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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Urbis has been engaged to prepare the following Heritage Impact Statement (HIS) for a Stage 1 Development Application (DA) for the proposed mixed-use development on the Study Area, associated with the proposed Club Burwood RSL in the suburb of Burwood, New South Wales.

The Study Area is outlined in the following aerial diagram.

Figure 1 - Aerial diagram



Source: Nearmap, 2017

The Study Area is not a heritage item, and the Significance Assessment included in Section 5.2 of this report concludes that the existing buildings and landscape within the Study Area have no heritage significance. The Study Area is, however, located in the immediate vicinity of several heritage items, which are listed on both local and state heritage schedules/registers.

Local heritage items located in the vicinity of the Study Area are shown in the Burwood LEP 2012 heritage map, below. These include Item I68, 'Burwood Railway Station Group', and Item I56, 'Victorian Semi-Detached Houses'. In addition, Burwood Railway Station is also listed on the State Heritage Register (SHR) as an item of state heritage significance (SHR ID 01106).

Accordingly, this HIS has been undertaken to determine the potential impact of the proposed work on the heritage significance of proximate heritage items.

The Impact Assessment included herein in Section 6 of this report has assessed the following:

- The works are proposed to occur in an area that has already been, and will continue to be, subject to multi-storey development. At present, the maximum building allowed at the Study Area, as well as along the entire northern side of George Street, is 60 metres as per Section 4.3 of the Burwood LEP 2012. The height controls on the southern side of George Street are higher, at 70 metres. It is therefore expected that comparable multi-storey buildings will be developed in the immediate area in the future. Heritage items in the vicinity are therefore considered likely to be viewed in the context of further multi-storey development of an intensity greater than that which exists today.
- The Study Area is not a listed heritage item. The proposed works apply only to the Study Area, and do
  not include any alterations or additions to nearby heritage items.

- Heritage items in the vicinity will be wholly retained, and the proposed works will have no significant impact on the heritage significance of nearby items for the reasons discussed below.
- The proposed works will occur in the vicinity of heritage items. The works have, however, been designed and sited in a manner that is as sympathetic to the significance and setting of nearby heritage items as possible.
  - By its nature, the proposed new building is larger and will be more dominant than the proximate heritage items, as is envisaged by the zoning. However, any proposal over two floors in height would be larger than the proximate heritage items. The proposed developable building envelope form (the subject of this Stage 1 DA) has been developed having regard to what the potential future configuration and orientation of a new building within this envelope would potentially look like.
- The overall proposed building form has been designed to include a lower podium level to all four boundaries, and then a tower form well-set-back from the street-front, to reduce the immediate physical and visual impact of a large-scale development adjacent to local heritage items, particularly regarding local heritage item 56 (Victorian Semi-Detached Houses) located on George Street opposite the Study Area. Within this proposed podium form, a porte cochere is proposed to be located along George Street at street-level. While final design and location of this feature is yet to be determined, the drawings provided and listed herein at Section 3, propose that this feature is located directly opposite heritage item 56, and that the porte cochere will provide for a recessed building form, thereby drawing the immediate building mass away from the heritage item.

There are therefore no identified heritage constraints associated with the proposal, and the proposal is therefore recommended to Council for approval.

# 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. BACKGROUND

Urbis has been engaged to prepare the following Heritage Impact Statement (HIS) for a Stage 1 Development Application (DA) for the proposed mixed-use development associated with the proposed Club Burwood RSL.

The Stage 1 DA seeks concept approval for the mixed-use redevelopment of the site, including;

- Uses, including registered club, hotel or motel accommodation, commercial premises, entertainment facilities, function centre and recreation facility (indoor);
- · Building envelope associated with the podium;
- Building envelope for one tower above the podium, with a maximum height of 95 metres;
- Maximum GFA across the site if 37,173 square metres;
- Vehicle access points; and
- A maximum of 1,250 car spaces provided within the basement envelope.

The Stage 1 DA does not seek approval for;

- Any works, including demolition, excavation, construction and public domain improvements;
- The final arrangement of land uses;
- Layout, mix or number of hotel rooms;
- The design of the building exteriors including facades and roofs; and
- Public domain and landscape design.

Separate development applications (Stage 2 DAs) will be prepared ad submitted to undertake physical works on the site.

The Study Area is not a heritage item and is not located in a heritage conservation area. The Study Area is, however, located in the immediate vicinity of several heritage items, which are listed on both local and state heritage schedules/registers.

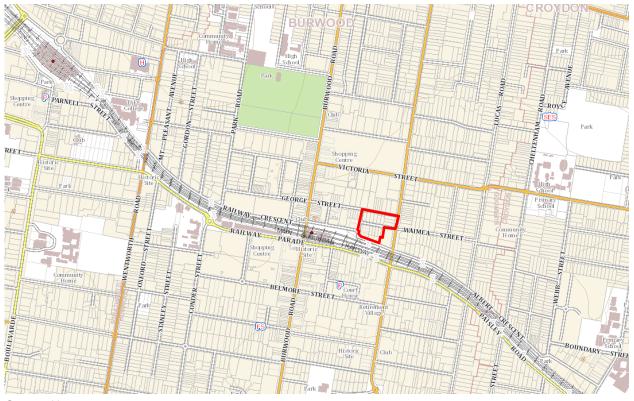
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Accordingly, this HIS has been undertaken to determine the potential impact of the proposed work on the heritage significance of proximate heritage items.

### 1.2. SITE LOCATION

The site has an area of 9,248 square metres and is bound by George Street to the north, Shaftesbury Road to the east, Deane Street to the south and Marmaduke Street to the west. The site includes the area of Waimea Street that is now closed, and part of Marmaduke Street adjacent to the site that has been closed. The site excludes 59-63 Shaftesbury Road.

Figure 2 - Locality diagram



Source: Nearmap, 2017

### 1.3. METHODOLOGY

This Heritage Impact Statement has been prepared in accordance with the NSW Heritage Branch guideline 'Assessing Heritage Significance' (2001). The philosophy and process adopted is that guided by the *Australia ICOMOS Burra Charter* 1999 (revised 2013).

Site constraints and opportunities have been considered with reference to relevant controls and provisions contained within the Burwood Local Environmental Plan 2012 and the Burwood Development Control Plan 2013 (updated 2016).

## 1.4. AUTHOR IDENTIFICATION

The following report has been prepared by Karyn Virgin (Senior Heritage Consultant) and Ashleigh Roddan (Heritage Consultant).

Unless otherwise stated, all drawings, illustrations and photographs are the work of Urbis.

# 2. STUDY AREA DESCRIPTION

The Study Area comprises an amalgamation of 18 properties over 25 individual lots, as well as two freehold titled streets (Waimea Street and Marmaduke Street). The Study Area is just over 9,248 square metres in area and is generally bound by George Street to the north, Shaftesbury Road to the east, Deane Street to the south and Marmaduke Street to the west. The site includes Waimea Street, Marmaduke Street and part of Deane Street but excludes 59-63 Shaftesbury Road. The Study Area is shown outlined in the following aerial diagram.

