loss, due to further land subdivision.



Above: Shierlaw Road at the Barrengarry Creek crossing (2021).



Above: *Shierlaw Road in 1991 (Source: Wingecarribee Heritage Study 1993, JRC Planning Services).*



Above: Alignment of Shierlaw Road overlaid with aerial photography showing the landscape and the wooded area in the vicinity of Barrengarry Creek (Source: Google Maps, accessed 1 May 2023).

Heritage Significance Assessment

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

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
	<i>(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)</i>
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the development and making of early roads in the Shire.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	

NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because the beauty of its setting.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	
(f) RARITY	<i>A rare example of an early road with rectilinear road alignment (reflecting land apportionment to free selectors) in a largely original state.</i>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	

Integrity/Intactness

Substantially intact although some alterations have been made.

Statement of Heritage Significance

The Shierlaw Road road reserve in Robertson is significant because it illustrates the development and making of early roads in the Shire, demonstrates aesthetic achievement in the local area because of the beauty of its setting and is a rare example of an early road with a rectilinear road alignment (reflecting land apportionment to free selectors) in a largely original state.

Laurence Langley Memorial Redwood Grove

Crown Reserve, South Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Description

March 2021: This relatively small site is opposite the also small Yarrawa Brush Rainforest site in South Street. It has 3 street frontages—Meryla Street to the west, South Street to the south and Missingham Parade to the east—and the railway line to the north. An unusual and amazing grove of Californian Redwoods closely spaced and with little undergrowth. Planted in 1987 on the site of a former pine plantation.



Above: Panoramic photo south from Robertson toward the Redwood Grove (marked with a pin) and the Yarrawa Brush Reserve on South Street (above the Redwood Grove). (Source: Nearmap, image date 30 January 2020.)

Internet Review

This site has images and notes contained in the History section below from the following website:
<http://peonyden.blogspot.com/2008/05/laurence-langley-commemorated.html>

History

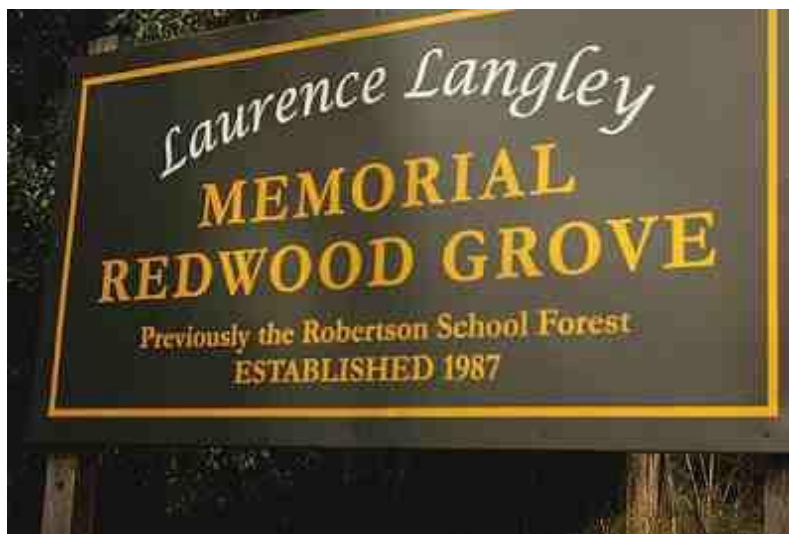
Historical Notes from an article in *The Nature of Robertson* blog, dated 17 May 2008

From <http://peonyden.blogspot.com/2008/05/laurence-langley-commemorated.html>, accessed 7/3/2023:

Laurence Langley Memorial Redwood Grove.

Local residents realise that the Cherry trees along the Illawarra Highway (Hoddle Street) are a major feature of Robertson. They flower in mid-spring, each year, around about the October Long Weekend.

Few people realise that the man behind the selection and planting of those Cherry trees, as well as the Redwood Grove, which replaced the Pine trees of the original Robertson School Forest, opposite the Nature Reserve in Robertson was Mr. Laurence Langley. Mr Langley, who I never met, once lived in a property out at the end of Mackey's Lane (D. McManus note: probably Nos 44-46), where he grew many rare and interesting trees. In fact he created a private arboretum there.



Above: Photo of the Laurence Langley signage showing establishment date (Source: <http://peonyden.blogspot.com/2008/05/laurence-langley-commemorated.html>, accessed 7/3/2023).

But he was not content with that. As I said, he was responsible for the planting of the double flowered Ornamental Cherries along the Illawarra Highway, through Robertson (Hoddle Street). He also was responsible for a fine stand of Douglas Fir trees as street trees along the top end of Caalong Street (between May St and the Robertson Showground).

*However, as far as tree planting is concerned, his greatest achievement in Robertson was the grove of Californian Redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*) which stand opposite the Robertson Nature Reserve, on the corner of Meryla Street and South Street.*



Above: Grey Goshawk perched in one of the Redwood trees (Source: <http://peonyden.blogspot.com/2008/05/laurence-langley-commemorated.html>, accessed 7/3/2023).

