

NORTH HEAD

FORMER SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY

Conservation Management Plan

VOLUME 2 : THE OUTER AREAS



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PART 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 OVERVIEW

The objective of this Plan is to provide the basis for decision-making regarding the heritage conservation and ongoing management of the Outer Areas of the School of Artillery at North Head. A Conservation Management Plan has been completed for the central Core Areas of the School, comprising Volume 1 of this study.

The nature and relative gradings of cultural significance applicable to component parts of the site were assessed using established Commonwealth Assessment Criteria, taking into account historical documentary material, oral histories and physical examination of the site. Appropriate conservation policies are proposed, taking account a range of issues, including: potential use of all parts of the complex; condition of the fabric; the need to upgrade occupational health and safety standards; BCA compliance; and public access to the site.

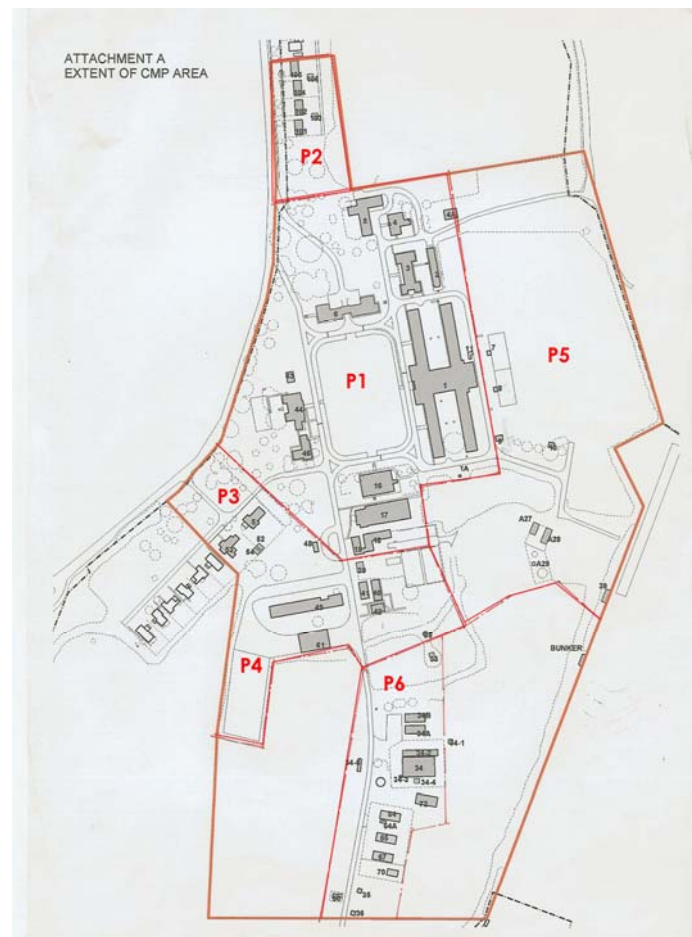
Recommendations regarding implementation strategies for the conservation works have been prepared and compatible options for redevelopment and future use are examined, consistent with minimising impacts on the significance of the building and the site.

