

Heritage Referral Response

Application Number:	Mod2021/0024
Date:	11/03/2021
To:	Adam Mitchell
Land to be developed (Address):	<p>Lot 7316 DP 1169919 , 1 B Currawong Beach CURRAWONG BEACH NSW 2108</p> <p>Lot 1 DP 166328 , 1 A Currawong Beach CURRAWONG BEACH NSW 2108</p> <p>Lot 1 DP 337208 , 1 A Currawong Beach CURRAWONG BEACH NSW 2108</p> <p>Lot 4 DP 978424 , 1 A Currawong Beach CURRAWONG BEACH NSW 2108</p> <p>Lot 10 DP 1092275 , 1 A Currawong Beach CURRAWONG BEACH NSW 2108</p>

Officer comments

HERITAGE COMMENTS
Discussion of reason for referral
<p>The proposal has been referred to Heritage as the subject property is a heritage item</p> <p>Currawong Worker's Holiday Camp - Currawong Beach - State Significance</p> <p>C2 - Currawong Heritage Conservation Area - local significance</p>
Details of heritage items affected
<p>Details of the item as contained within the Pittwater inventory is as follows:</p> <p>Currawong Worker's Holiday Camp</p> <p><u>Statement of significance:</u> Currawong Workers' Holiday Camp is a unique site of State historical significance as an intact remaining example of a post World War II, union-organised workers' holiday camp in NSW, established as a response to the social and work place reforms taking place in NSW including the introduction of annual leave in 1944 and the 40-hour week in 1947</p> <p><u>Physical description:</u> The area known as Currawong is located on the Western Foreshores of Pittwater between Coasters Retreat and Great Mackerel Beach and on the eastern side of the Lamberton Peninsula. It has a total area of 19.7 hectares. The eastern extent of the property is Currawong Beach, a gently sloping sandy beach. Currawong is surrounded by Ku-ring-gai National Park to the west and south, and adjoined by private property associated with Great Mackerel Beach to the north. Currawong is not accessible by road but is served by a ferry from the Palm Beach Public Wharf</p> <p>The majority of the 19.7 ha site is natural bushland, on steeper slopes and escarpment areas. However there is approximately 4 ha of developed, flatter land adjoining the beach, which contains holiday cottages and other buildings which form the Unions NSW holiday camp facility. These facilities are all located on a generally flat triangular area of inter-tidal mudflat behind the beach, which has been filled and levelled over a long period of time.</p>

The whole area comprises a farmhouse Midholme and a group of Post World War II cottages.

Currawong Heritage Conservation Area

Statement of significance:

The Currawong Heritage Conservation Area is an important cultural landscape for the people of Australia, and is part of the social history of NSW and the region.

Physical description:

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The majority of the 19.7 ha site is natural bushland, on steeper slopes and escarpment areas. However there is approximately 4 ha of developed, flatter land adjoining the beach, which contains holiday cottages and other buildings which form the Unions NSW holiday camp facility. These facilities are all located on a generally flat triangular area of inter-tidal mudflat behind the beach, which has been filled and levelled over a long period of time. The flat area behind the beach is classified as being in the Warriewood Swamp Landscape group and the surrounding rocky escarpment is classified as Watagan Colluvial Soil Landscape group.

Other relevant heritage listings

Sydney Regional Environmental Plan (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005	No	
Australian Heritage Register	No	
NSW State Heritage Register	Yes	Currawong Worker's Holiday Camp is on the state register.
National Trust of Aust (NSW) Register	Yes	Currawong is on the Trust's register
RAIA Register of 20th Century Buildings of Significance	No	
Other	N/A	

Consideration of Application

The modification seeks to reduce the scope of approved works to Cabin 1 (Kookaburra). The modification includes retaining the existing form of the cottage and internal layout with the removal of the southern extension. This would also include the retention and restoration of the existing outdoor WC. A mature angophora tree in good health will also be retained instead of removed under the reduced scope of works. The approved deck extension to the cabin is retained.

Under the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) developed in 2015 for the site, Cabin 1's overall building is regarded as of high significance while the deck and bathroom fitout is regarded as low. The proposed reduced scale is considered to be acceptable as it retains high significance features and restricts works to low significance items. The retention of the outside WC is also considered to be in accordance with guideline 7.6.9 in the CMP to retain an outside WC.

Therefore Heritage raises no objections and requires no additional conditions. However, Heritage

notes as Currawong is listed on the state heritage register, the proposal needs to be referred to Heritage NSW for comment.

Consider against the provisions of CL5.10 of PLEP.

Is a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) Required? No - A CMP was prepared for the site in February 2015

Has a CMP been provided? No

Is a Heritage Impact Statement required? Yes

Has a Heritage Impact Statement been provided? Yes - A statement from Urbis has been provided.

Further Comments

COMPLETED BY: Brendan Gavin, Principal Planner

DATE: 11 March 2021

The proposal is therefore supported.

Note: Should you have any concerns with the referral comments above, please discuss these with the Responsible Officer.

Recommended Heritage Advisor Conditions:

Nil.