*As a lover of grand trees, Mr Langley had researched these trees, and knew that they ought be suitable to Robertson high rainfall and rich, acidic red basalt soil. He imported seed from another Southern Hemisphere area, where they had been successfully established (New Zealand), and then he personally raised the plants from seed. I understand that a major working bee was held to plant these trees where there had been a plantation of *Pinus radiata* trees (which had originally been planted as a revenue source for the Robertson Primary School). Those trees reached maturity and then were harvested, and replaced by the Redwoods.*

Laurence Langley Biography

Text and images sourced from <https://www.anbg.gov.au/biography/langley-laurence-joseph.html> with acknowledgement for text and images from Owen Langley, June 2007.

Portrait photo: taken 2003, supplied by email, Owen Langley, June 2007.

Langley, Laurence Joseph (1917 – 2007)

Born in Victoria 9 February 1917, died at Bowral, NSW, 20 June 2007 in Harbison Nursing Home Burradoo.

Laurence was born in Victoria in 1917, managed the family farm for 18 years following the death of his father, whilst Laurence was only 15. Laurence devoted his life to arboriculture, perusing his passion for plants. Married with one son and two valued grandchildren, he devoted much of his life to unpaid efforts supporting various community good causes.

A special interest was the improvement of the environment by raising the level of fertility on farms and planting of suitable trees.



Above: Image sourced from <https://www.anbg.gov.au/biography/langley-laurence-joseph.html> with acknowledgement for text and images from Owen Langley, June 2007.

He was a foundation member of the Australian Plant Society and the honorary spokesman in the Illawarra for the Forest Protection Society, whose vision is for our forests to be professionally managed on a sustained yield basis, instead of importing timber and newsprint from overseas.

He founded the Australian Seed Company for that purpose in 1957 and was responsible for establishment of huge areas of new plantations in Australia and along our roads, specialising in eucalypts. It was still supplying seeds for overseas and for this country's afforestation in 2007.

Leaving the farm, he was involved in research in the UK and the ACT before setting up the export firm located at Robertson. That town gained from Laurence's planting of its most attractive street trees where he was the honorary secretary of the Robertson Primary School Forest Trust for 30 years which raised about \$25,000 for the Primary School. Today, that is becoming an unusual tourist attraction for its 5 acres of Californian Redwoods, the idea of the forest began as the brain-child of the late Mrs Jocelyn Squire.

Robertson also benefited from the knowledge gained during his frequent visits to all Australian states, with special interest in rarer seeds not available elsewhere. The world was circumnavigated twice, there were environmental restorations in China and Vietnam, the Floraries Exhibition s trees in Belgium to be judged, the new Zoo in San Diego to be supplied with Australian seeds, the first cut-and- carry Christmas Tree far in Australia offering superior Douglas Fir trees, rather than Radiata Pine.

Retired to the Illawarra in 1987, there were Garden Clubs to support, Shows and gardens to judge, the headlands of Port Kembla and the beautification of the main street of Oak Flats shopping centre to get involved in, study of the modern means of fighting forest fires in America from lake Tahoe.

Laurence was for over 2 years the Gardening columnist of the Wollongong Advertiser.

He was honoured in the name Eucalyptus langleyi, known as Green Mallee Ash, Nowra Mallee or Albatross Mallee, published by Johnson & Blaxell in 1991.

Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site <i>(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)</i>
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the environmental interests and civic pride of the residents of Robertson which continues to the present time.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its association in the local area with Laurence Joseph Langley (1917 – 2007). Laurence was born in Victoria in 1917, from age 15 he managed the family farm for 18 years following the death of his father. Laurence devoted his life to arboriculture. He devoted much of his life to unpaid efforts supporting various community good causes. A special interest was the improvement of the environment by raising the level of fertility on farms and planting of suitable trees. He was a foundation member of the Australian Plant Society and the honorary spokesman in the Illawarra for the Forest Protection Society, whose vision is for our forests to be professionally managed on a sustained yield basis. He founded the Australian Seed Company for that purpose in 1957 and was responsible for establishment of huge areas of new plantations in Australia and along our roads, specialising in eucalypts. It was still supplying seeds for overseas and for this country's afforestation in 2007. He was involved in research in the UK and the ACT before setting up his export firm located at Robertson. He was responsible for the planting of cherry trees in the main street of Robertson, the planting of Redwood Grove and a fine stand of Douglas Fir trees along the top end of Caalong Street. He was honoured in the naming of Eucalyptus langleyi.</i>
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of the beauty of its setting.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of special association with the Robertson community which assisted its planting and care.</i>
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	<i>Of significance for its potential to yield research information in relation to the growing of Redwoods.</i>
(f) RARITY	<i>Of significance because the item possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case the planting of a Grove of Redwood trees.</i>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	

Integrity/Intactness

Totally intact.

