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PROPOSED HERITAGE ITEM 17

ITEM DETAILS						
Name of Item	Group of Terraces					
Other Name/s Former Name/s						
Item type (if known)						
Item group (if known)						
Item category (if known)						
Area, Group, or Collection Name						
Street number	4					
Street name	West Parade					
Suburb/town	Riverstone				Postcode	
Local Government Area/s	Blacktown City Council / SEPP SRGC					
Property description						
Location - Lat/long	Latitude				Longitude	
Location - AMG (if no street address)	Zone		Easting		Northing	
Owner						
Current use	Residential					
Former Use						
Statement of significance	<p>Criterion a) 4 West Parade is a representative building from the Victorian era development of the town centre around the node of the Railway Line, and formed part of a group of town centre buildings including the Riverstone Railway Station, No 4 Garfield Road East (Terrace and shop), the Station Masters Cottage, and tow corner pubs on either side of the railway (2 West Parade Pub has been demolished)</p> <p>Criterion c) Although altered the two storey residential terrace walk-up style is clearly discernable as a typical Victorian pattern for worker accommodation.</p> <p>Criterion e) As an early urban residential building in Riverstone there is a high potential for in ground remains such as a well, brick a brack or outbuildings associated with cooking or toilets.</p>					
	State <input type="checkbox"/>			Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIPTION



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Designer			
Builder/ maker			
Physical Description	<p>4 West Street is a two storey masonry building with 4 separate walk-up residential apartments. The building is directly set on West Parade, with the front doors opening onto the street frontage.</p> <p>The building has been altered and the exact extent of intact fabric is yet to be confirmed. However the siting and arrangement of the building indicates a Victorian style terrace development that has been altered over time.</p> <p>The building appears in c 1970s photos of Riverstone behind the corner hotel on Garfield road West. (the hotel was an interwar development)</p> <p>A building in a similar location to 4 west street appears on the 1881 Boyd and King Grantham Estate subdivision brochure, but this is unlikely to be the current building, and more likely to be a precursor to the Hotel.</p>		
Physical condition and Archaeological potential	Reasonable Highly altered - TBC		
Construction years	Start year	C 1890?	Circa <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Modifications and dates	Highly altered – current exterior c 1960		

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HISTORY	
Historical notes	<p>(Courtesy of Rosemary Phillis – Riverstone historical Society)</p> <p>The following information has been extracted from the <i>Riverstone Public School Centenary Booklet 1883-1983</i>.</p> <p>The indigenous people of the Riverstone District were the Darug tribe. <i>(Please note that the spelling varies depending on who you talk to.)</i></p> <p>In 1803 Governor King established the Government Stock Farm of which Riverstone formed the north-eastern corner.</p> <p>The first land grant in the district was March 1810 to Lieutenant-Colonel Maurice Charles O'Connell and his wife Mary Putland, widowed daughter of Governor Bligh. The grant of 2,500 acres was Governor Macquarie's gift to the couple. O'Connell named the land "Riverstone" after his Irish birthplace. This spelling prevailed until late 1862 when the English spelling of "Riverstone" came into being.</p> <p>The original grant comprised all the land from what is now Garfield Road to Bandon Road, Vineyard and from Windsor Road to Eastern Creek...</p> <p>In 1863 work commenced on the Blacktown to Richmond railway line, the colony's first country branch line.</p> <p>Ben Richards purchased 2,700 acres of land adjoining the railway line in 1878 and established a meat works. The Meatworks led to a boom in the town.</p> <p>In 1883 Joseph Parrington commissioned the construction of the four residential terraces in Garfield Road, known as Parrington Terrace. These are still standing in 2001, near the corner of Pitt Street and Garfield Road. In the same year the main Railway Station was completed and the first public school opened.</p> <p>In 1884, the first church, St Andrew's Presbyterian Church opened in Regent Street (it was relocated to the present site in 1912), followed by St Pauls Church of England in 1885.</p> <p>In 1886 the Telegraph Office opened in the railway station. In 1892 Mr. E Grace was transferred from Rouse Hill to be the first policeman in Riverstone. The present police station was erected in 1891/2. The first telephone exchange was installed in the railway station in 1914.</p> <p>Until 1928 Riverstone was divided between Windsor and Blacktown Councils. Dissatisfied with Windsor Council, moves were made to have Riverstone separated from Windsor and to come under the administration of Blacktown Shire Council. As a direct result of this moved the water supply arrived in 1933 and the electricity was turned on in 1934 at a cost of 11,000 pounds. It was perhaps the most celebrated occasion in Riverstone's history.</p> <p>The period prior to World War 2 was probably Riverstone's most progressive, both socially and culturally. The town boasted two halls, a picture theatre, a Red Cross Society, a Fruit Growers Union, a Relief Society, a Dramatic Society and an Agricultural and Horticultural Society. Vigoro, football and cycling clubs were also active as was a hunting club with Mr. Frank Mason as Master of the Hounds.</p>



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THEMES	
National historical theme	
State historical theme	

HERITAGE LISTINGS	
Heritage listing/s	

INFORMATION SOURCES				
Include conservation and/or management plans and other heritage studies.				
Type	Author/Client	Title	Year	Repository
Report	ENSR/AECOM	Historic Heritage of the Riverstone and Alex Avenue Precincts	2008	NSW State Government Dept. Planning.
Notes	Rosemary Phillis		2007	Riverstone Historical Society

RECOMMENDATIONS	
Recommendations	Include the on the Blacktown LEP Heritage Schedule



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SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION			
Name of study or report		Year of study or report	
Item number in study or report			
Author of study or report	Margaret Fallon		
Inspected by	Margaret Fallon		
NSW Heritage Manual guidelines used?			Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			No <input type="checkbox"/>
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