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RE: DA2021/2173 - 394 Barrenjoey Road NEWPORT NSW 2106

The proposed alterations, which for no justifiable reason are so entirely out of character with the current building, will almost certainly negate any chance of future heritage listing. As per the Heritage NSW web site "Loss of integrity or condition may diminish heritage significance".

1.

Northern Beaches Council Heritage Web Page

"If you are a custodian of an important piece of history, Council can provide advice on your property's significance and give guidance from a specialist architect.

You can develop but not demolish a listed building. You can modernise it but must respect its heritage significance."

2.

Extracts from the Heritage NSW web site

5646 Heritage Significance (nsw.gov.au)

"The aim of the NSW heritage management system is to conserve important places and objects from the past so they can be appreciated and enjoyed by future generations.

Themes such as events, industry, social institutions or welfare help in deciding whether historical or social values may be more important to the heritage significance of a building than its aesthetics or research potential."

The Newport Surf Life Saving building is historically significant because it demonstrates a significant activity The third Newport surf club building officially opened September 30th, 1933 - the height of the Depression in Australia - is the structure most will recognise in today's Newport SLSC clubhouse and was the first two storey clubhouse for Pittwater - see 3 below.

The Newport Surf Life Saving building is a rare example of a particular architectural style in the local area and is important in demonstrating particular aesthetic characteristics associated with a bygone era. The building (in its present state) is a fine example of its type. It has the characteristics and attributes typical of a particular way of life, philosophy, custom and activity; namely the surf life saving movement and life savers who very much portrayed what it meant to be Australian to the outside world in the days when the building was opened - see the last

paragraph in 3 below.

The Newport Surf Life Saving building has strong or special association with the works of Surf Life Saving NSW and the local surf life saving club which are of particular importance in NSW's cultural history. The surf club established by residents and weekend visitors at Newport Beach was Pittwater's first surf life saving club. It was also the residents and surf club members who pushed to make this the first Pittwater land resumed for the public, backed up by a then young Warringah Shire Council the and the State Government. - see 3 below.

The Newport Surf Life Saving building has strong local significance and has a special association with Surf Life Saving NSW, the local surf life saving club and the local community. It is very important to the local community's sense of place.

The proposed alterations, which are so entirely out of character with the current building, will almost certainly negate any chance of future heritage listing. As per the Heritage NSW web site "Loss of integrity or condition may diminish heritage significance".

"A grading of LITTLE HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE will result where alterations detract from significance. Outcome: Does not fulfil criteria for local or State listing"

"A grading of INTRUSIVE HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE will result where alterations are damaging to the item's heritage significance. Outcome: Does not fulfil criteria for local or State listing"

3. August 18 - 24, 2013: Issue 124
Newport Surf Club - Newport SLSC To 1938 Part I

[Pittwater Online News]

"With over one hundred years of saving lives Newport SLSC is Pittwater's first organisation intent on ensuring the safety of all who visit this long stretch of sand and the ocean that meets it. Newport SLSC rose from resident Pittwater legends, necessitated by ensuring the safety of the increasing amounts of their visitors, and was supported and taken forward by people who would come to spend their Summer's either camping or in holiday homes they had built. The surnames of those listed in club annals are the Local hoteliers in succession at Newport (now the Newport Arms), the storekeepers, Scott's boarding house keepers and their children. Newport SLSC also indicates when Pittwater was changing rapidly from a rural domain, where people grew and supplied produce to Sydney, into one of the premier holiday 'resorts' of Sydney. Thousands came to Newport by steamers, then ferries, coaches and then buses from Manly carried them.

There are a number of other firsts associated with this club, first women's reel team, decades before women were 'officially' allowed into the water as surf life savers, first power boat rescues, first radio, as well as feats in carnivals and in saving lives that, as with all our surf clubs, are too numerous to list here.

As there are so many aspects, not only eras, of every surf club, the first page for Newport SLSC will share insights into its commencement, its social aspects, especially during the 1920's and into the 1930's where Annual Balls to raise funds to improve the clubhouse facilities or purchase new and better life-saving equipment were all the rage, and up until the outbreak of WWII - when so many surf clubs lost their fittest members to the Services in defence of Australia.

Founded in 1909, and issued by Warringah Council with a reel and line, originally along the lines set out by the Royal Life Saving Society, Newport Surf Club was a sporting club as much

as a group dedicated to guarding the lives of those enthralled with 'surf bathing'.

The third Newport surf club building officially opened September 30th, 1933 - the height of the Depression in Australia - is the structure most will recognize in today's Newport SLSC clubhouse

LIFE-SAVING CLUBS. Work Praised by Minister. The Minister for Labour (Mr. Dunningham), speaking at the opening of the Newport Surf Clubhouse, on Saturday, warmly praised the work of life-saving clubs, and said they should be subsidised by the State at some future date. The beaches were a great national asset, and the sport associated with them tended to develop the best type of citizen. LIFE-SAVING CLUBS. (1933, October 2, Monday). The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 8. Retrieved from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article17011820>

LIFE-SAVING. FIRST PUBLIC APPEAL.

Immediate Response.

At the monthly meeting of the committee of the Surf Life-saving Association, which was held last night, formal approval was given to the first appeal which the association has ever made for financial support by the public. Already more than £160 has been subscribed, and the appeal is expected, because of the valuable work of the association, to receive generous support. Subscriptions to the fund may be made either to the "Sydney Morning Herald" or to the honorary treasurer of the Surf Life-saving Association, Phillip House, Phillip Street, Sydney. Subscriptions will be acknowledged in the "Herald." The fund was opened yesterday by a donation of £100 from Messrs. John Fairfax and Sons Pty., Ltd., proprietors of the "Herald." Every day bathers on every beach are protected by the surveillance of life-savers patrols. During the last 30 years, the lifesavers on the beaches have saved 36,000 lives. In other words, 20 bathers a week might have lost their lives if it had not been for the supervision and the help of the life-savers.

During recent years no press photographs from Australia, and no Australian cinematograph films shown in England have impressed the British public more than those showing the magnificent physique of Sydney's lifesavers. For several years photographs from the "Herald" of these life-savers in processions, were a strong attraction in the windows of Australia House in London, and during his recent visit to Sydney for the celebrations, Britain's Lord Privy Seal, Earl de la Warr, stated that his hope was that whatever else was included in the "March to Nationhood" Regent procession on Anniversary Day, there would be a contingent of Sydney's magnificent life-savers."