Statement of Heritage Significance

The Laurence Langley Memorial Redwood Grove, established in South Street Robertson, is significant because it illustrates the environmental interests and civic pride of the residents of Robertson which continues to the present time and for its association with the Robertson community which assisted its planting and care and with prominent tree grower and researcher Laurence Joseph Langley (1917 – 2007) who was responsible for the planting of cherry trees in the main street of Robertson, the planting of Redwood Grove and a fine stand of Douglas Fir trees along the top end of Caalong Street. The grove is of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because of the beauty of its setting and for possessing a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case a grove of

Redwood trees and for its potential to yield research information in relation to the growing of Redwoods.

1884 Yarrowa Brush Reserve

South Street, Robertson

Recommendation

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

Description

A remnant patch of the original native vegetation prevalent in the area at the time of colonisation. This vegetation and the area in which it was found was known as the 'Yarrowa Brush'.



Above: Panoramic photo south from Robertson showing the Yarrowa Brush Reserve on South Street (marked with a pin) with the Laurence Langley Redwood Grove below it. (Source: Nearmap, image date 30 January 2020.)

Internet Review

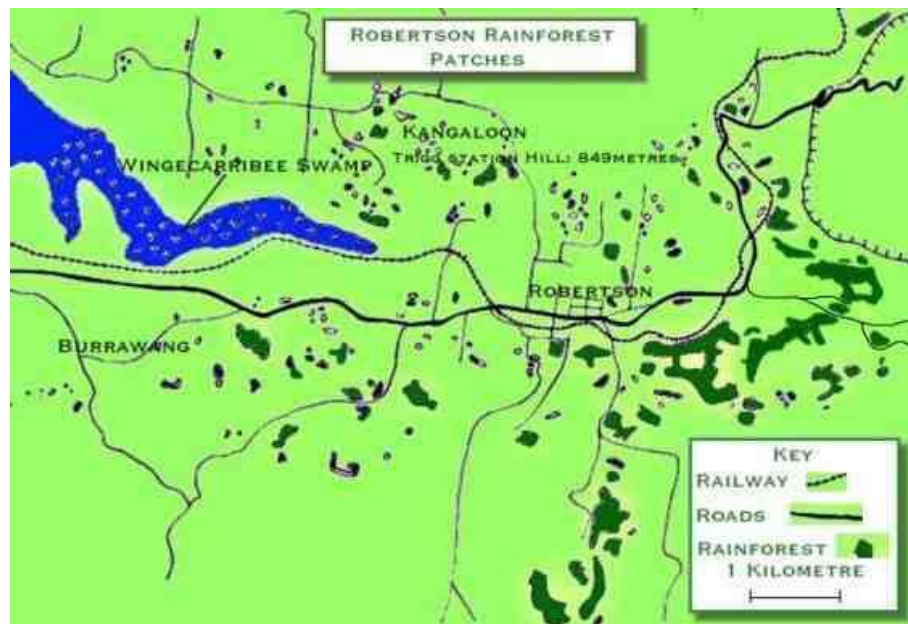
Notes and map below from <http://yarrowa.reps.org.au/files/home.html>, accessed 18/2/2021:

Yarrowa Brush (the Robertson Rainforest) is unique in Australia. Most of the 2500 hectares of original Yarrowa Brush was cleared in the 19th century for agricultural purposes. Small patches remain in places that were unsuitable for farming or where the rainforest was preserved by property owners.

Robertson is only 30km from the coast, yet at an altitude of over 700 metres. The high rainfall and heavy mists create a micro-climate particularly suited to cool, temperate rainforests.

The rainforests near Robertson were once known as the Yarrawa Brush, estimated by Kevin Mills to have covered 2450 hectares. Because of their dense tangle of trees, shrubs

and vines, these rainforests were avoided by settlers long after other parts of the Southern Highlands were cleared for grazing and agriculture. With the passing of the Robertson Land Act in 1861, many selectors began the difficult task of felling the rainforest. From early photographs and accounts of older residents, much had been removed or disturbed by the turn of the century for dairy farming and vegetable growing.



Above: Map above from <http://yarrawa.reps.org.au/files/home.html>, accessed 18/2/2021:

Some patches, however, remain in more or less original condition, especially on steep or stony sites unsuitable for farming, or where forest was deliberately conserved by landowners. The Nature Reserve within the village of Robertson is an example of such farsighted preservation; others being on private land. Elsewhere, there has been considerable regrowth, resulting in a highly picturesque landscape of verdant pastures and fields, interspersed with lush copses and larger forest remnants.

A fascinating account of the original vegetation and the early inhabitants was given by the botanist, William Woolls, after his visit in 1863. Interesting quotes include:

"The principal gum tree is of gigantic proportions, being more than 160 feet high and six or seven feet in diameter."

"Tree ferns abound."

"The settlers are surrounded by dense and beautiful woods."

