

**Statement of Heritage Significance for  
North Cronulla Surf Club and Dunningham Park**

**North Cronulla Surf Club**

“The site has the ability to demonstrate the continuing growth of beach culture, bathing and surfing in the mid twentieth century and the social evolution of the community.

The Pavilion and Surf Club evidence the continuing development of beachfront land for public recreation and amenity purposes during the postwar years.

The site and buildings are associated with the Surf Life Saving movement and the North Cronulla SLSC established in 1925.

Designed by Esmond B Wilshire and Hodges, the 1950 clubhouse evidences a continuing commitment of the local Government to surf and beach culture within the austerity of the immediate Post war years.

The Surf Club is significant as a good example of postwar functional architecture. Through its siting, scale, form and massing, the Surf Club is a landmark feature of the coastline.

The Kiosk evidences the short-lived RED scheme – an employment initiative of the Whitlam government.

The coastal parkland landscape, within which the surf club sits, with extensive formal plantings of Norfolk Island Pines and Canary Island Date Palms, demonstrates the influence of coastal resorts and pleasure grounds such as Manly and Coogee that were well developed by the late nineteenth century.

Dunningham Park is of local historical significance as a popular beachside parkland originally created in 1919 by the infilling of swampy land and officially dedicated and landscaped in 1939. The park is dedicated to the memory of the Hon. J. M. Dunningham, a local resident and the Minister for Labour and Industry who died in 1938 and was instrumental in approving works programs and grants for the Shire (David Beaver ‘Parks of Cronulla Peninsula, Draft CMP, 26 March 2008).”

**Dunningham Park**

“The site evidences the provision of coastal defence installations by government agencies in the Sutherland Shire. The place evidences the development of mass tourism in the Sutherland Shire from 1929. The place evidences the development of leisure-based activities in the Sutherland Shire. The place demonstrates the development of organised sport in Sutherland. The place has an identified

association with Perryman and Dunningham, significant persons in the Sutherland Shire. The site has landmark and scenic qualities. The site is a fine example of an Interwar Foreshore Park

The site is well known to the local community. The site demonstrates principal characteristics of a Federation Interwar Park in Cronulla.”

*(Sutherland Shire Council Inventory Sheets #1044 and #1033)*