Figure 3 - Aerial image



Source: Nearmap, 2017

Table 1 – Table of properties within the subject development site

Street Address	Legal Description	Description
25 Waimea Street, Burwood	Lot 1, DP 7862	Three storey brick residential flat building
23 Waimea Street, Burwood	Lot 2, DP 7862	Single storey interwar bungalow
21 Waimea Street, Burwood	Lot 3, DP 7862	Single storey interwar bungalow
19 Waimea Street, Burwood	Lot 4, DP 7862	Single storey interwar bungalow
17 Waimea Street Burwood	Lot 15, DP771950	Single storey brick Scout Hall
15 Waimea Street, Burwood	Lot 16, DP 771950	Vacant land

Street Address	Legal Description	Description
2 George Street, Burwood	Lot 7, DP 7862	Single storey interwar bungalow
57C Shaftesbury Road, Burwood	Lot 8, DP 7862	Single storey interwar bungalow
57A Shaftesbury Road, Burwood	Lot 9, DP 7862	Vacant (open grassland)
42A Waimea Street, Burwood	Lot 22, DP 797	Two storey interwar residential flat building
42 Waimea Street, Burwood	Lot 21, DP 797	Single storey interwar bungalow
44 Waimea Street, Burwood	Lot B, DP 316923	Single storey Victorian cottage (modified)
44A Waimea Street, Burwood	Lot A, DP 316923	Single storey interwar bungalow
46 Waimea Street, Burwood	Lot 18, DP 797	Single storey Federation bungalow
5 Deane Street, Burwood	Lot B, DP 346003	Two storey interwar residential flat building
3 Deane Street, Burwood	Lot A, DP 346003	Two storey interwar residential flat building
2- 4 Marmaduke Road, Burwood	Lot 1 DP73880, Lot 1 DP 999247, Lot 14 DP 71890, Lots 16,17, 14 DP 797, Lots 1, 2 DP 115013, Lot C DP346003	1950's brick library building
Waimea Street	Lot 10, DP 1173718	
Marmaduke Street	Lot 20 in DP1218704	

The Study Area is located to the east of the Burwood Town Centre, which is being progressively redeveloped into a dense urban centre. Approval has been granted for a number of significant mixed use developments, many of which are under construction. Significant current and proposed developments within the immediate locality include:

- 9-15 George Street: Demolition of two demi detached dwellings; demolition of the rear wings of the
  heritage items; construction of a mixed use development comprising 3 levels of commercial floor space
  and 16 levels of residential apartments over 3 levels of basement parking; and subsequent
  reconstruction of the rear wings of the heritage listed properties.
- 9-15 Deane Street and 18-20 George Street: Construction of a 22 storey mixed use development comprising 4.5 levels of basement car parking, 2,640sqm of retail, 3,447sqm of commercial office space, 76 serviced apartments and 103 residential apartments (under construction).
- 1-3 Marmaduke Street and 7 Deane Street: Construction of a 24 storey mixed use development comprising 4 levels of basement car parking, ground floor retail, 112 serviced apartments and 34 residential apartments (under construction).
- 23 27 George Street: Construction of a 21 storey mixed use development comprising 3 levels of basement car parking, retail at the ground floor, 2 levels of commercial office space, residential apartments on Levels 4 20 (under assessment).
- **17 Deane Street:** Construction of a mixed-use development comprising 2 levels of basement car parking, 101-room hotel, child care centre and 36 apartments (under assessment).

Figure 4 – Existing Development



Picture 1 – Two Storey RFBS fronting Deane Street



Picture 2 - Vacant lot and scout hall on George Street



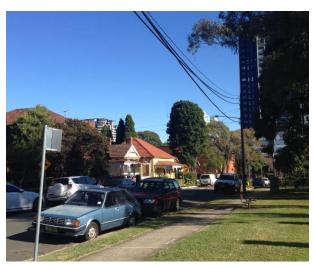
Picture 3 – Former church buildings, Deane Street Frontage



Picture 4 – Looking east along Deane Street



Picture 5 – Dwelling house fronting George Street



Picture 6 – Vacant lot looking west along Waimea Street

### 2.1. HERITAGE ITEMS IN THE VICINITY

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Figure 5 – Extract of heritage map



Source: Burwood Council Local Environmental Plan 2012



Picture 7 – Photo of vicinity local heritage item 56 Source: Urbis



Picture 8 – Photo of Burwood Railway Station Group heritage item 68 (state heritage item 01106)

Source: Heritage Inventory Sheet

Item I56, 'Victorian Semi-Detached Houses' has the current statement of significance:

"These Victorian Terrace Houses are of local significance as retaining form, scale and detail of Burwood's railway suburban context."

Item I68, 'Burwood Railway Station Group' is a local and a state item, and has the current statement of significance:

"Burwood is a major suburban site with some significant structures dating from the 1880 period when the railway crossed Burwood Rd by a level crossing. The small former railway post office is a rare surviving example of this type of structure. The Parcels Office is also of significance because it shows the original earlier platform alignment on which the tracks were located and the changes with the upgrading of the line through that area in 1892."<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/ViewHeritageItemDetails.aspx?ID=1250059

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/ViewHeritageItemDetails.aspx?ID=5011960

# 3. THE PROPOSAL

The Stage 1 DA seeks concept approval for the mixed-use redevelopment of the site, including;

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- Layout, mix or number of hotel rooms;
- · The design of the building exteriors including façades and roofs; and
- Public domain and landscape design.

Separate development applications (Stage 2 DAs) will be prepared ad submitted to undertake physical works on the site.

Accordingly, approval for the demolition of existing building stock in the Study Area *does not* form part of the Stage 1 DA for the purposes of planning approvals. However, given that demolition of existing buildings is necessary to enable the proposed development, it has been assessed in this HIS from a heritage perspective.