"I cannot but express the pleasure I felt in visiting a wild and most romantic part of the colony where I had the opportunity of examining in the living state many plants quite new to me and noticing some of the results of free selection."

The earliest aerial photographs of the district available from the Department of Lands were taken in 1949. They show some forest remnants in more or less the same state as they are now. Others remnants have been destroyed or reduced in area. On the other hand, there are some places where the forest has advanced. It seems likely that those remnants that were there then and that still exist, are examples of the original rainforest. These are therefore of great scientific, scenic and cultural importance and should be preserved.



Above: Google Maps image of the Robertson Nature Reserve (Source: Google).

History

Historical Notes from Andrew Kennard

Designated as a reserve in 1884.

Update of the Yarrawa Brush Guide Book

From *Robertson News* Edition 139, October 2020, available online at

https://www.robertsonctc.org.au/uploads/4/0/2/2/40223981/robertson_news_october_2020_online.pdf:

New Yarrawa Brush Guide Book Edition

For the past 27 years the original edition (1993) of the Guide to the Yarrawa Brush has been a valuable reference booklet on the unique Robertson rainforest remnants with descriptions and photographs of trees, shrubs, vines and map. A dedicated team of members from The Robertson Environment Protection Society (REPS) are in the process of producing an upgraded, enhanced edition in full colour for release hopefully by March 2021. The importance of this book is magnified by the recognition that these rainforest remnants are now recognised as being critically endangered by the NSW and Commonwealth Governments and the need to create widespread awareness of this precious resource. Botanical artist, Dr Cathryn Coutts, is the project coordinator and illustrator for this new edition. She has been making art works about the rainforest plants for several years, and had an exhibition in the Robertson CTC in 2018, called 'Glimpses in a Rainforest'. For the new book she is producing 81 drawings of trees, shrubs, vines, ferns and common weeds.

Heritage Significance Assessment

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NSW heritage assessment criteria	Assessment of site <i>(no content = site has not been assessed against that criterion)</i>
(a) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance to the history of the local area because it illustrates the development of this area of the Robertson in the 19th Century and one of the first attempts (1884) at nature conservation.</i>
(b) ASSOCIATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	
(c) AESTHETIC OR TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance in demonstrating aesthetic achievement in the local area because the beauty of its setting.</i>
(d) SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE	<i>Of significance because of its strong association with the local and wider natural environment interest community.</i>
(e) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	<i>Of significance for its potential to yield scientific information in relation to rain forests in the future.</i>
(f) RARITY	<i>Of significance because the item possesses a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case one of the first attempts at nature conservation.</i>
(g) REPRESENTATIVENESS	

Integrity/Intactness

Intact and managed by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS).

Statement of Heritage Significance

The 1884 Yarrawa Brush Reserve in South Street, Robertson is significant because it illustrates the development of this area of Robertson in the 19th Century and one of the first attempts (1884) at nature conservation and for its strong association with the local and wider natural environment interest community. It is also of significance for the beauty of its setting, for possessing a rare aspect of the local area's heritage in this case one of the first attempt at nature conservation and for its potential to yield scientific information in relation to rain forests.

Part B: Not Recommended Heritage Places



Weatherboard and iron cottage 63-65 Burrawang Street, Robertson

Recommendation

Record only. Do not list as a heritage item at this time. Further historical information required to justify heritage listing.

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

March 2021: Weatherboard house fronting Burrawang Street which may be an earlier house with a mid-20th century addition to the right. Several buildings and heavy vehicles on the site. Suggest no further action. If it's partly an old cottage, its integrity has been compromised from a streetscape perspective.

Internet Review

A couple of photos from 2015 from this real estate website

<http://house.speakingsame.com/p.php?q=Robertson&sta=nsw&id=2497753>. No interior photos.



Above: 63-65 Burrawang Street in 2015 (Source: <http://house.speakingsame.com/p.php?q=Robertson&sta=nsw&id=2497753>, accessed 20/4/2023).

History

The left hand section of the current house appears to be present in a 1949 aerial photo. See below. In the 1970 aerial photo the perpendicular section with the street facing gable appears to have been constructed.



Above: Robertson village in June 1949. 63-65 Burrawang Street cottage is coloured yellow (Base map source: NSW Spatial Services Historical Imagery Viewer accessed via https://www.spatial.nsw.gov.au/products_and_services/aerial_and_historical_imagery).

‘Camellia Cottage’—weatherboard cottage

10 Caalong Street, Robertson

Recommendation

Record only. Do not list as a heritage item.

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

April 2021: Caalong Street is a very early street which runs off main street of Robertson (Hoddle) to Bowral via Kangaloon. No 10 is a small house on a 322m² site located on the corner of Burrawang Lane and is complemented by 3 other small houses at 12, 14 and 16 prior to the creek crossing.

