


Heritage Inventory Sheet

Item Name	"Allengreen", Federation bungalow		
Recommended Name	'Allengreen' - Federation Residence		
Site Image			
Address	1 Amos Street, Westmead NSW 2145		
Lot/Section/DP	4	-	15214
Current LEP ID	I287 (Cumberland LEP)		
Former LEP ID	I145 (Holroyd LEP)		
Heritage Conservation Area	Not included		
Date Updated	February 2020		
Significance Level	LOCAL		
Site Type	Level 1	Built	
	Level 2	Residential Buildings (private)	

Curtilage Map



Revised curtilage recommended – refer below

Statement of Significance

'Allengreen' at 1 Amos Street Westmead is of local significance for its historical, associative, aesthetic and representative significance. Built in c.1870, the building relates to the early subdivision of Parramatta Park in the 1860s. The residence provides evidence of the development of this area for the more prestigious end of the residential market in the years around the turn of the century. The item is associated with the Oakes family, prominent pastoralists and early land grantees in Westmead. The residence size, architectural character and attractive 'front row' location onto Parramatta Park contributes to the aesthetic significance of the item, however this is reduced due to loss of original fabric and the rear residential development. The building retains its aesthetic significance through its connection to Parramatta Park and its architectural form and scale. The item remains a good representative example of the substantial suburban residences built in Cumberland in the late 19th century period.

Criteria Assessment

a) Historic	Built in c.1870 the building relates to the early subdivision of Parramatta Park in the 1860s. The residence provides evidence of the development of this area for the more prestigious end of the residential market in the years around the turn of the century.
b) Associative	The item is associated with the Oakes family, prominent pastoralists and early land grantees in Westmead.
c) Aesthetic/Technical	The residence size, architectural character and attractive 'front row' location onto Parramatta Park contributes to the aesthetic significance of the item, however this is reduced due to loss of original fabric and the rear residential development. The building retains its aesthetic

	significance through its connection to Parramatta Park and its architectural form and scale.
d) Social	The item does not meet this criterion.
e) Scientific	The item does not meet this criterion.
f) Rarity	The item does not meet this criterion.
g) Representativeness	The item remains a good representative example of the substantial suburban residences built in Cumberland in the late 19 th century period.

Physical Description

'Allengreen' is a large single storey cottage clad with rusticated weatherboards atop a rendered brick foundation. The roof is half-gabled and clad in Marseille tiles with projecting gable to the east fronting the southern domain of Parramatta Park. The roof features two rendered brick chimneys with terracotta pots and replaced guttering. The gable end has replaced timber shingles with scalloped weatherboards (now painted). A return verandah extends along the north and east elevations. The verandah roof is an extension of the main roof, this is supported on square timber posts (untreated) with a painted timber ladder valance and balustrade. The ladder valance replaces a curved timber valance. The verandah retains the original timber floorboards, however the other timber elements (e.g. posts, valance and balustrade) are not original.

The window on the front gable is a squared faceted bay window consisting of five (5) timber framed casement windows with top lights and a skillion awning clad in Colorbond sheeting. The windowpanes, frames and awnings are not original elements. A contemporary French door is also located along the east elevation. The front door is a modern timber door. The property fronts the southern domain to the east and is bounded by a timber pile and wire mesh fence.

Within the curtilage of the residence, the item features several rear extensions and a medium to high rise residential apartment that fronts Thomas May Place. There are four identifiable changes to the rear of the cottage extending from the north to the south along the rear elevation. They include: a rear second storey extension constructed of rusticated weatherboards on the ground floor and timber battening infilled with fibro sheeting on the upper storey, with a gabled roof clad in Colorbond sheeting. These windows on this portion of the building are timber double hung sash windows with aluminium framed and cotemporary security screens. This is adjoined by a skillion roof, that is connected to another single storey structure with a gabled roof clad in red Colorbond sheeting. These appear to be the modification of a former stables and out house. Neighbouring this structure to the south is a single storey skillion roof side addition with weatherboard cladding visible from Amos Street.

The rear extensions feature a hedge that runs along a brick wall and concrete path separating the Federation residence from the large multi-storey residential apartment, constructed in 2010. The residential apartment block is approximately four storeys high and is a mix of brick and concrete render.

