


## Heritage Inventory Sheet

<b>Item Name</b>	Granville War Memorial		
<b>Recommended Name</b>	Granville War Memorial Park		
<b>Site Image</b>			
<b>Address</b>	1 Memorial Drive, Granville NSW 2142		
<b>Lot/Section/DP</b>	1	-	430693
<b>Current LEP ID</b>	I71(Cumberland LEP)		
<b>Former LEP ID</b>	I151 (Parramatta LEP)		
<b>Heritage Conservation Area</b>	Not included		
<b>Date Updated</b>	March 2020		
<b>Significance Level</b>	LOCAL		
<b>Site Type</b>	Level 1	Landscape	
	Level 2	Monuments and Memorials	
<b>Ownership</b>	Cumberland City Council		

## Curtilage Map



## Statement of Significance

Granville War Memorial and associated park is significant at a local level for its historic, social and scientific values. The place is socially significant to the local community as a place of remembrance relating to local involvement in the wars. The horse trough within the park is historically significant as an example of a c1930s 'Bills' horse water trough. The site has the potential to contain archaeological remains of the former mill, located under the 1960s community centre.

## Criteria Assessment

a) Historic	The horse trough within the park is historically significant as an example of a c1930s 'Bills' horse water trough.
b) Associative	The item does not meet this criterion.
c) Aesthetic/Technical	The item does not meet this criterion.
d) Social	The item is socially significant to the local community as a place of remembrance relating to local involvement in the wars.
e) Scientific	The item has the potential to contain archaeological remains of the former mill. As per the Extent Heritage "Granville Multi-Purpose Centre Development: Application for s139(4) Excavation Exception – Work Method Statement", prepared for Cumberland Council":  "The 1930s aerial imagery indicates the site of Bergen's Mill is partially under the 1960s community centre. The potential subsurface archaeological remains associated with the mill are likely to consist of substantial brick or stone footings and foundations, remnant subsurface services (e.g. former drainage or sewer structures), and

	masonry pads associated with machinery once installed on the site. There is also a more limited potential for the presence of artefacts associated with the use of the site such as pieces of former machinery, tools or other industrial type materials. The area was altered for the development of the site in the 1930s; however, the construction of the community centre would likely have involved the disturbance/removal, at least in part, of the mill remains, and the building up and levelling of the area now containing the basketball courts and community centre with introduced fill. It is therefore likely that partially disturbed structural remains associated with the former mill are present.”
f) Rarity	The item does not meet this criterion.
g) Representativeness	The item does not meet this criterion.

### Physical Description

Granville War Memorial is an urban park comprising three memorials set off Memorial Avenue, also known as ‘Soldier’s Memorial Park’. Memorials include a stone column topped with sphere with base inscribed with names of servicemen. At the front are sandstone gateposts commemorating the Second World War and later conflicts. There are two large rocks within the park, dating to 2000, with plaques dedicated to PTE George Cartwright who was awarded the Victoria Cross.

The park is largely a grassed open area which is bound by Memorial Drive and Enid Avenue. The park includes several large mature trees dispersed throughout, formal low-lying gardens, concrete footpaths and timber benches.

The site contains a historic horse trough with a plaque that reads “This horse trough, originally located on the northern side of Railway Terrace near the intersection of Jamieson Street and relocated to this site by the Parramatta City Council. October 1982. R G Muddle. Town Clerk”.

The setting surrounding the external perimeter of the war memorial gardens is planned to be upgraded as part of the community centre development at the adjacent pool site.

The memorials landscape elements are in a good condition and appear to be well maintained.

<b>Condition</b>	<b>Good</b>	Fair	Poor
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### Alterations and Additions

- None.

The memorial retains a high level of integrity.