No 10 is an elegant small symmetrical weatherboard house with a corrugated metal gabled roof and a central pedimented portico. The portico is supported by 2 elegant fluted square columns. It is located close to the street alignment and has a picket fence to each side but none at the main front of the house. Windows to the front and sides are wellproportioned double case windows of 6 panes each. The windows to the front have hoods over held by timber brackets.



Above: Camellia Cottage at 10 Caalong Street (2021).

Internet Review

8 images c 2014 available at <https://www.realestate.com.au/property/10-caalong-st-robertson-nsw-2577>.

Weatherboard and iron cottage 12 Caalong Street, Robertson

Recommendation

Record only. Do not list as a heritage item.

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

April 2021: Caalong Street is a very early street which runs off main street of Robertson (Hoddle) to Bowral via Kangaloon. No 12 is a small weatherboard cottage on a 506m² site located on the corner of Burrawang Lane and is complemented by 3 other small houses at 10, 14 and 16 prior to the creek crossing. No 12 has gabled roof and a straight verandah with a broken back roof supported by four timber posts and no decoration. Roof cladding is early iron sheeting. Windows are double hung and have a 6 pane configuration. In about 2012 a reasonably recessive extension was added at the rear and it runs along the lane.



Above: The early cottage at 12 Caalong Street (2021).

Internet Review

2 images from c. 2011, including the one below from <https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-house-nsw-robertson-107200737>.



Above: The cottage at 12 Caalong Street in c.2011 before renovation (Source: <https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-house-nsw-robertson-107200737>).

The property is the subject of an approved DA 12/0227 (also referred to as LUA 12/0227) for a major extension to the rear which is also visible from the lane. Development application details and documents may be viewed on Council's DA Tracker <https://datracker.wsc.nsw.gov.au> and searching the above DA number, or click on the link below to take you to the application (after agreeing to the DA Tracker disclaimer) <https://datracker.wsc.nsw.gov.au/Modules/applicationmaster/default.aspx?page=wrapper&key=159339>.

Asymmetrical cottage

14 Caalong Street, Robertson

Recommendation

Record only. Do not list as a heritage item.

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

April 2021: Caalong is a very early street which runs off main street of Robertson (Hoddle) to Bowral via Kangaloon. No 14 is a small house on a 505m² site and is complemented by 3 other small houses at 10, 12, and 16 prior to the creek crossing. Double front hipped metal roof small cottage. Verahdah offset to the right is post supported with brackets. Same casement windows as No 10 but includes a triple casement window to the front bay. In 2015 the internet site shows that it still had an early timber battened room to the front bay area of the house



Above: 14 Caalong Street (2021).

Internet Review

10 images from 2015 and 2019 available from <https://www.realestate.com.au/property/14-caalong-st-robertson-nsw-2577>.

Interwar cottage

16 Caalong Street, Robertson

Recommendation

Record only. Do not list as a heritage item.

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

April 2021: Caalong is a very early street which runs off main street of Robertson (Hoddle) to Bowral via Kangaloon. No 16 is a small gable fronted house on a 1012m² site adjoining Caalong Creek to the right and is complemented by 3 other small houses at 10, 12 and 14.



Above: 16 Caalong Street (2021).

Internet Review

11 images and below listing notes from 2016 sourced from

[https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-house-nsw-robertson-121480682:](https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-house-nsw-robertson-121480682)

16 Caalong Street, Robertson

This gorgeous 1930's two bedroom cottage has been beautifully renovated, yet still retains all the charm of yesteryear. Surrounded by low maintenance garden set on level block of 1012m², it is ideally located in town with easy access to shops, cafes and transport.

- East facing living with high ceilings, polished floor boards and slow combustion heater
- Spacious and sunny kitchen with meals area, ample storage and polished boards
- Two good sized bedrooms, one with built in robes
- Neatly renovated bathroom with shower, vanity and w/c
- Light filled mudroom and internal laundry area
- Fully fenced and easy care garden with hardy plants
- Single garage with workshop space
- -Sunny wrap veranda to enjoy a cup of tea or catch up on reading
- Although this home is charming as it is, there is still so much more potential to further enhance. Your picket fenced dream, can be a reality!

‘The Moorings’—early land holding 188 Fountaindale Road, Robertson

Recommendation

Potential heritage item. Property is historic but it's unclear to what extent alterations to the property have mitigated its heritage significance. For further investigation.

Description

April 2021: ‘The Moorings’ is a well maintained 1870's house and show garden at 188 Fountaindale Road. Local oral history claims it to be the oldest private house in the area. The original cottage has been reconstructed and it's unclear the extent to which original fabric remains. The magnificent modern garden may be worthy of consideration for heritage listing in its own right.

Internet Review

Images and notes below at this site at <https://themooringsgardens.com/>, accessed April 2021.



Above: Historic photograph of ‘The Moorings’ in 1891 (Source: <https://themooringsgardens.com/>).



Above: Aerial photograph of ‘The Moorings’ from 2001 looking east (Source: <https://themooringsgardens.com/>).

