

Item Details

Name

Cassola

SHR/LEP/S170

LEP #

Address

20 Riverstone Road RIVERSTONE NSW 2765

Local Govt Area

Blacktown

Local Aboriginal Land Council

Unknown

Item Type

Built

Group/Collection

Residential buildings (private)

Category

Homestead building

All Addresses

Addresses

Records Retrieved: 1

Street No	Street Name	Suburb/Town/Postcode	Local Govt. Area	LALC	Parish	County	Electorate	Address Type
20	Riverstone Road	RIVERSTONE/NSW/2765	Blacktown	Unknown			Unknown	Primary Address

Significance

Statement Of Significance

20 Riverstone Road, "Cassola" is significant Victorian residence that is representative of the first small farm developments established after the subdivision of Maurice O' Connells estate. The property remained a substantial land holding until the 1970's and functioned first as an orchard and then a farm throughout that time. The property was associated with Joseph Parrington who owned the Riverstone Hotel and the Parrington Terraces in the Riverstone Town Centre.

Criteria a)**Historical Significance**

The property is of historical significance as a remaining substantial home from the small lot subdivision of the Riverstone Estate through the McCulloch Family. The property was also the home of one of the prominent local businessmen and indicates the establishment of Riverstone as a township in the Victorian era.

Criteria b)**Historical Association Significance**

The property has significance at a local level as the original home of Joseph Parrington whose other business interests in Riverstone are noted in the remaining Parrington Terraces.

Criteria c)**Aesthetic/Technical Significance**

The property has aesthetic significance as an intact remaining example of a Victorian country home associated with a rising middle class in Riverstone in the Victorian Era.

Criteria f)

Rarity

In the context of modern development in the area the founding Victorian homes and small farm developments are becoming rare. Preservation of a representative number of these farm holdings is important in understanding the history of the area.

Criteria g)

Representative

The home is representative of the Victorian middle class country homes and small farm holdings built in the area in the Victorian Era.

Integrity/Intactness

Intact

Owners

Records Retrieved: 0

Organisation	Stakeholder Category	Date Ownership Updated
No Results Found		

Description

Designer

Builder/Maker

Physical Description

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A substantial brick cottage, in good condition. The house is a 7 roomed L shape, with verandahs to the north and west. Located on a rise the building also includes an attic which is a later addition.

The building retains its original layout, concave iron verandah, chimneys fire places doors windows and internal detail.

The property has significant views to the North West over Clydesdale and to the Blue Mountains from the front verandah.

Physical Condition

Updated 01/28/2015

Good

Modifications And Dates

The rear verandah has been enclosed. The Dormer windows and loft conversion were carried out in the 1970's. The rear kitchen and bathroom has been updated in the 1970's

Further Comments

Current Use

Former Use

Listings

Listings

			Records Retrieved: 2		
Heritage Listing	Listing Title	Listing Number	Gazette Date	Gazette Number	Gazette Page
State Environmental Planning Policy	SEPP SRGC Riverstone Alex Ave				
Local Environmental Plan	Amend No 143		4/12/2002 12:00:00 AM	72	2262

Procedures/Exemptions

Records Retrieved: 0

Section of Act	Description	Title	Comments	Action Date	Outcome
No Results Found					

History

Historical Notes or Provenance

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The property was part of the initial grant to Maurice O'Connell in 1814 in addition to his original "Riverstone Farm" estate. The land was part of 2960 acres that was subdivided off the Riverstone Estate in 1865 by Andrew McCulloch, whose family subdivided further into small lots in 1881.

The property on which Cassola sits consisting of Lots 19 and 6 of the 1881 subdivision was purchased by Joseph Parrington who had established the Riverstone Hotel and later a group of terraces in the Riverstone Town Centre now known as the Parrington Terraces. Parrington possibly used the property for fruit growing.

Parrington sold the property in 1894 to Henry Edward Wood, a horse breaker who worked at Riverstone. Wood purchased Lots 1-10 and 18 and 19 of the 1881 Subdivision including Parrington's former property. Wood is said to have run training stables on the expanded property. The 1943 and 1961 aerial photo indicates that the wider property was divided into paddocks each with their own stables, which would support this use. By 1970 these had been removed and the land developed for hobby farms.

Wood retained the property until 1943, after which the group of properties passed through a number of hands, used for farming until 1971 when the wider group of properties were sold separately.

Lots 19 and 6 remained together until 1985 and it is likely that the sheds to the rear of No 17 Brighton Street relate to the earlier Cassola property use.

The outbuildings remaining on site at present include a garage to the rear of Cassola House (appears first in the 1961 Aerial photo), a tall timber carport - (appears first in the 1961 Aerial photo), and a row of skillion iron sheds along the rear boundary of Lot 6. (These were present in the 1947 aerial photo)

Historic Themes

Records Retrieved: 1

National Theme	State Theme	Local Theme
4. Settlement	Land tenure	Unknown

Recommended Management

Management Summary

Management

Records Retrieved: 0

Management Category	Management Name	Date Updated
No Results Found		

Report/Study

Heritage Studies

Records Retrieved: 5

Report/Study Name	Report/Study Code	Report/Study Type	Report/Study Year	Organisation	Author
In House Heritage Items Review			2009		Margaret Fallon
Alex Avenue Riverstone Precinct European Heritage Study			2008		EDNSR
Heritage Study of the North Western Sector of Sydney			1984		Howard Tanner & Associates in association with Max Kelly and Elizabeth Vines
Heritage Study of the North Western sector of Sydney			1984		Howard Tanner and Associates
Heritage Study of the North Western Sector of Sydney			1984		Howard Tanner & Associates Pty Ltd

Reference & Internet Links

References

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Type	Author	Year	Title	Link
Written	Perumal, Murphy, Alessi	2014	Statement of Heritage Impact 20 Riverstone Road	
Map			Aerial Imagery 1947, 1961, and 1980	

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