The surrounding landscape is dominated by modern medium to high rise residential apartments along Thomas May Place, Amos Street and Good Street. The item retains an interesting location, located off Amos Street with a primary frontage to the Southern Domain, which would have originally joined the Parramatta Domain. The item has a modest set back from the southern domain with a low-lying front garden fronted by a timber post and panel fence with wire mesh inserts. The southern domain is a large open grassed area with many established gum trees.

The building appears to be in a good condition having undergone an external and possible internal renovation in the recent past.

Condition	Good	Fair	Poor
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Alterations and Additions

- Replaced timber elements of the verandah (posts, valance and balustrade)
- Replaced timber shingle in gable end with scalloped weatherboards
- New Colorbond guttering and roof cladding
- New windowpanes, frames and awning
- Rear addition built in 2010

The item represents a highly modified Federation cottage with a substantial amount of heritage fabric replaced and a large development to the rear. The multi-storey apartment has been carefully designed to ensure the item is not overwhelmed by the new development. The integrity of the item is considered low, however an attempt to retain form and replace materials on a like for like basis has been employed.

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

Historical Notes

Construction years	c.1870
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The suburb of Westmead is bounded by the suburbs of Wentworthville to the west, Parramatta to the east, Northmead to the north and Mays Hill and Merrylands to the south. The southern half of Westmead south of Westmead Station lies in the territory of Cumberland Council.

Westmead originally formed part of the western portion of the Domain of Government House at Parramatta, which was laid out by Governor Philip in 1790. It originally comprised of over 2000 acres of land established by Governor Macquarie as an administrative area for the penal colony and it became a residential office for ten governors.

By the 1850s the Domain became known as Parramatta Park. In 1859-1861, an extensive portion of the Domain was subdivided, and it was at this time that the suburb became known as Westmead ('West meadow'). The major landholder in the area was William Fullagar, a butcher and publican turned stock agent. Land was also allotted to James Houison, John Savery Rodd and George Oakes. These allotments comprised 50 acres, however, many of these individuals acquired multiple allotments. By the time of this subdivision, a number of main roads had been established including Hawkesbury Road, Pye Street, Oakes Street, Bridge Road, Good Street and Houison Street.

Westmead was relatively slow to develop, and it was only after the Westmead Railway Station was opened in 1883 that landowners began to subdivide in the area. By the 1920s, the station's facilities had improved and several estates such as Toohey's Palm Estate and Fullagar's Estate were further subdivided. By the late 1940s, the Westmead Housing Commission Estate was developed which comprised of 300 brick houses as well as a retail strip with 12 shops and a block of flats. Westmead owes much of its present street layout to the developments from this period.

The site originally formed part of the Government Domain until 1859, when land was offered for sale in approximately 1-acre allotments. A later subdivision of 'Parramatta Park' saw the surrounding land later divided the land into small allotments in 1886. George Oakes, a member of the Legislative Assembly and owner of land nearby, predicted that 'very few farmers would be interested in acquiring land with soil to grow profitable crops' however nevertheless purchased large tracts of land himself.

Although the land was owned by George Oakes and remained in the Oakes Family possession from the mid-nineteenth century into the turn of the century, it remains unclear if George Oakes lived in this property. There were a number of occupants who lived in Allengreen. The Oakes family were leading pastoralists in New South Wales in the 1880s and it was recorded that Charles Shirley Oakes was the prominent resident of Allengreen throughout the 1870s and 1880s. Several weddings between the Oakes Family and Weston family are recorded as having their reception at 'Allengreen'. The property was advertised for let in June 1895 as a first-class family residence standing on 1 ½ acres of ground with planted flower, fruit and vegetable gardens. The land remained in their ownership until 1927. Amos Street was originally known as Payten Street after another landowner in the area.

In 1927, the property was advertised for auction as the Park Crest Estate (Allengreen) Parramatta. The study area was advertised as having charming and uninterrupted views to Parramatta Park, with links to a golf course, bowling greens and tennis courts. The advertisement also noted the building was supplied by city water, gas, electric light and sewer.