History

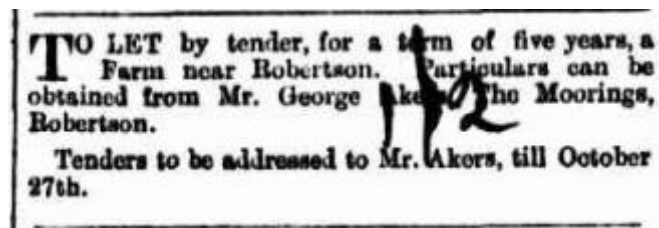
The following historical notes are extracted from the property's website
<https://themooringsgardens.com/history/> (accessed April 2021):

The Moorings is a 100 acre farm with a four acre garden surrounding a restored / rebuilt 1870's house. It is situated near the village of Robertson in the Southern Highlands of NSW.

The property was so named because it was purchased from the State of NSW in 1876 by a Surgeon Lieutenant Tarrant for 100 pounds after he gave up his sea career and decided to settle on the land.

The original house was surrounded by an orchard, a dairy, a small vineyard and Radiata pines. Little of the house was preservable, but what was, was incorporated into the present home. The house design reflects the architecture of the late eighteen hundreds with contemporary additions.

The present garden designed and constructed by the owners has been developed around the house since the early 1990's. Apart from a few fruit trees from the original orchard, the rest of the garden progressively established since 1993, is now reaching maturity.



Above: 1883 article mentioning 'The Moorings' (Source: Trove—1883 'Advertising', Bowral Free Press and Mittagong, Burrawang and Kangaloon Advocate (NSW : 1883 - 1884), 20 October, p. 3., viewed 01 May 2023, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article112454320>)

Reconstructed Victorian weatherboard cottage 5-7 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

Record only due to the existing building being a faithful rebuild of an earlier cottage that burned down. Do not list as a heritage item.

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description



Above: 5-7 Hoddle Street, Robertson, from front (April 2021)



Above: 5-7 Hoddle Street, Robertson, from outside neighbouring property to the west (April 2021)

Internet Review

Nil images.

History

Summary Notes extracted from Historical Research by the Robertson History Group

Lot 1 Section 2. 5-7 Hoddle.

12 September 1865. First purchased by James Powell, storekeeper of Berrima for 4pounds 8 shillings.

29 July 1868 Transferred to Robert John Campbell, government surveyor of Dubbo.

Historical Note from Andrew Kennard

The current building is a faithful reproduction of the original building which burnt down in the 1990s(?).

'Café 31'—single storey weatherboard shop 31 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

Record only. Do not list as a heritage item.

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

March 2021: A single storey weatherboard shop at the western end of the main street of Robertson. The main roof behind the pedimented facade is a low gable clad in corrugated sheet. The simple timber post supported bullnose verandah extends over the footpath. Facade features large shop window openings. The main roof behind the pedimented facade is a low gable clad in corrugated sheet. Facade features large shop window openings. There is rear lane access via Alcorn Lane.



Above: Café 31 at 31 Hoddle Street, Robertson (March 2021).

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Image below from this site accessed February 2021 <http://www.nadinescoffeebeans.com.au/>

History

Historical Notes from Robertson Village Heritage Walk by the Robertson History Group

Source: <http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au/robertson-village-walk.html> (accessed January 2021):

Small Shop. The first shop built on this site in 1884 was Warby's large General Store. About 1914 it became Graham's Store "a two storey, weatherboard building with glass showcases, which sold fashionable items such as hats and shoes." In 1927 it was still described as a "very large shop" but all this had gone by 1938 when the new, smaller shop was built for Arthur Vandenberg. The Dairy Farmers Co-op. bought it in the 1950s and for many years, after they left, it was a hardware shop called The Builders Barn.

Historical Note from Andrew Kennard

The second oldest shop site in Robertson.

Urban Food Tribe Café—single storey infill shop 72 Hoddle St, Robertson

Recommendation

Record only. Do not list as a heritage item.

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

May 2021: Located directly opposite the hotel parts of this building early but the front and rear newer and illustrates a desire to create a building to fit in with earlier designs for main street of Robertson. Verandah is built out over the footpath. Provides one model in a traditional style for future development of infill sites or unsympathetic buildings.



Above: 72 Hoddle Street, Robertson (April 2021).

Internet Review

There are a number of black and white images and notes showing how the building was changed between 1986 and 2002. Source: Robertson Newsletter, June 2002, accessed online March 2021: https://www.robertsonctc.org.au/uploads/4/0/2/2/40223981/edition_30_-_june_2002.pdf

After sixteen and a half years, John & Heidi Payne are leaving Robertson and setting out for a new life in Bingi, near Moruya, on the south coast. When they first set up the Pottery in Robertson, the building they bought was just a Dairy Farmers Co-op shed. They made alterations, built rock walls and landscaped it to create the pottery as it is today. They also built and lived in the dwelling at the back of the shop. The business flourished and became very well known throughout the Highlands and the coast. But after 16 years, both John and Heidi felt it was time for a change. They had always wanted a bush block and found just what they were looking for with the old store at Bingi. They will build a house on the block and use the old store as their pottery

Before



After



Above: images of 72 Hoddle Street, Robertson (Source: Robertson Newsletter, June 2002 https://www.robertsonctc.org.au/uploads/4/0/2/2/40223981/edition_30_-_june_2002.pdf).