This report has been written with reference to the following architectural drawings prepared by the Buchan Group dated 16 June 2017:

A-CDA-0000 ARCHITECTURAL SET - COVER SHEET A
A-CDA-1001 BASEMENT LEVEL 7 A
A-CDA-1002 BASEMENT LEVEL 6 A
A-CDA-1003 BASEMENT LEVEL 5 A
A-CDA-1004 BASEMENT LEVEL 4 A
A-CDA-1005 BASEMENT LEVEL 3 A
A-CDA-1006 BASEMENT LEVEL 2 A
A-CDA-1007 LOADING DOCK LEVEL A
A-CDA-1008 GROUND LEVEL A
A-CDA-1009 LEVEL 1 A
A-CDA-1010 LEVEL 2 A
A-CDA-1011 LEVEL 3 A A-CDA-1012 LEVEL 4 & 5 A
A-CDA-1013 LEVELS 6 - 9 & 14, 15 A A-CDA-1014 LEVELS 10 - 13 A
A-CDA-1014 LEVELS 10 - 13 A
A-CDA-1016 LEVEL 17 A
A-CDA-1017 LEVEL 18 A
A-CDA-1018 LEVEL 19 A

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A-CDA-3004 WEST ELEVATION A
A-CDA-3201 3D VIEWS A
A-CDA-3202 3D VIEWS A
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A-CDA-3204 3D VIEWS A
A-CDA-3301 SHADOW DIAGRAMS A
A-CDA-3302 SHADOW DIAGRAMS A
A-CDA-3303 SHADOW DIAGRAMS A
A-CDA-3304 SHADOW DIAGRAMS A
A-CDA-3305 SHADOW DIAGRAMS A
A-CDA-3306 SHADOW DIAGRAMS A
A-CDA-3401 SOUTH EAST VIEW A
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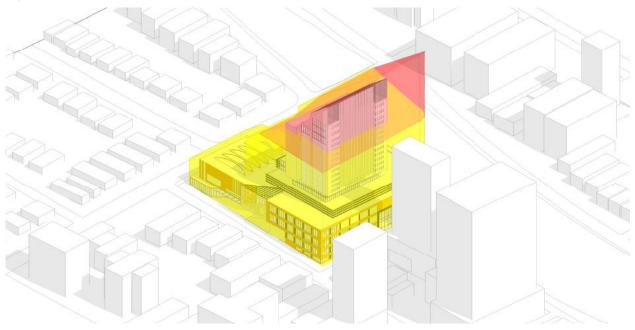
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Figure 6 – Extract of Proposed Envelope – North-east View



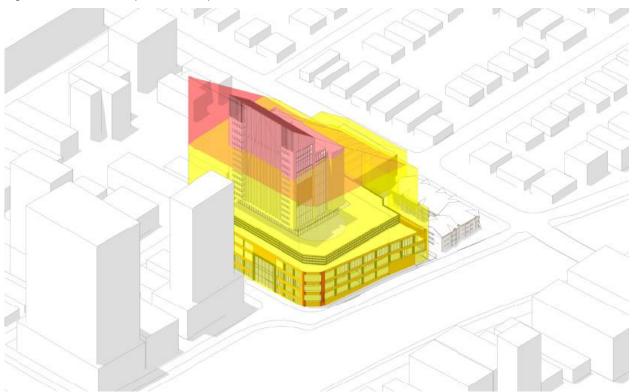
Source: The Buchan Group, 31 May 2017

Figure 7 – Extract of Proposed Envelope – North-west View



Source: The Buchan Group, 31 May 2017

Figure 8 – Extract of Proposed Envelope – South-west View



Source: The Buchan Group, 31 May 2017

Figure 9 – Extract of Proposed Envelope – South-east View



Source: The Buchan Group, 31 May 2017

# **HISTORICAL OVERVIEW**

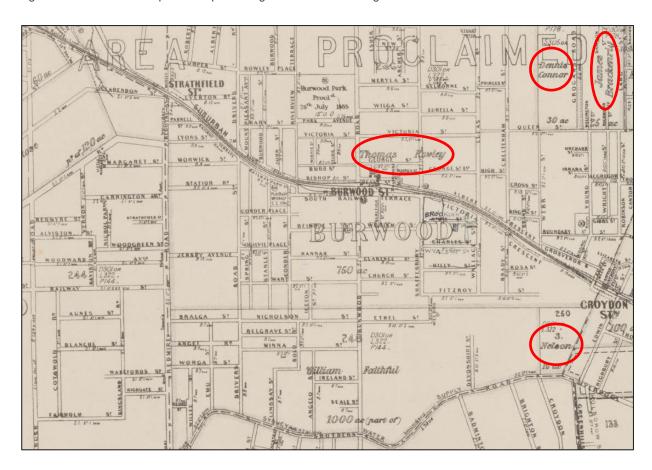
#### 4.1. **AREA HISTORY**

The Study Area is located in the suburb of Burwood, approximately 12 kilometres to the west of Sydney city. The history of this suburb starts in 1791 with the establishment of Parramatta Road, which was originally established as a way to connect Governor Phillip's settlement at Sydney Cove with a small farming community he had established at Parramatta (then 'Rose Hill'). The construction of the road improved the accessibility of land to the west of Sydney Cove, and settlement of the area soon followed.

The first recorded resident of Burwood was Sarah Nelson, Nelson was a free settler who established a farm in 1794 on 15 acres of land in the area now known Malvern Hill. Nelson was closely followed in that same year by James Brackenrig, a private soldier in the New South Wales Corps who was granted 25 acres of land on the southern side of Parramatta Road. In 1796, a convict named Denis Connor was granted a 30acre parcel of land to the immediate west of Brackenrig's property, and the settlement of Burwood had begun (Figure 10).

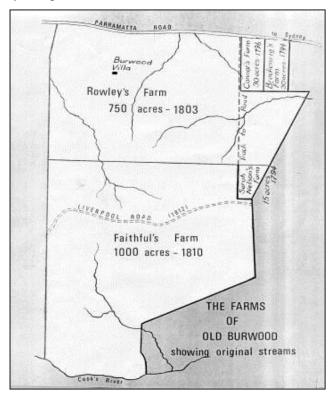
In 1799, a 250-acre land grant was made by Governor Hunter to Captain Thomas Rowley, also of the NSW Corps (Figure 10). Rowley named this land 'Burwood Farm' after his hometown of Burwood, Cornwall, and it is from this estate that the modern suburb of Burwood derives its name.

Figure 10 - 1898 Concord parish map showing the location of land grants



Source: MAP RM 2535, Spatial Information eXchange Maps – Historical Lands Records Viewer, 20141

Figure 11 – Map showing early land grants in the Burwood Area.



Source: Dunlop 1974: 1951

Rowley died in 1806, and his will stipulated that the Rowley's children, who were the trustees of his estate, were not to sell the property. Rowley's children soon after relocated to England, at which time Governor Macquarie nominated Thomas Moore as trustee. Moore then sold the property to Alexander Riley in 1812 for £520, and it was inherited by his son W. E. Riley in 1833. Upon their return from England, Rowley's heirs learned that the property had been disposed of contrary to their father's will, and instigated court action. They were ultimately awarded the estate and went on to subdivide and sell the land from 1833 onwards (Figure 12). A number of other land owners in the local area followed suit, and Burwood entered a period of residential growth.

Prompted by the increasing number of residents and consequent increase of traffic along Parramatta Road. Burwood began to prosper. A stagecoach began running from Burwood to Parramatta in 1814, and during the 1820s a number of inns were built at 10 kilometre intervals along the road where the coaches stopped to change horses. In 1821 the Longbottom Government Farm was established; the farm eventually grew to cover over 700 acres of land, and provided employment for over 100 men. A stone schoolhouse was opened in 1847, and St Thomas' church was established in 1848. In 1855 the railway line connecting Sydney to Parramatta was opened and Burwood railway station was constructed, furthering the growth of the suburb.

