

Heritage Inventory Sheet

Item Name	Milestone		
Recommended Name	Woodville Road Milestones Group		
Site Image			
Address	<p>Woodville Road, between Claremont Street and Pattern Avenue, Guildford NSW 2161; and</p> <p>Woodville Road, between Guildford Road and Rhodes Avenue, Merrylands NSW 2160.</p>		
Lot/Section/DP	-	-	-
Draft Cumberland LEP ID	I171, I220		
Former LEP ID	<p>I650 (Parramatta LEP), Milestone; and</p> <p>I651 (Parramatta LEP), Milestone</p>		
Heritage Conservation Area	Not included		
Date Updated	March 2020		
Significance Level	LOCAL		
Site Type	Level 1	Built	

	Level 2	Exploration, Survey and Events
Ownership	Ownership: Milestone is in the public carriageway - no ownership data on Intramaps	

Curtilage Map

Note: Former item number used to identify milestones.





Revised curtilage recommended - refer below.

Statement of Significance

The Woodville Road Milestones Group are of local significance for their historic, associative, aesthetic, rarity and representative heritage values. The milestones are historically significant in their role of marking out the four-mile journey along Woodville Road from Liverpool to Parramatta. They are good examples of the use of concrete for milestones in the 1930s and are associated with the Department of Main Roads their implementation of the "Type D" milestones for use in urban situations. They are a tangible reminder of the use of road markers, originally established by Governor Macquarie across the Cumberland Plain. The milestones have aesthetic significance through their notable lettering and form, and their role as a landscape element. They are the last two remaining of four milestones along Woodville Road. The milestones as a pair, and consideration with other milestones in the rest of Sydney, are rare.

Criteria Assessment

a) Historic	The milestones are historically significant in their role of marking out the four-mile journey along Woodville Road from Liverpool to Parramatta. They are a tangible reminder of the use of road markers, originally established by Governor Macquarie across the Cumberland Plain.
b) Associative	The items are associated with the Department of Main Roads in 1934 and their implementation of the "Type D" milestones for use in urban situations.
c) Aesthetic/Technical	The milestones have aesthetic significance through their notable lettering and form, and their role as a landscape element.
d) Social	The item does not meet this criterion.
e) Scientific	The item does not meet this criterion.
f) Rarity	Previously forming a group of four, they are now the last two remaining milestones along Woodville Road.

g) Representativeness	They are good examples of the use of concrete for milestones in the 1930s.
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Physical Description

The two remaining concrete milestones on Woodville Road link Liverpool to Parramatta. Originally, there were four, though PTTA 1 and PTTA 4 have been removed. The milestones are placed on the western side of the road.

MERRYLANDS: Item 1 (Woodville Road, between Claremont Street and Patten Avenue)

Description

Milestone, precast concrete post, four sided, white painted with lettering in black paint stating 'L8' on one side and 'PTTA 2' on another side. Placed at kerb of roadway and set into a concrete footing.

Location: Likely in original location.

Condition: Good condition overall. White paint flaking off in some areas.

GUILDFORD: Item 2 (Woodville Road, between Rhodes Avenue and Guildford Road)

Description

Milestone, precast concrete post, four sided, white painted with lettering in black paint stating 'L7' on one side and 'PTTA 3' on another side. Placed at kerb of roadway.

Location: Likely in original location.

Condition: Good condition overall. White paint flaking off in some areas.

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor
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Alterations and Additions

- Minor damage from vehicular traffic
- Potential relocation, although likely in original location
- White paint flaking off both milestones

Although the milestones have been damaged, they have high integrity in both form and detailing. It is unclear if they have been relocated in the past.

Integrity	High	Moderate	Low
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* *element detracts from the overall cultural significance of the place*

Historical Notes

Construction years	1934
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Concrete Milestones

The concrete milestone style was first adopted by the Department of Main Roads in 1934 and was known as "Type D" for use in urban situations. In earlier forms, the use of painting without incising numbers on concrete mileposts was initially favoured as it allowed for alterations being readily made from time to time as became necessary owing to deviations or alterations of a route.

Woodville Road Milestones

The concrete milestones on Woodville Road linked Liverpool to Parramatta. These milestones were used by stagecoaches travelling from Sydney along Liverpool Road, before they turned right towards Parramatta. Due to the positioning of the milestones, they would always be on the driver's left-hand side. Originally there were four milestones along Woodville Road, marking the four-mile journey. These were marked as PTTA 1, PTTA 2, PTTA 3 and PTTA 4. Today, only PTTA 2 and PTTA 3 remain.

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).
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.		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.	X	10. Maintain the historic aesthetic/character of the item and area (e.g. paint scheme, materiality, style, landscape elements).	X	
		11. The condition of this item is poor. Condition and maintenance should be monitored.		

Other recommendations and/or comments:

- As the milestones are best identified as a pair, they should be given one LEP ID number on the Cumberland LEP.
- The items should not be removed from their current locations.
- It is recommended that the curtilage be revised to ensure each milestone has a curtilage of a one-metre radius around the marker. Due to the distance between each milestone, a revised curtilage map has not been provided as it will not accurately reflect this revised curtilage. Should the revised curtilage be adopted, this listing sheet does not reflect the current Lot/DP which will need to be altered.

Listings		
Heritage Listing	Listing Title	Listing Number
Heritage Act – State Heritage Register	N/A	-
Local Environmental Plan	Milestone	I297
Heritage Study	Milestone	I297
National Trust Australia Register	N/A	-

Previous Studies

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



Merrylands Item 1 (Woodville Road, between Claremont Street and Patten Avenue).



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Guildford Item 2 (Woodville Road, between Rhodes Avenue and Guildford Road).



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