Shop and residence

99 Hoddle Street, Robertson

Recommendation

Record only. Do not list as a heritage item.

Property is contained within the proposed Robertson Heritage Conservation Area.

Description

April 2021: A part gable fronted weatherboard house in the main street of Robertson. This site of 764m² has a traditional round topped picket fence. House has a projecting gabled bay to the right and an open verandah to the left. Roof and verandah is clad in corrugated metal. The verandah roof has a broken back profile to the main roof and is supported by timber posts. The balustrade has a design of cross timbers. Windows are double hung and there is hood over the window in the bay section



Above: 99 Hoddle Street, Robertson (April 2021).

Internet Review

11 real estate images at this site from 2010: <https://www.realestate.com.au/property/99-hoddle-st-robertson-nsw-2577>.

Land size stated as 664m².

Missingham's Sawmill (now demolished)

1750 Jamberoo Mountain Road, Robertson

Recommendation

Record only. Remaining sheds have been demolished. Do not list as a heritage item.

Heritage Survey 2009 Recommendation

List as a heritage item with the following statement of significance (from Wingecarribee Heritage Study 1993):

Reputedly the longest operating mill in the region (1905-1991).

Description

The Wingecarribee Heritage Study 1993 described the site as “Group of low timber structures with corrugated iron roofs.”

The Heritage Survey 2009 described the site as “Lost its significance, modern house, yards, shed, trucking storage.”

October 2020: Not able to be seen. Aerial photography demonstrates that the sheds have been demolished.

2014 aerial photographs show a collection of low corrugated iron sheds, below. The sheds were demolished in mid- to late-2017 and replaced with a new multi bay shed.



Above: 2014 aerial photo of former Missingham's sawmill showing collection of corrugated iron sheds (Source: Nearmap – image date 21 June 2014)



Above: The collection of sheds that formed Missingham's Sawmill as it was in 1991 (Source: Wingecarribee Heritage Study 1993, JRC Planning Services)

History

Historical Notes from Wingecarribee Heritage Study 1993

"Timber extraction is the oldest industry in the area (decades earlier than farming). Sawmills were the origin of Burrawang for example. This survivor was apparently decommissioned just before survey and the site is being cleared."

Missingham's Sawmill was "Reputedly the longest operating mill in the region (1905-1991)."

Highlands History Article in the Southern Highland News

The following historical notes about John Missingham and his family is extracted from the third in a four part article series by the Berrima District Historical & Family History Society compiled by PD Morton, published in 2008 and available online at

<https://www.southernhighlandnews.com.au/story/5428801/the-careful-timber-getter/>:

John Noble Missingham married Mary Turner in 1880. He was 21 and she 24 years old. Both grew up in Jamberoo near Kiama. John's parents, David and Priscilla Missingham, had taken up a farm there in 1863 when John was four years old. After brief schooling, from age six, he assisted with his father's bullocking business between Jamberoo and Kiama. From his father he developed a great love of the bush and learnt all about farming and timber-getting.

John and Mary, with two sons, moved in 1883 from Jamberoo to Carrington, a farming property they purchased in the Pheasant Ground locality not far from Robertson. John planted a large orchard and by about 1900 had built a substantial homestead, where eventually seven sons and a daughter grew up. John attended Hanrahans night school to gain a formal education, walking up to Robertson. Later he enjoyed reading in the evenings from a library of classics he built up.

A history of John and the family has recently been posted on the Robertson Newsagency's Facebook page by a descendant, Quentin Waters. He writes that in 1906 John purchased a nearby sawmill, established the year before beside Kangaroo Creek. John became the operator but unfortunately lost all but the thumb and little finger on his right hand in an accident there. Not to be outdone, he trained several of his sons in sawmilling.

To obtain raw timber for the mill, at first John cut and removed trees from his own lands, which extended from Fountindale Road right across Pheasant Ground to Knight's Hill, then from other

properties and later from Crown Lands, including in the valley around Carrington Falls, for which he obtained the necessary licenses. He also acquired land at Wallaby Hill and his brother James owned a property on the other side of Carrington Falls. John drove a team of bullocks to haul timber along the rough-hewn mountain tracks.