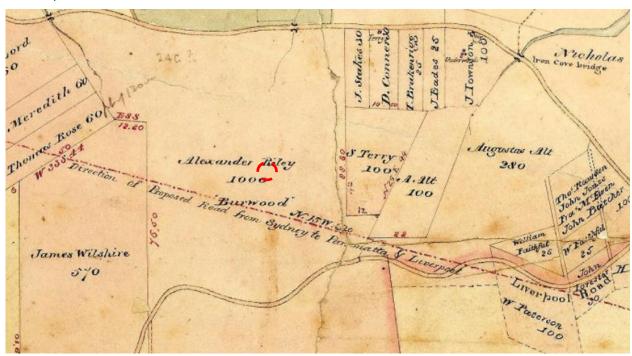
The Municipality of Burwood was incorporated by proclamation into the Government Gazette on 27 March 1874. At this time, the population numbered some 1,200 people. By 1900 the population had grown to 7,400. and by 1930 this number had more than doubled.

Figure 12 – 1833. Map showing the subdivision of Burwood Farm.

Source: Dunlop 1974: 27

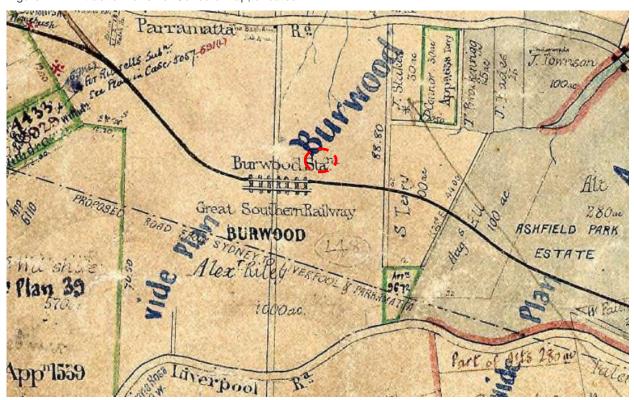
### 4.2. STUDY AREA HISTORY

Figure 13 – Extract of Parish of Concord Map, undated but showing configuration c.1812-33 during Alexander Riley's ownership



Source: Land and Property Information, Historical Land Records Viewer

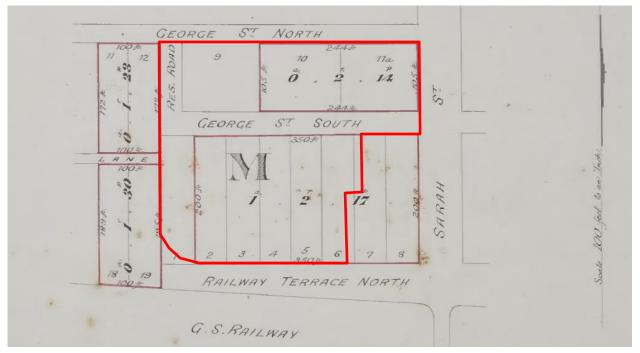
Figure 14 – Extract of Parish of Concord Map, undated



Source: Land and Property Information, Historical Land Records Viewer

The Study Area was formed by several subdivisions in the mid to late 1800s. By 1870s, the streets surrounding the Study Area were generally formed, however George Street was known as 'George Street North', Shaftesbury Road was known as 'Sarah Street', Deane Street was known as 'Railway Terrace North', Marmaduke Street was a road reserve and unformed, and Waimea Street was known as 'George Street South'.

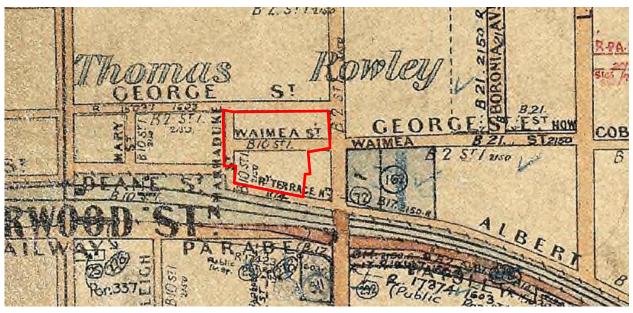
Figure 15 – Extract of Certificate of Title Volume 151 Folio 250, dated 24 June 1872



Source: SAI Global

The Study Area was developed with single storey dwellings during the early 1900s, with a predominant Federation / interwar bungalow design. By 1915, as shown on the following Parish Map (Figure 16), Marmaduke Street was formed and 'George Street South' had evolved into Waimea Street.

Figure 16 - Extract of Parish of Concord Map, 1915



Source: Land and Property Information, Historical Land Records Viewer

The 1943 aerial confirms that the Study Area was fully developed by either single dwellings and interwar flat buildings by this time.

Figure 17 - Extract of 1943 aerial



Source: SIX Maps 2017

A new branch of the Burwood Library was constructed at the south-west corner of the Study Area, fronting Deane Street, opening in 1952. The building was to be used for two community institutions being the Burwood Council Library and Baby Health Centre. The building was designed by D. T. Morrow & Gordon architects and comprised a face-brick 'L' shaped building with splayed window hoods (see Figure 18).

D.T. Morrow & Gordon was at the time a high-profile firm for their work in moderne architecture in Sydney, best known for the Grace Building 1930 (York & Clarence Street, Sydney CBD), the AWA Building 1939 (York Street, Sydney CBD) and a range pf public housing and residential development projects in the 1950s (Greenway Flats Kirribilli and Northcott Estate, Surry Hills). This new library building was later modified and extended, and has recently been abandoned when the library moved to a more modern premises.

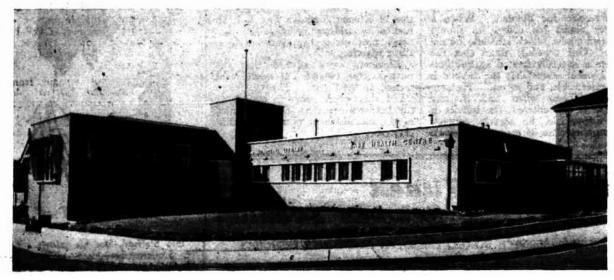
Figure 18 – Photograph of the Burwood Council Library in 1954

# NEW MUNICIPAL LIBRARY AND BABY HEALTH CENTRE

BURWOOD, SYDNEY.

Architects: D. T. Morrow & Gordon.

Master Builder: R. J. Green.



Source: 1954 'NEW MUNICIPAL LIBRARY AND BABY HEALTH CENTRE', Construction (Sydney, NSW: 1938 - 1954), 24 February, p. 4., viewed 11 May 2017, http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article224514796

Other later twentieth century development within the Study Area followed thereafter, including a two-storey brick Scout Hall on Waimea Street, and a four-storey residential flat building on the corner of George Street and Marmaduke Street.