In 2010, the property underwent substantial alterations with the construction of a large, four-storey residential apartment block at the rear of the property's allotment. The item remains in use as a private residential dwelling.

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).	X	
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).	X	
		11. The condition of this item is poor. Condition and maintenance should be monitored.		

Other recommendations and/or comments:

- Due to the inclusion of a four-storey residential apartment block at the rear of the property is recommended the curtilage is revised and updated in the Cumberland LEP, as shown below. Should the revised curtilage be adopted, this listing sheet does not reflect the current Lot/DP which will need to be altered.



- The item is in the vicinity of Old Government House and Domain, Parramatta Park, which was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list as one of the eleven (11) sites across Australia forming the serial listing for the Australian Convict Sites. Parramatta Park and Old Government House is also listed on the NSW State Heritage Register (00596).

Old Government House and its parkland setting of the Government Domain is of outstanding national significance for its association with the foundation of British colonial administration, and as an important centre of the convict system in Australia. Much of the administrative, social and political life of the colony, including the commencement of the government's convict administration, was decided by the governors at this place from the very beginning of the colony until the last convicts served their sentences.

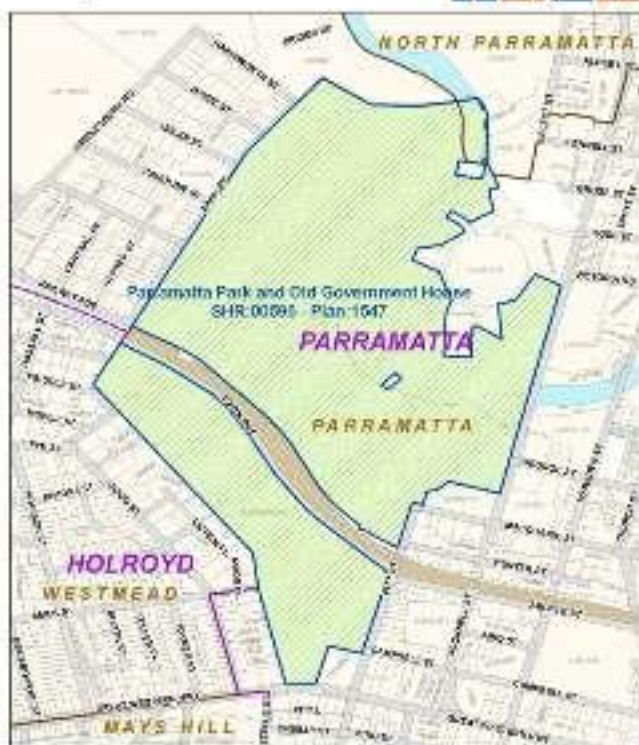
The landscape of Parramatta Park remains remarkably true to the estate created by Governor and Mrs Macquarie during their time in NSW from 1810 and 1821. This landscape is valued today because it is a public park that still has the structure and character of the nineteenth century Australian Government Domain.

Any future Development Applications would have to consider the known outstanding heritage values and State heritage values of the Parramatta Park landscape which adjoins the item, Allengreen – Federation Cottage (I273).



World Heritage listing curtilage shown in dark green.

Heritage Council of New South Wales 



SHR Curtilage outlined in blue.

Listings

Heritage Listing	Listing Title	Listing Number
Heritage Act – State Heritage Register	N/A	-
Local Environmental Plan	'Allengreen' - Federation Residence	I273
Heritage Study	'Allengreen' - Federation Residence	I273
National Trust Australia Register	N/A	-

Previous Studies

Type	Author	Year	Title
Heritage Study	Extent Heritage Pty Ltd	2019	Cumberland LGA Heritage Study
Heritage Study	Graham Brooks and Associates Pty Ltd	1998	Holroyd Heritage Inventory Review
Heritage studies	Neustein & Associates	1992	Holroyd Heritage Study

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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



Detail of rear extension.



Profile of item fronting Parramatta Park.



View to Parramatta Park.



View from Parramatta Park to front façade of item.



Aerial from November 2009 of the property prior to the rear development.



Aerial from July 2019 showing the rear development.