<b>Integrity</b>	<b>High</b>	Moderate	Low
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*\* element detracts from the overall cultural significance of the place*

## Historical Notes

Construction years	1946
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In 1866, James Bergan purchased part of Castner's section (Lots 2 and 3). This land was situated on the south west sides of the railway and Duck Creek, and was bounded by William, South and Vulcan Streets. The area was heavily timbered and Bergan soon began clearing the site in order to set up a woollen mill. At the time, he was employed as the manager of Byrnes Bros. Woollen Mills in Parramatta. Because there were no formed roads on the property, and Bergan's western neighbour, Mrs. Lee, opposed him cutting a track from Dog Trap Road to his land, Bergan experienced great difficulty getting materials and machinery to the mill site. He was forced to drag materials down Dog Trap Road to the southern side of William Street, then down a winding bush track and over large expanses of spongy ground. The works were finally completed in 1870. The mill was erected near the railway line, adjacent to Duck Creek. Bergan also constructed a weir on Duck Creek near the railway line in order to obtain the necessary water supply for wool scouring and dyeing.

In 1872, brick making was started in Bergan's Mill paddocks. The early cottages in Vulcan Street and the 150 feet high chimney stack at Goodlet and Smith (formerly the Parramatta Brick and Tile Works) were built from Bergan's brick pit. Bergan's brickyard was closed down in the early 1880s, and the old clay pits were formed into a water reserve where the drainage from the surrounding land was stored and used to supply the mills. A pipe was also laid on to Marsh Bros. Tannery and the water supply for their works obtained from this dam. However, by 1900, this water supply proved insufficient and Bergan connected his mill to the Metropolitan Water Supply.

The trade in Bergan's Woollen Mill was primarily tweed manufacture and the mill was initially very successful. Bergan died in 1885, yet the business continued for several years. By the end of the 1890s, however, business became intermittent owing to the heavy importation of woollen goods in anticipation of the Government Tariff. This overstocking forced the colonial woollens trade to a standstill. Business at Bergan's Woollen Mill essentially closed down at the turn of the century.

Over the next twenty years, Bergan's Woollen Mill was leased and worked several times; in 1909, for a few months by Messrs. Stokes and Weathers, in 1911 by W.F. Holliday who carried out a contract of making yarn for six years, and in 1917 by Wolk and Company, also yarn makers. In 1920, the mill was closed for the last time, and the buildings fell into a state of disrepair.

In 1946, Granville Council resolved to dedicate land to the rear (northeast) of Granville Swimming Pool (the former Woollen Mill) as a public park, in memory of local servicemen. This open area had been utilised in the past by a travelling circus, but the Council decided not to let the park for such purposes in the future after the Mayor related (perhaps with some exaggeration) how the lion's cage had tipped over "within twenty yards of his back gate", and elephants had "eaten some of the trees".

The council proposal was for an open 'beauty park' containing ornamental trees and shrubs, with memorial gates at one entrance. However, early feedback from the community also identified the need for local sports facilities. A general design for the park was adopted by Council in March 1947, with amenities including a general recreation area, tennis courts, cricket pitch, and bowling greens. The facilities were used by local schools and clubs for sports activities and were also open to the general public.

The park contains a number of monuments, including the Granville War Memorial. The Memorial was originally unveiled by Major-General Sir Charles Rosenthal on 25 November 1922, at a different location on the corner of Carlton and Russell Streets in front of the Granville Town Hall. It was later moved to the Granville Memorial Park at the request of the Granville sub-branch of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia (RSSILA), who claimed that in its original location the monument was a "...menace to traffic, that it is not in a central position...".

Sandstone gate posts at the main entrance to the park (off Memorial Drive) commemorate those who served in World War II and later conflicts. They were erected by the Women's Auxiliary of the Granville Sub-Branch, NSW Branch, Returned Sailors, Soldiers & Airmen's Imperial League of Australia in 1962, and the memorial was dedicated on 15 August 1995.