# 5. HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

### 5.1. WHAT IS HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE?

Before making decisions to change a heritage item, an item within a heritage conservation area, or an item located in proximity to a heritage listed item, it is important to understand its values and the values of its context. This leads to decisions that will retain these values in the future. Statements of heritage significance summarise the heritage values of a place; why it is important, why a statutory listing was made to protect these values.

### 5.2. SIGNIFICANCE ASSESSMENT

The Heritage Council of NSW has developed a set of seven criteria for assessing heritage significance, which can be used to make decisions about the heritage value of a place or item. There are two levels of heritage significance used in NSW: state and local.

The following assessment of heritage significance has been prepared in accordance with the 'Assessing Heritage Significance' (2001) guides.

#### Criteria Significance Assessment A - Historical Significance The Study Area is an amalgamation of a number of buildings from a variety of periods. The majority of An item is important in the course or pattern of the local dwellings and residential flat buildings dating from the area's cultural or natural history. interwar period appear externally intact with minor modification. However, the gradual redevelopment of a number of the lots with later twentieth century development has diminished the low density residential character of the area. The Study Area has no identified significance historical associations and does not represent an original subdivision pattern for the area, or include prominent early development for Burwood. The Study Area does not meet the requisite threshold for this criterion. Guidelines for Inclusion Guidelines for Exclusion shows evidence of a significant human activity has incidental or unsubstantiated connections with historically important activities or processes is associated with a significant activity or historical phase provides evidence of activities or processes that are of dubious historical importance $\boxtimes$ · maintains or shows the continuity of a historical process or activity has been so altered that it can no longer provide evidence of a particular association

#### Criteria Significance Assessment **B - Associative Significance** The Study Area has no identified significance historical associations. It is not known who the various architects of An item has strong or special associations with the life or the dwellings were, however they appear to be generally works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in typical forms of their typologies with no particularly the local area's cultural or natural history. significant or distinctive detailing. The former Burwood Council Library and Baby Health Centre was designed by prominent architects D. T. Morrow & Gordon in 1952. However, the building is not a wellknown, important or particularly distinctive example of the firm's work. The Study Area does not meet the requisite threshold for Guidelines for Inclusion Guidelines for Exclusion · shows evidence of a significant human · has incidental or unsubstantiated connections occupation with historically important people or events • is associated with a significant event, person, · provides evidence of people or events that are or group of persons of dubious historical importance $\boxtimes$ • has been so altered that it can no longer provide evidence of a particular association C - Aesthetic Significance The earlier dwellings appear to be generally typical forms of their typologies with no particularly significant or An item is important in demonstrating aesthetic distinctive qualities, and are only representative of general characteristics and/or a high degree of creative or residential development of the period. The later twentieth technical achievement in the local area. century development within the Study Area is not considered to be significant. The former Burwood Council Library and Baby Health Centre was designed by prominent architects D. T. Morrow & Gordon in 1952. However, the building has been subject to a number of alterations and modifications over time which have diminished the original aesthetic qualities of the building. The building is not one of the firm's particularly distinctive or detailed examples of work. The Study Area does not meet the requisite threshold for this criterion.

Criteria	Significance Assessment	
Guidelines for Inclusion	Guidelines for Exclusion	
shows or is associated with, creative or technical innovation or achievement	is not a major work by an important designer or artist	
<ul> <li>is the inspiration for a creative or technical innovation or achievement</li> <li>is aesthetically distinctive</li> <li>has landmark qualities</li> <li>exemplifies a particular taste, style or technology</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>has lost its design or technical integrity</li> <li>its positive visual or sensory appeal or landmark and scenic qualities have been more than temporarily degraded</li> <li>has only a loose association with a creative or technical achievement</li> </ul>	
D – Social Significance  An item has strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group in the local area for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.	There are no known or identified significant social associations with the Study Area. The area comprises predominantly residential development which is not heritage listed and is retained in preference to a proposed alternative. The Council library has already moved to another location, however it is likely that local residents active in the area in the latter half of the twentieth century have some degree of attachment to the building for its community service function.  The Study Area does not meet the requisite threshold for this criterion.	
Guidelines for Inclusion	Guidelines for Exclusion	
• is important for its associations with an identifiable group	• is only important to the community for amenity reasons	
• is important to a community's sense of place	• is retained only in preference to a proposed alternative	
E – Research Potential  An item has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the local area's cultural or natural history.	The buildings within the Study Area do no display any technically or scientifically significant techniques or fabric. It is not known if improvements were located on the Study Area prior to the residential phase of development in the early twentieth century, and accordingly the archaeological potential of the site is unknown. Notwithstanding the above, it is beyond the scope of this report to assess the archaeological potential of the site.  The Study Area does not meet the requisite threshold for this criterion.	

Criteria		Significance Assessment	
Guidelines for Inclusion		Guidelines for Exclusion	
has the potential to yield new or further substanti scientific and/or archaeological information	ial	the knowledge gained would be irrelevant to research on science, human history or culture	$\boxtimes$
<ul> <li>is an important benchmark or reference site or type</li> <li>provides evidence of past human cultures that is unavailable elsewhere</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>has little archaeological or research potential</li> <li>only contains information that is readily available from other resources or archaeological sites</li> </ul>	
F – Rarity  An item possesses uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of the local area's cultural or natural history		The buildings existing within the Study Area are gentypical examples of their typologies with no outstand technical or aesthetic qualities. They are not consider be rare in the context of the local area, with much be examples of their type extant throughout Burwood at Sydney.  The Study Area does not meet the requisite threshold this criterion.	ing ered to etter nd
Guidelines for Inclusion		Guidelines for Exclusion	
<ul> <li>provides evidence of a defunct custom, way of life or process</li> <li>demonstrates a process, custom or other human activity that is in danger of being lost</li> <li>shows unusually accurate evidence of a significant human activity</li> <li>is the only example of its type</li> <li>demonstrates designs or techniques of exceptional interest</li> <li>shows rare evidence of a significant human activity important to a community</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>is not rare</li> <li>is numerous but under threat</li> </ul>	
G – Representative  An item is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of NSW's (or the local area cultural or natural places; or  cultural or natural environments	a's):	The buildings within the Study Area are generally type examples of their type. However, for each type of but within the Study Area, there are better examples extra throughout Burwood and Sydney with a higher degree intactness and which better represent their respective period of construction.  The Study Area does not meet the requisite threshold this criterion.	ant ee of e

Criteria		Significance Assessment	
Guidelines for Inclusion		Guidelines for Exclusion	
is a fine example of its type		is a poor example of its type	
has the principal characteristics of an important class or group of items		does not include or has lost the range of characteristics of a type	
<ul> <li>has attributes typical of a particular way of life, philosophy, custom, significant process, design, technique or activity</li> </ul>		does not represent well the characteristics that make up a significant variation of a type	
is a significant variation to a class of items			
is part of a group which collectively illustrates a representative type			
• is outstanding because of its setting, condition or size			
• is outstanding because of its integrity or the esteem in which it is held			

