

## PART 2: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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*This Conservation Management Plan has investigated the former School of Artillery through detailed historical analysis of physical fabric and assessment of cultural significance. The complex has been assessed as an item of National Significance, with a high level of historical, aesthetic, social and technological/scientific significance. The core group of buildings are therefore recommended for listing on the National Heritage List for outstanding levels of historical and aesthetic significance. The building group is a rare example of an intact institutional military complex of the interwar period, it was one of the largest barracks establishments in Australia at the time, and is unique as an intact and complete complex of structures comprising a School of Artillery in Australia. It is also a cohesive example of Art Deco style of architecture applied to a large government owned institutional complex.*

*Designated elements of the complex should be conserved and preserved as an important example of interwar military architecture. Strategies for conservation and upgrading should be carried out in accordance with the recommendations of this Plan.*

*This detailed Conservation Management Plan has been prepared in conjunction with the Plan of Management for the former School of Artillery campus at North Head, Sydney, prepared by the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust. The area of study was confined to the built environment of the School of Artillery, with detailed analysis of the core group of buildings in Precinct 1, the interwar complex of the School of Artillery relating to the Parade Ground. The surrounding natural environment of North Head which provides the unique setting for the School of Artillery is the subject of a separate study by the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust. The outer buildings of the complex, comprising the non-core group will be the subject of a separate study of individual items, however reference to these items will be appropriate in the current study to assist our understanding of the School of Artillery as a whole.*

*The primary objective of this study as briefed was to establish the significance of the School of Artillery and its component parts as a basis for determining conservation requirements and appropriate recommendations for future use options.*

*This Plan generally concludes that:*

- This Conservation Management Plan (CMP) has confirmed that the School of Artillery is a complex of structures and landscape with a high level of cultural significance. It is recognised by Council as an item of local significance on the Manly Local Environmental Plan..., and as a heritage item of national significance on the Commonwealth Heritage List.*
- The redevelopment of the School of Artillery complex should encompass the conservation objectives of this Plan.*
- Future and long-term use of the complex, including potential disposal of the non-significant elements, should be conditional on adoption of the policies outlined in this Plan. Conservation, upgrading and future use of the site should retain and enhance the heritage significance of the place.*
- The building fabric should be appropriately conserved using advice from conservation professionals and appropriately qualified tradespeople.*
- This Plan outlines priorities for short-term and long term conservation programs to prevent deterioration of fabric and protect the site from vandalism and exposure to the elements*

- *The former military and training functions of the School of Artillery complex, and component parts should be explained through conservation of significant fabric and suitable interpretive measures.*