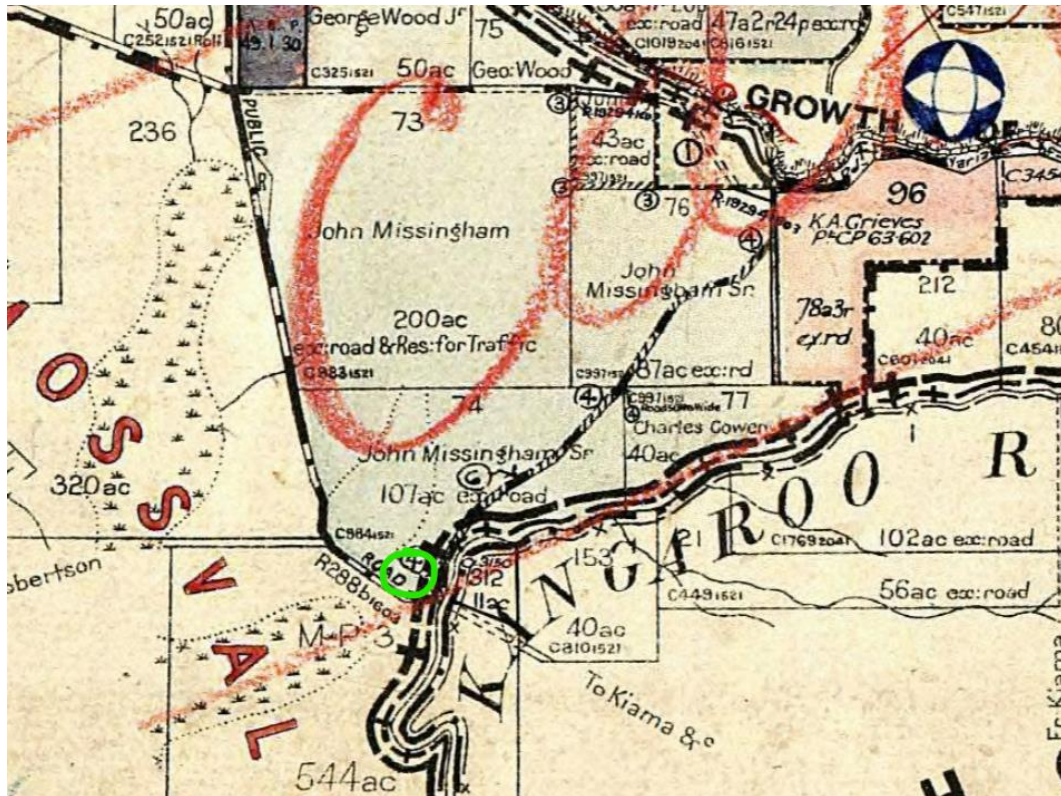
Rather than clear-fell cutting, John established a family tradition of selective timber getting and careful management of the bush. He would mark the trees he wanted, selecting mature ones suitable for milling and leaving the saplings to grow up in their place. Ideal trees for milling were tall and straight, without a twisting grain down the barrel, hence he often went down below the escarpment where trees, reaching for sunlight above, grew straight. The axe-men made sure to cut down only those marked by John and, lest he rebuke them, did so without damaging nearby growth.

In 1913 Missingham & Sons purchased a motor lorry, the first in the Wingecarribee district. It took milled timber to Bowral for sale. It was not until the 1940s, however, that they used trucks for hauling logs. Their sawmill was powered by a steam engine until conversion to electricity in the 1960s. It closed in 1989, having operated for 84 years. Four generations ran the Missingham & Sons business, supplying timber for buildings all over the district. John was succeeded in turn by his son William, grandson Gordon, and great-grandson Douglas. Other family members and many Robertson locals worked for them.



Above: Photo from Southern Highland News article with the following caption: “TO THE MILL: Missingham & Sons hauled timber by bullock teams until the 1940s. Photo: courtesy Q Waters.” It is unknown whether this photo was taken at Missingham’s sawmill.

Parish Map and Aerial Photography



Above: Extract from the 6th edition of the Jamberoo Parish Map dated 1924 showing various portions of land owned by John Missingham. Portion 74 contains what was the sawmill, the approximate location of which is circled in green.

The following five (5) aerial photos show the development of the site since the late 1940s. All photos are extracted from NSW Government aerial photos which have been digitised and are viewable from the NSW Spatial Services Historical Imagery Viewer at https://www.spatial.nsw.gov.au/products_and_services/aerial_and_historical_imagery.



Above: View of Missingham's sawmill site in 1949 (Source: NSW Government Spatial Services, Historical Imagery Viewer, accessed April 2023).



Above: View of Missingham's sawmill site in 1970 (Source: NSW Government Spatial Services, Historical Imagery Viewer, accessed April 2023).



Above: View of Missingham's sawmill site in 1984 (Source: NSW Government Spatial Services, Historical Imagery Viewer, accessed April 2023).



Above: View of Missingingham's sawmill site in 1993 (Source: NSW Government Spatial Services, Historical Imagery Viewer, accessed April 2023).



Above: View of Missingingham's sawmill site in 2006 (Source: NSW Government Spatial Services, Historical Imagery Viewer, accessed April 2023).