# **5.3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

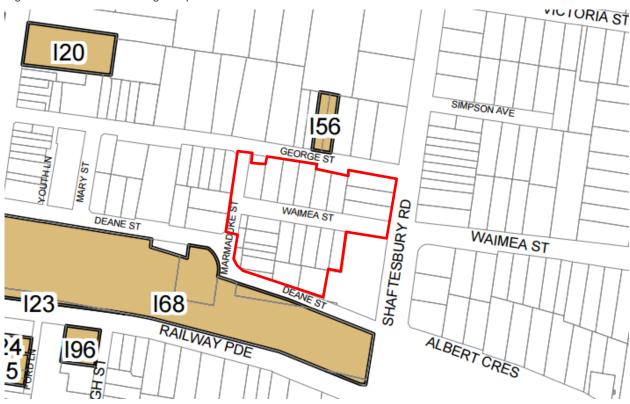
The properties within the Study Area do not meet the threshold for listing at either a local or state level.

### **5.4. HERITAGE LISTING**

The Study Area does not contain any heritage items. It is, however, located in the immediate vicinity of several heritage items, which are listed on both local and state heritage schedules/registers.

Local heritage items located in the vicinity of the Study Area are shown in the Burwood LEP 2012 heritage map, below. These include Item I68, 'Burwood Railway Station Group', and Item I56, 'Victorian Semi-Detached Houses'. In addition, Burwood Railway Station is also listed on the State Heritage Register (SHR) as an item of state heritage significance (SHR ID 01106).

Figure 19 – Extract of heritage map



Source: Burwood Council Local Environmental Plan 2012



Picture 9 – Photo of vicinity local heritage item 56 *Source: Urbis* 



Picture 10 – Photo of Burwood Railway Station Group heritage item 68 (state heritage item 01106)

Source: Heritage Inventory Sheet

# 6. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

### **6.1. STATUTORY CONTROLS**

#### 6.1.1. Burwood Local Environmental Plan 2012

The proposed works are addressed in the table below in relation to the relevant clauses in the LEP.

Table 2 – Burwood Local Environmental Plan 2012, relevant clause impact assessment

### Clause Discussion (1) Objectives This Heritage Impact Statement (HIS) has been prepared to assist the consent authority in their assessment of the submitted DA. The HIS The objectives of this clause are as follows: assesses the significance of the Study Area and considers the works against the relevant provisions in the LEP and DCP. (a) to conserve the environmental heritage of Liverpool, (b) to conserve the heritage significance of heritage items and heritage conservation areas, including associated fabric, settings and views. (c) to conserve archaeological sites, (d) to conserve Aboriginal objects and Aboriginal places of heritage significance. (2) Requirement for consent The Study Area is not a listed heritage item under Schedule 5 of the Burwood LEP 2012. It is, however, located in the vicinity of locally listed Development consent is required for any of heritage items. the following: This HIS has been prepared to assist the consent authority in their (a) demolishing or moving any of the assessment of the submitted DA. The HIS assesses the significance of following or altering the exterior of any of the the Study Area and considers the proposed works against the relevant following (including, in the case of a building, provisions in the LEP and DCP. making changes to its detail, fabric, finish or appearance): (i) a heritage item, (ii) an Aboriginal object, (iii) a building, work, relic or tree within a heritage conservation area, (e) erecting a building on land: (i) on which a heritage item is located or that is within a heritage conservation area, or (ii) on which an Aboriginal object is located or that is within an Aboriginal place of heritage significance

# (4) Effect of proposed development on heritage significance

The consent authority must, before granting consent under this clause in respect of a heritage item or heritage conservation area, consider the effect of the proposed development on the heritage significance of the item or area concerned. This subclause applies regardless of whether a heritage management document is prepared under subclause (5) or a heritage conservation management plan is submitted under subclause (6).

#### Discussion

This HIS has been prepared to assist the consent authority in their assessment of the submitted DA. The HIS assesses the significance of the Study Area and considers the proposed works against the relevant provisions in the LEP and DCP.

The proposed works will occur in the vicinity of a small number of locally listed heritage items. However, the proposed works are not considered to have any significant impacts on the heritage significance of these items for the reasons discussed below.

#### (5) Heritage assessment

The consent authority may, before granting consent to any development:

- (a) on land on which a heritage item is located, or
- (b) on land that is within a heritage conservation area, or
- (c) on land that is within the vicinity of land referred to in paragraph (a) or (b),

require a heritage management document to be prepared that assesses the extent to which the carrying out of the proposed development would affect the heritage significance of the heritage item or heritage conservation area concerned.

This HIS has been prepared to assist the consent authority in their assessment of the submitted DA. The HIS assesses the significance of the Study Area and considers the proposed works against the relevant provisions in the LEP and DCP.

# (6) Heritage conservation management plans

The consent authority may require, after considering the heritage significance of a heritage item and the extent of change proposed to it, the submission of a heritage conservation management plan before granting consent under this clause.

A Conservation Management Plan is not considered necessary for the proposed works. The Study Area is not a locally or state listed heritage item.

### 6.1.2. Burwood Development Control Plan 2013

The proposed works are addressed in the table below in relation to the relevant provisions in the DCP.

Table 3 – Burwood Development Control Plan 2013, relevant clause impact assessment

#### Clause

#### **Discussion**

#### 3.8 HERITAGE IN CENTRES AND CORRIDORS

#### **Objectives**

O1 To support the retention of heritage properties and maintain their heritage significance.

O2 To ensure that alterations or additions to heritage properties are sympathetic to the heritage significance of the property and in keeping with its character.

O3 To ensure that development located in the vicinity of a heritage item is designed and sited in a manner sympathetic to the significance of the heritage property and its setting.

O4 To facilitate adaptive re-use of heritage properties where such a use would contribute to the ongoing maintenance and viability of that item or place.

Heritage items in the vicinity will be wholly retained, and the proposed works will have no significant impact on the heritage significance of nearby items for the reasons discussed below.

The Study Area is not a listed heritage item. The proposed works apply only to the Study Area, and do not include any alterations or additions to nearby heritage items.

The proposed works will occur in the vicinity of heritage items. The works have, however, been designed and sited in a manner that is as sympathetic to the significance and setting of nearby heritage items as possible, for the reasons discussed in greater detail herein.

#### 3.8.1 General Provision

P3 Council will require the submission of a heritage statement, prepared in accordance with the NSW Heritage Branch guideline Statements of Heritage Impact, where development is proposed adjacent to a heritage property. This HIS has been prepared to assist the consent authority in their assessment of the submitted DA. The HIS assesses the significance of the Study Area and considers the proposed works against the relevant provisions in the LEP and DCP.

