

4th April 2019

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Dear Sir or Madam:

RE BAYVIEW GOLF CLUB – RETENTION OF HERITAGE LISTED ELEPHANT
STATUES

We have been engaged by Waterbrook Bayview Pty Ltd to provide a heritage statement addressing possible impacts of the proposed development on the heritage listed concrete statues located within the Bayview Golf Club site.

The site comprises the following addresses:

Street address	Real property description
1825 Pittwater Road, Bayview	Lot A DP 339874
	Lot 1 DP 986894
	Lot 2 DP 986894
	Lot 3 DP 986894
	Lot 150 DP 1003518
	Lot 191 DP 1039481
	Lot 300 DP 1139238
52 Cabbage Tree Road BAYVIEW	Lot 1 DP 662920 ,
	Lot 1 DP 19161 ,

The lot bolded above contains the heritage listed concrete statues.



Figure 1 : Current location of heritage listed elephants within the Bayview Golf Course site (circled red).
Source : Image from NSW Lands Dept Sixviewer



Figure 2 : Close up view of current location of heritage listed elephants within the Bayview Golf Course site. Source : Image from NSW Lands Dept Sixviewer

LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN

The Pittwater LEP includes the Concrete Elephant Statues as a heritage item in Schedule 5: Environmental Heritage, Part 1: Heritage Items as part of the listing outlined in the table below.

Suburb	Item Name	Address	Property Description	Significance	Item No.
Bayview	Concrete statues at Bayview Golf Course	1825 Pittwater Road	Part of Lot 300, DP 1139238 (2m around statues)	Local	2270484



Figure 3 : Extract of Pittwater Local Environmental Plan 2014 Heritage Map - Sheet HER_018, showing the Heritage listed statues (item no 2270484)

HISTORICAL NOTES

The following historical notes for the Heritage listed Elephant statues have been extracted from the State Heritage Inventory listing form:

The land currently occupied by the Bayview Golf Course was a portion of the area known as Winnererremy Swamp. In the 1920s, the New Zealand sheep farmer Orr and his wife bought 43.5 acres from Robert McIntosh.

The Orrs built a house and a farm and started clearing the land. As they were keen golf players, they established a private golf course to play with locals and built accordingly a wooden hut for a tea shelter and a small brick house.

After Mr Orr's death in 1942, Mrs Orr leased the golf course and clubhouse privately and the first club was formed. The land was sold in 1967 and the Bayview Golf Club was established, with 600 members and the erection of a bigger clubhouse and better facilities.

Two groups of concrete statues were sculptured by Harold and Mabel Squires in the mid-1920s for Mr and Mrs Orr. They include three elephants, a kangaroo and an emu. The elephants originally stood in front of the Orr's house in a large pond overlooking the golf course.

Harold and Mabel Squires lived until the 1950s in Dungarvon in Park Street, Mona Vale and their garden used to be full of native figures and animals. They were keen sculptors and their best work is probably a black boy on the water buffalo cart in E.J.Shaw's yard on Pittwater Road, Mona Vale (Barbara Pearce 2009 at <http://www.bayviewgolfclub.com/the-club/bayviews-elephants.aspx>).

With the demolition of the Orr's house and the old clubhouse, the group of three elephant sculptures are the only remnants of the early phase of the Bayview Golf Course. They have recently been installed on the 18th green.



Figure 4 : Original location of concrete elephant statues at 1825A Pittwater Road, Bayview

