

Heritage Referral Response

Application Number:	DA2022/1259
Date:	26/09/2022
To:	Thomas Burns
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 12 DP 1119562 , 10 Namona Street NORTH NARRABEEN NSW 2101 Lot 3 DP 1018621 , 6 Namona Street NORTH NARRABEEN NSW 2101

Officer comments

HERITAGE COMMENTS		
Discussion of reason for referral		
<p>The proposal has been referred to Heritage as 6 Namona Street contains the heritage items known as the 'Binishells'. The double shell known as Building B is on the State Heritage Register while the single shell known as Building A is only a local heritage item under the Pittwater Local Environmental Plan 2014.</p> <p>State Heritage Register N0.02037 - Binishell Collection (North Narrabeen Public School, Ashbury Public School, Ku-ring-gai High School)</p> <p>Concrete Geodesic Domes (North Narrabeen Public School)</p>		
Details of heritage items affected		
<p>SHR No.2037 - Binishell Collection</p> <p>The Binishell Collection (Department of Education) is of state heritage significance for its historic values as part of the innovative NSW Public Works Binishell Program which successfully and quickly responded to the sudden growth in public schools in NSW at the end of the 1960s and through the 1970s.</p> <p>Concrete Geodesic Domes (North Narrabeen Public School)</p> <p><u>Statement of Significance</u></p> <p>The concrete geodesic domes are one of a very limited number of Binishells in Australia and one of the few remaining constructed as part of the NSW Department of Public Works building program for schools in the 1970s. This program sought to construct 10 binishells across the state to provide large open floor spaces for schools, using the new construction method invented by Italian architect, Dr Dante Bini. This method of construction has been used around the world, mainly to build houses. These buildings are aesthetically and technically significant as they represent a new method of public building construction in the 1970s. The North Narrabeen Binishells were the first 18 metre domes built in NSW and were one of the first such buildings in NSW public schools.</p> <p><u>Physical Description</u></p> <p>The project consisted of 2 interconnected domes, which were designed to be used as a library, while a third binishell served as an administration office for the school.</p>		
Other relevant heritage listings		
Sydney Regional Environmental Plan (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005	No	

Australian Heritage Register	No	
NSW State Heritage Register	Yes	The double shell known as Building B is on the register.
National Trust of Aust (NSW) Register	Yes	The Binishells are on the Trust's register.
RAIA Register of 20th Century Buildings of Significance		No
Other		Both domes are on the Department of Education's S170 Conservation Register

Consideration of Application

The proposal seeks consent for tree removal and replacement plantings at 6 Namona Street (North Narrabeen Public School) and 10 Namona Street (Narrabeen Sports High). These works are to enable future development on both sites including new facilities and classrooms. A Heritage Impact Statement has been supplied with the proposal which has assessed the tree removal works on the public school site and determines them to be supportable. The heritage items are only on the public school site and thus Heritage makes no comment on the works proposed for the high school site.

The proposal indicates that 39 trees are proposed for removal at the public school site, with 13 trees proposed as replacement plantings. The bulk of the trees proposed for removal are located along the western edge of the site and are to enable future buildings including the new hall and administration block, as well the new learning support and GLS building. The removal of these trees allows for the creation of the courtyard around the heritage items with greater setbacks to the new buildings. It also allows for the opening up of views through to the shells from Namona Street. Given this basis, Heritage does not object to the removal of the trees. Heritage does not object to the removal of the tree from the northern boundary either.

There is some discrepancy regarding the future of tree 47, located immediately to the south of Building A. The landscape plans and heritage report indicate it is to be removed while the arborist report indicates it is to be retained. Heritage does not object to the removal of tree 47 as it is considered to not be a heritage significant tree. However this matter should be clarified by the applicants.

Therefore Heritage raises no objections to the proposal and requires no conditions.

Consider against the provisions of CL5.10 of PLEP.

Is a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) Required? Not for this application.

Has a CMP been provided? No

Is a Heritage Impact Statement required? Yes

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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.