#### 3.8.2 Building Design Considerations

P6 Development in the vicinity of a heritage property must be designed to have regard to the heritage property's:

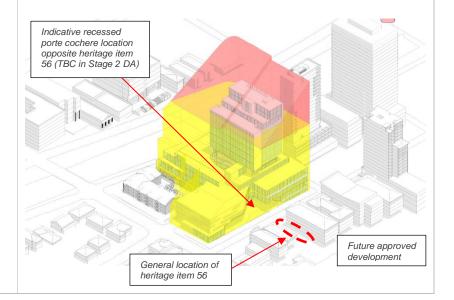
- · Scale and character.
- · Form and proportions.
- · Materials, colours and finishes.
- Street alignment and established setbacks in the surrounding area.

#### **Discussion**

The proposed works as described herein relate to a Stage 1 DA seeking consent for a developable building envelope form only, and do not relate to specific detailed design of the proposed building, its finishes or materiality.

Notwithstanding this, the proposed developable building envelope form (the subject of this Stage 1 DA) has been developed having regard to what the potential future configuration and orientation of a new building within this envelope would potentially look like.

The overall proposed building form has been designed to include a lower podium level to all four boundaries, and then a tower form well-set-back from the street-front, to reduce the immediate physical and visual impact of a large-scale development adjacent to local heritage items, particularly regarding local heritage item 56 (Victorian Semi-Detached Houses) located on George Street opposite the Study Area. Within this proposed podium form, a porte cochere is proposed to be located along George Street at street-level. While final design and location of this feature is yet to be determined, the drawings provided and listed herein at Section 3, propose that this feature is located directly opposite heritage item 56, and that the porte cochere will provide for a recessed building form, thereby drawing the immediate building mass away from the heritage item.



#### 3.8.4 Sight Lines

P11 Development adjacent to a heritage property must incorporate front and/or side setbacks to achieve sight lines to the significant building in accordance with Figure 22.

P12 Development of a heritage property, or development in its vicinity, must:

- Provide an adequate area of land around the development to allow interpretation of the significant building or place.
- Not detract from the setting of the heritage property.

Retain and respect significant views/vistas from the public domain to a heritage property, as well as the views/vistas originating from the heritage property itself.

#### **Discussion**

The works are proposed to occur in an area that has already been, and will continue to be, subject to multi-storey development. At present, the maximum building allowed at the Study Area, as well as along the entire northern side of George Street, is 60 metres as per Section 4.3 of the Burwood LEP 2012. The height controls on the southern side of George Street are higher, at 70 metres.

It is therefore expected that comparable multi-storey buildings will be developed in the immediate area in the future. Heritage items in the vicinity are therefore considered likely to be viewed in the context of further multi-storey development of an intensity greater than that which exists today.

The proposed works are cognisant of potential impacts associated with this future development; the northern (front) elevation, which faces George Street, will have a ground level setback over 3 metres from the present kerb line. Further, the proposed recessed porte cochere (currently proposed to be located opposite the heritage item 56) will provide additional open space as viewed from the public domain of George Street and draw the massing of the proposed building to the south. These setbacks will also ensure that views looking east and west along George Street are not adversely impacted by the proposed development.

Heritage items in the vicinity do not currently enjoy significant views or vistas. Heritage item 56 looks out onto George Street and adjacent residential properties, including multi-storey residential flat buildings. There are therefore no significant views from the vicinity heritage items that need to be conserved.

The proposed development will retain the George Street buffer, and it will therefore have no impact on existing sightlines to the principal elevations of heritage item 56 from the public domain of George Street, which is the only aspect from which they are viewed.

As the current height controls in the vicinity of the proximate heritage items allow for development of a comparable scale to that of the proposed new building, it is considered highly likely that buildings of a similar scale will be constructed in their vicinity in the future. This has already occurred to some extent, with large scale buildings having been constructed elsewhere on George Street and others under construction. It is therefore considered that the proposed new building will have no significantly greater visual impact on the proximate heritage items than existing multi-storey buildings already do.

Further, it is considered that the proximate heritage items are, and will continue to be, viewed within a context of increasing development of a comparable scale in the near future, and that this has been enabled by the existing LEP and DCP controls.

# 3.8.8 Signage, Visual Presentation and Colour Schemes

P25 New colour schemes for a building in the vicinity of a heritage property must not detract from the setting of the heritage property.

#### **Discussion**

The proposed works as described herein relate to a Stage 1 DA seeking consent for a developable building envelope form only, and do not relate to specific detailed design of the proposed building, its finishes or materiality. These details, including colour schemes, will be determined as part of further DA stages.

#### 4.7 HERITAGE IN RESIDENTIAL PRECINCTS

### <u>Development in the Vicinity of a</u> <u>Heritage Property</u>

P40 New development, or alterations and additions to existing development, that is located in the vicinity of a heritage property, must be designed and sited to:

- Have regard for, and be compatible with, the significance of the heritage property;
- Reflect the bulk, scale, height and proportion of the heritage property;
- Respect the front garden setting, any established setbacks, and views and vistas of the heritage property;
- Be recessive in character and not dominate the heritage property;
- Interpret the materials and architectural detailing of the heritage property;
- Respond to the building alignment of the heritage property.

As stated above, it is expected that new development of a higher density will occur within the immediate vicinity of the heritage items in the near future.

The area has undergone much change and will continue to do so in the future; the nature of higher density development within the town centre and particularly along George Street, will therefore continue to be a characteristic of the neighbourhood.

By its nature, the proposed new building is larger and will be more dominant than the proximate heritage items, as is envisaged by the zoning. However, any proposal over two floors in height would be larger than the proximate heritage items. The proposed developable building envelope form (the subject of this Stage 1 DA) has been developed having regard to what the potential future configuration and orientation of a new building within this envelope would potentially look like.

The overall proposed building form has been designed to include a lower podium level to all four boundaries, and then a tower form well-set-back from the street-front, to reduce the immediate physical and visual impact of a large-scale development adjacent to local heritage items, particularly regarding local heritage item 56 (Victorian Semi-Detached Houses) located on George Street opposite the Study Area. Within this proposed podium form, a porte cochere is proposed to be located along George Street at street-level. While final design and location of this feature is yet to be determined, the drawings provided and listed herein at Section 3, propose that this feature is located directly opposite heritage item 56, and that the porte cochere will provide for a recessed building form, thereby drawing the immediate building mass away from the heritage item.

The existing curtilage and immediate settings of the heritage items are wholly retained by the proposal without impact. The new building will not form part of any existing sightlines to the terraces.

The current height controls in the vicinity of the heritage items, particularly heritage item 56, allow for development of a comparable scale to that of the proposed new building (envelope), it is considered that additional buildings of a similar scale will be constructed in its vicinity imminently. This has already occurred to some extent, with large scale buildings having been constructed elsewhere along George Street and within the vicinity of the Study Area.

# **6.2. HERITAGE DIVISION GUIDELINES**

The proposed works are addressed in relation to relevant questions posed in the Heritage Office's 'Statement of Heritage Impact' guidelines.