Source : SHI Datasheet for the heritage item ©Pittwater Council

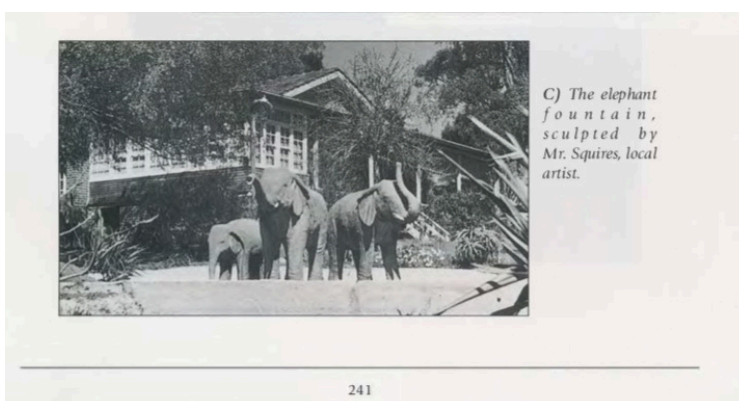


Figure 5 : Original location of concrete elephant statues at 1825A Pittwater Road, Bayview

Source : 'Bayview – Links with a Past : A history of Bayview Golf Club, published in 1998 by Bayview Golf Club Ltd. Date unknown



Figure 6 : 1942 Aerial overlay showing current location of the statues circled red, and the approximate location of the former Orr's House (since demolished) shown as a red box. The elephants statues original location fronted the Orr's house overlooking the golf course (as seen in figures 4 and 5 above).

Source: 1942 aerial extracted from 'Bayview – Links with a Past : A history of Bayview Golf Club, published in 1998 by Bayview Golf Club Ltd.



Figure 7 : View north showing current location within the Bayview Golf Course.

Source : Waterbrook Bayview Pty Ltd



Figure 8 : Close up of their current location within the Bayview Golf Course. Note the change in composition of the three statues.

Source : Waterbrook Bayview Pty Ltd

EXISTING ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The State Heritage Register heritage listing form for the Elephant Statues includes the following Statement of Significance.:

This group of three concrete elephant statues are the only remnants of the early phase of the Bayview Golf Course, when the land was owned by the Orr family. They are aesthetically and historically significant as representative of creative endeavour in the early development of Bayview and are associated with the sculptors Harold and Mabel Squires.

Listing includes only the concrete statues. The Bayview Golf Course is not part of the listing.

While the statues themselves are significant due to their association with the the Orr's and sculptors Harold and Mabel Squires, their siting and current location is of little significance as their original siting in relation the house no longer remains. The relationship of the statues to the gold course is of significance and it is appropriate that they be retained in direct relationship t the course as a tangible reminder of the interesting history of the course and area.

The SHI datasheet for the heritage item also states under recommended management that:

Relocation of the statues within the property for the ongoing functional requirements of the golf course is acceptable, provided that the statues are protected and are not damaged during relocation.

THE PROPOSAL

The proposed development is as described in architectural plans titled

- Golf course upgrade works, including:
 - layout reconfiguration;
 - flood mitigation works;
 - revegetation and ecology rehabilitation works; and
 - new golf course maintenance shed.
- Seniors housing, being 85 in-fill self-care units and ancillary facilities for the purpose of seniors living including the construction and use of seven (7) separate buildings of 3 storeys in height; and
- Construction and use of a road linking the proposed seniors housing development to Cabbage Tree Road, including a new roundabout to Cabbage Tree Road and pedestrian crossing.

The statues are not affected by the works and remain within the setting of the gold course.



Figure 9 : Masterplan Review for Bayview Golf Course Redevelopment prepared by Papworth + Parker Golf

ASSESSMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGAINST COUNCIL HERITAGE CONTROLS

The proposal complies with Clause 5.10 of the Pittwater LEP as it will not have an adverse heritage impact on the heritage significance of the statues.

The proposed seniors living complex to the north of Cabbage Tree Road will have no impact on the elephant statues.

The statues will be protected as required during construction from any associated upgrade works to the golf course.

This statement has been prepared to satisfy Clause 5.10 (5) of the LEP.

CONCLUSION

The proposed development retains the statues in their current location and will have no impact on the heritage significance of the concrete elephant statues or their setting. It is noted that the statues have been relocated from their original site since the demolition of Orr's house, and the subsequent housing development to Darley Street.

The statues will be protected during construction from any associated upgrade works to the golf course.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Davies', with a long vertical line extending downwards from the start of the signature.

Paul Davies

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