The most recent memorial within the park, a boulder with plaque attached, is located in a garden at the front of the community centre. It commemorates Private George Cartwright VC (1894-1978). Cartwright was born in London in 1894 and migrated to Australia in 1912. He enlisted in the Australian Imperial Forces on 16 December 1915 during World War I. He was awarded the Victoria Cross on 31 August 1918 for most conspicuous valour and devotion to duty, after attacking a machine gun post during the attack on Road Wood, southwest of Bouchavesnes near Péronne, France. After the war, Cartwright settled in Merrylands and became an officer in the militia. He trained recruits in the Merrylands Drill Hall, then located in Granville Park. The memorial was erected in 2000 in Granville Park, and the Granville RSL Sub-Branch arranged for it to be moved to Granville Memorial Park in 2015.

A watering trough is located adjacent to the footpath near the main park entrance on Enid Avenue. It was initially installed on the northern side of Railway Terrace near the intersection with Jamieson Street but was moved to its current location by Council in 1982. The trough was donated by George and Anna Bills, who had no children, but donated considerable sums to animal societies. When George died in 1927, he left an estate of £91,000. After various bequests, the remainder of the estate was to be used to construct and pay for horse troughs wherever they may be necessary for the relief of horses or other animals in Australasia, the British Isles or any other part of the world. The trough is one of approximately 700 erected between 1930 and 1940 in Australia and overseas (including England and Ireland), the majority of which were installed in Victoria. The troughs were usually manufactured of reinforced concrete and were of a standard design.

Recommendations					
Heritage Management		Existing Built and Landscape Elements		Future Development and Planning	
1. Maintain this item's heritage listing on the LEP.	X	6. Original fabric is highly significant and should be maintained.	X	12. Alterations and additions should respond to the existing pattern of development, with careful consideration of the setting (form, scale, bulk, setback and height).	X
2. Maintain this item's listing as part of the Heritage Conservation Area.		7. Unsympathetic alterations that detract from the cultural significance of the item should be removed.		13. New alterations and additions should respect the historic aesthetic/character of the item and area (e.g. paint scheme, materiality, style, landscape elements).	X
3. Consider delisting as an individual item from the LEP.		8. Maintain heritage landscape elements and schemes.	X	14. Future uses for this item should be compatible with its historical functions/associations.	
4. Consider additional research to nominate this item for the State Heritage Register.		9. Maintain the existing setting of the heritage item, informed by the historic pattern of neighbouring development (form, scale, bulk, setback and height).			
5. The heritage curtilage for this item should be revised/reduced.		10. Maintain the historic aesthetic/character of the item and area (e.g. paint scheme, materiality, style, landscape elements).			

		<p>11. The condition of this item is poor. Condition and maintenance should be monitored.</p>		
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Other recommendations and/or comments:

- The original alignment of Duck Creek has been altered significantly with the man-made canal construction and part of the site heavily developed with a number of later buildings and structures. The heritage curtilage should be reassessed, possibly to just include the park area and memorial site. The heritage curtilage shown below should be considered as a revised curtilage for the Cumberland LEP.



Listings		
Heritage Listing	Listing Title	Listing Number
Heritage Act – State Heritage Register	N/A	-
Local Environmental Plan	Granville War Memorial	I74
Heritage Study	Granville War Memorial	I74
National Trust Australia Register	N/A	-

### Previous Studies

Type	Author	Year	Title
Heritage Study	Extent Heritage Pty Ltd	2019	Cumberland LGA Heritage Study
Heritage Review	National Trust (Parramatta Branch)	2004	Parramatta Heritage Review
Heritage Study	Meredith Walker	1993	City of Parramatta Heritage Study

### Other References

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### Limitations

1. Access to all heritage items was limited to a visual inspection from the public domain. The interiors of buildings and inaccessible areas such as rear gardens were not assessed as part of this heritage study.

2. Condition and site modification assessment was limited to a visual inspection undertaken from the public domain.

3. Unless additional research was required, historical research for all heritage items was based on an assessment of previous LGA heritage studies, the Thematic History (prepared by Extent Heritage, 2019) and existing information in former heritage listing sheets.

### Additional Images



View to memorial.



View to Horse trough.



Memorial.



Overview of memorial.