

Attachment 7 – Dunmore House and Minnamurra Vegetation Area Statement of Significance Dunmore House Complex, Dry Stone Walls and Trees

Historic themes		
Australian theme (allied)	New South Wales theme	Local theme
1. Economy-Developing local, regional and national economies	Environment - Cultural landscape Activities associated with the interactions between humans, human societies and the shaping of their physical surroundings.	Cultural Heritage
2. Economy-Developing local, regional and national economies	Pastoralism-Activities associated with the breeding, rearing, processing and distribution of livestock for human use.	Daily Farming in Shellharbour
3. Settlement-Building settlements, towns and cities	Accommodation-Activities associated with the provision of accommodation – does not include architecture styles – use the theme of Creative Endeavour for such activities.	19th century housing
4. Culture-Developing cultural institutions and ways of life	Creative Endeavour Activities associated with the production and performance of literary, artistic, architectural and other imaginative, interpretive or inventive works, either associated with the production and expression of cultural phenomena, and/or environments that have inspired such creative activities.	Stone Walling
5. People of Life-Working the land and the sea	Persons-Activities of, and associations with, identifiable individuals, families and communal groups.	Other
Assessment of significance		
SHR Criteria a) (Historical significance) Historically significant as evidence of the 19th century prosperity of the locality. An outstanding 19th century residence. Boundary and other improvements such as dry stone walls, demonstrate the network of tenant farms, provision of housing and community projects.		
SHR Criteria b) (Associative significance) Strong local historic associations with George Warburton Fuller, Premier of NSW from 1922-25.		
His father, George Laurence Fuller, constructed of the residence, and named it and the surrounding locality 'Dunmore' after his Irish hometown. G.L. Fuller managed tenant farms on his estate and initiated several locally significant farm houses in the Dunmore area.		
SHR Criteria d) (Aesthetic significance) The house is of considerable architectural merit because of its external appearance and significant interior work, like ornate ceiling plasterwork and cedar joinery (SHR).		
An excellent example of a Victorian era manor house and the only one of its kind in Shellharbour LGA. Excellent use of local materials.		
The house and its complex is a key landmark within the important Dunmore valley cultural landscape; since c2006 more so, by relocation of the bypass around it.		
The drystone walls and plantings are visually and technically significant locally. The figs also provide an increasingly scarce native fauna habitat.		
SHR Criteria d) (Aesthetic significance) The building was constructed using locally available materials such as basalt, sandstone and cedar, and is similar in colour and texture to a number of local buildings. The house has further significance through its associations with the Fuller family and the early settlement and economic development of the area (SHR).		
SHR Criteria e) (Historic significance) The construction of the house, its use of materials and dry stone walls demonstrate techniques of its era.		
SHR Criteria f) (Scientific significance) The house is rare at both a local and state context (SHR). Drystone walls are locally rare. Increasingly scarce are the figs and as native habitat.		
SHR Criteria g) (Representativeness) An outstanding example of a substantial 19th century country residence (SHR).		
The dry stone walls are representative of both their type and their building by Mr Newing.		
Trees are representative of their species.		
Integrity/Intactness: Some modifications over time whilst retaining much of original fabric and integrity.		
Assessment criteria: Items are assessed against the State Heritage Register (SHR) Criteria to determine the level of significance. Refer to the Listings below for the level of statutory protection.		



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