Table 4 – Heritage Division Guidelines, relevant guideline impact assessment

Guideline	Discussion
The following aspects of the proposal respect or enhance the heritage significance of the item or conservation area for the following reasons:	Heritage items in the vicinity will be wholly retained, and the proposed works will have no significant impact on the heritage significance of nearby items for the reasons discussed below.
	The Study Area is not a listed heritage item. The proposed works apply only to the Study Area, and do not include any alterations or additions to nearby heritage items.
	The proposed works will occur in the vicinity of heritage items. The works have, however, been designed and sited in a manner that is as sympathetic to the significance and setting of nearby heritage items as possible, for the reasons discussed in greater detail herein.
The following aspects of the proposal could detrimentally impact on heritage significance.	The nature of increased densities in an established neighbourhood changes the setting of identified heritage items. This is a
The reasons are explained as well as the measures to be taken to minimise impacts:	characteristic of most inner suburbs of Sydney and the changes in scale are accommodated by the design of the building. The proposal is considered to be a suitable one for the subject site for the reasons outlined in this report.
	By its nature, the proposed new building is larger and will be more dominant than the proximate heritage items, as is envisaged by the zoning. However, any proposal over two floors in height would be larger than the proximate heritage items. The proposed developable building envelope form (the subject of this Stage 1 DA) has been developed having regard to what the potential future configuration and orientation of a new building within this envelope would potentially look like.
	The overall proposed building form has been designed to include a lower podium level to all four boundaries, and then a tower form well-set-back from the street-front, to reduce the immediate physical and visual impact of a large-scale development adjacent to local heritage items, particularly regarding local heritage item 56 (Victorian Semi-Detached Houses) located on George Street opposite the Study Area. Within this proposed podium form, a porte cochere is proposed to be located along George Street at street-level. While final design and location of this feature is not to be determined, the drawings
	and location of this feature is yet to be determined, the drawings provided and listed herein at Section 3, propose that this feature is located directly opposite heritage item 56, and that the porte cochere will provide for a recessed building form, thereby drawing the immediate building mass away from the heritage item.

#### Guideline

#### Demolition of a building or structure

Have all options for retention and adaptive reuse been explored?

Can all of the significant elements of the heritage item be kept and any new development be located elsewhere on the site?

Is demolition essential at this time or can it be postponed in case future circumstances make its retention and conservation more feasible?

Has the advice of a heritage consultant been sought? Have the consultant's recommendations been implemented? If not, why not?

#### **Discussion**

The existing buildings within the Study Area are required to be demolished to provide for the new development.

However, the proposed works as described herein relate to a Stage 1 DA seeking consent for a developable building envelope form only, and do not relate to specific detailed demolition and building works. Consent for demolition and construction of a new building will be sought under later DAs.

Notwithstanding the above, the existing buildings within the Study Area have been determined to have no heritage significance and their retention is not required from a heritage perspective.

#### Change of use

Has the advice of a heritage consultant or structural engineer been sought?

Has the consultant's advice been implemented? If not, why not?

Does the existing use contribute to the significance of the heritage item?

Why does the use need to be changed?

What changes to the fabric are required as a result of the change of use?

What changes to the site are required as a result of the change of use?

This Stage 1 DA seeks consent for changes in use within the Study Area from residential (low density and medium density), as well as library / community use and small-scale commercial, to new mixed-uses including registered club, hotel or motel accommodation, serviced apartments, commercial premises, entertainment facilities, function centre and recreation facility (indoor). These uses are cognisant of the rapidly changing nature of the precinct and are considered acceptable from a heritage perspective in the context of the location, proximate development and low assessed heritage significance of the site.

### Guideline **Discussion** New development adjacent to a heritage The potential impacts of the proposed development have been assessed in detail in Section 6.1.2 of this report. How does the new development affect views to, There are no known or potentially significant archaeological deposits and from, the heritage item? located in or within the immediate vicinity of the subject site. What has been done to minimise negative effects? How is the impact of the new development on the heritage significance of the item or area to be minimised? Why is the new development required to be adjacent to a heritage item? How does the curtilage allowed around the heritage item contribute to the retention of its heritage significance? Is the development sited on any known, or potentially significant archaeological deposits? If so, have alternative sites been considered? Why were they rejected? Is the new development sympathetic to the heritage item? In what way (e.g. form, siting, proportions, design)? Will the additions visually dominate the heritage item? How has this been minimised?

Will the public, and users of the item, still be able to view and appreciate its significance?

# 7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Study Area is not a heritage item, and the Significance Assessment included in Section 5.2 of this report concludes that the existing buildings and landscape within the Study Area have no heritage significance. The Study Area is, however, located in the immediate vicinity of several heritage items, which are listed on both local and state heritage schedules/registers.

The Impact Assessment included herein in Section 6 of this report has assessed the following in relation to the potential impact of the proposed works (described in Section 3) on the proximate heritage items:

- The works are proposed to occur in an area that has already been, and will continue to be, subject to multi-storey development. At present, the maximum building allowed at the Study Area, as well as along the entire northern side of George Street, is 60 metres as per Section 4.3 of the Burwood LEP 2012. The height controls on the southern side of George Street are higher, at 70 metres. It is therefore expected that comparable multi-storey buildings will be developed in the immediate area in the future. Heritage items in the vicinity are therefore considered likely to be viewed in the context of further multi-storey development of an intensity greater than that which exists today.
- The Study Area is not a listed heritage item. The proposed works apply only to the Study Area, and do not include any alterations or additions to nearby heritage items.
- Heritage items in the vicinity will be wholly retained, and the proposed works will have no significant impact on the heritage significance of nearby items for the reasons discussed below.
- The proposed works will occur in the vicinity of heritage items. The works have, however, been designed
  and sited in a manner that is as sympathetic to the significance and setting of nearby heritage items as
  possible.
  - By its nature, the proposed new building is larger and will be more dominant than the proximate heritage items, as is envisaged by the zoning. However, any proposal over two floors in height would be larger than the proximate heritage items. The proposed developable building envelope form (the subject of this Stage 1 DA) has been developed having regard to what the potential future configuration and orientation of a new building within this envelope would potentially look like.
- The overall proposed building form has been designed to include a lower podium level to all four boundaries, and then a tower form well-set-back from the street-front, to reduce the immediate physical and visual impact of a large-scale development adjacent to local heritage items, particularly regarding local heritage item 56 (Victorian Semi-Detached Houses) located on George Street opposite the Study Area. Within this proposed podium form, a porte cochere is proposed to be located along George Street at street-level. While final design and location of this feature is yet to be determined, the drawings provided and listed herein at Section 3, propose that this feature is located directly opposite heritage item 56, and that the porte cochere will provide for a recessed building form, thereby drawing the immediate building mass away from the heritage item.

There are therefore no identified heritage constraints associated with the proposal, and the proposal is therefore recommended to Council for approval.

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