1.2 STUDY AREA

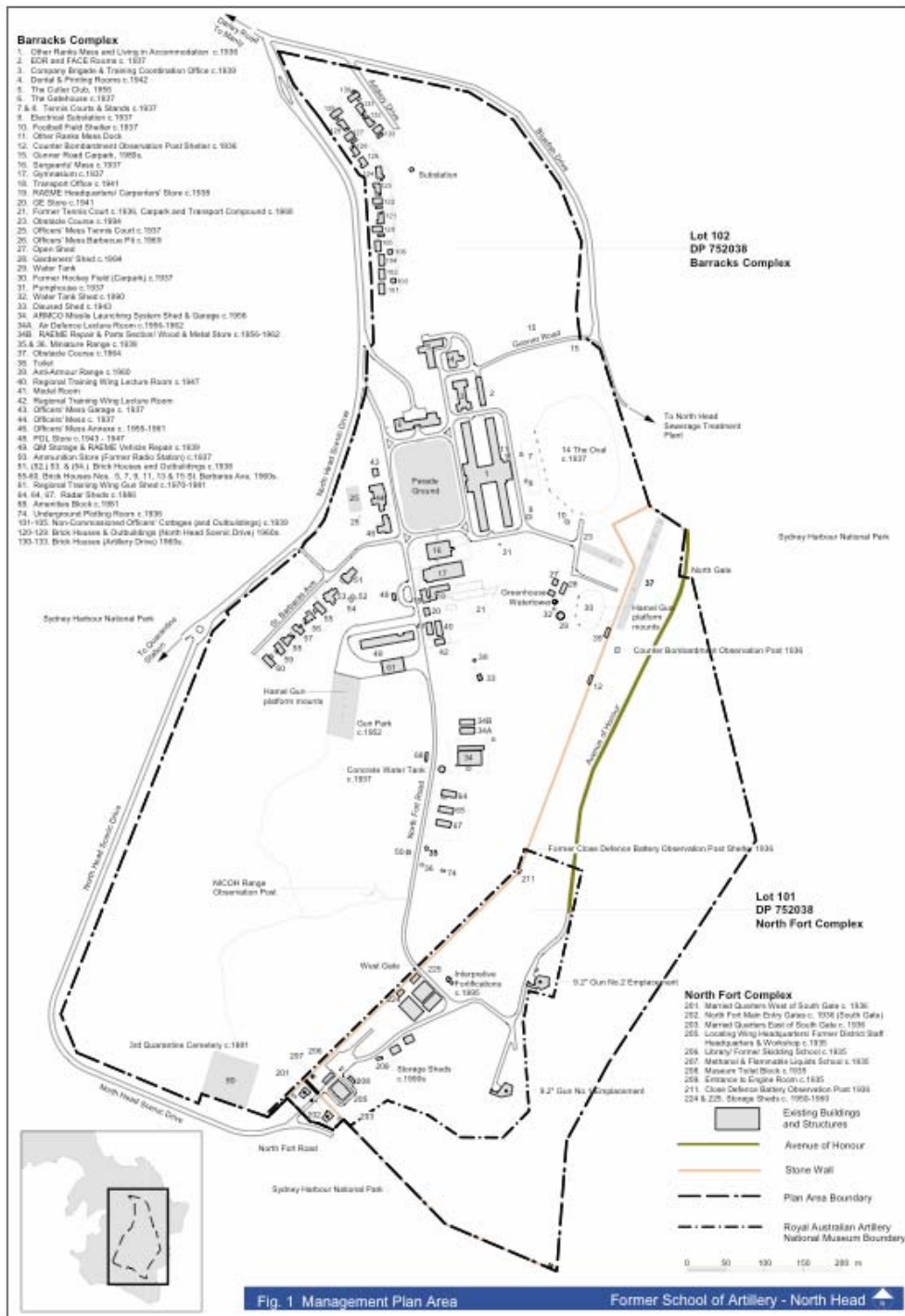
The overall School of Artillery site has been divided into separate precincts in order to recognise logical groupings of buildings and areas of common purpose. Precincts are nominated as Nos 1 – 6 for detailed physical analysis. Pro-forma Inventory data sheets were prepared for all elements with potential heritage significance within each precinct. Refer Volume 2A of this study

The present study (Volume 2) encompasses all areas of the site outside the central core, nominated as Precincts 2 - 6, the *Outer Areas*.

Volume 1 of this CMP refers to Precinct 1, the *Core Areas*, centred on the parade ground.



The Study Area for Volume 2 of this CMP includes all structures and landscape elements within the Outer Areas, included in precincts P2 to P6



SHFT Management Area, including the former School Of Artillery, North Head

1.3 STUDY TEAM

The study team for Volume 2 of this Conservation Management Plan (CMP) comprises:

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1.7 DEFINITIONS

This Conservation Management Plan utilises definitions from the *Australia ICOMOS Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural Significance* (the Burra Charter).

“**Plan**” in the context of this report refers to the Conservation Management Plan.

“**Should**” in the context of this report implies a strong requirement for compliance.

“**May**” implies suggested or optional compliance.

Conservation terminology including terms such as ‘**place**’, ‘**conservation**’, ‘**restoration**’, ‘**reconstruction**’, ‘**adaptation**’ etc follow the definitions of the Burra Charter:

Fabric means all the physical material of the place.

Conservation means all the processes of looking after a place so as to retain its cultural significance. It includes maintenance and may according to circumstance include preservation, restoration, reconstruction and adaptation and will be commonly a combination of more than one of these.

Maintenance means the continuous protective care of the fabric, contents and setting of a place, and is to be distinguished from repair. Repair involves restoration or reconstruction and it should be treated accordingly.

Preservation means maintaining the fabric of a place in its existing state and retarding deterioration.

Restoration means returning the existing fabric of a place to a known earlier state by removing accretions or by reassembling existing components without the introduction of new material.

Reconstruction means returning a place as nearly as possible to a known earlier state and is distinguished by the introduction of materials (new or old) into the fabric.

Adaptation means modifying a place to suit proposed compatible uses.

Compatible use means a use which involves no change to the culturally significant fabric, changes which are substantially reversible, or changes which require a minimal impact.

Curtilage. The term curtilage is frequently used to further define the setting literally as an ‘enclosed space’ but in the context of this study refers to a designated area around an item that is required to protect the significance of the item.

1.8 NUMBERING OF BUILDINGS

To avoid confusion over the changing identity and roles of individual buildings, this study has adopted the SHFT number system of ‘Buildings’ B12 – B106, which is derived from the original defence asset numbering system of A12 – A10o6

1.9 RELATED STUDIES

This document comprises **North Head Former School of Artillery Conservation Management Plan – VOLUME 2: THE OUTER AREAS.**

Volume 2A comprises inventories for individual structures and landscape elements, associated with the Outer Areas.

An associated document comprises the **North Head Former School of Artillery Conservation Management Plan – VOLUME 1: THE CORE AREAS.**

Volume 1A comprises inventories for individual structures and landscape elements associated with the central Core Areas study.

This report should be read in conjunction with the following studies which form a complementary account of strategies to guide future management of the site.

These documents include:

SHFT – **Management Plan- Former School of Artillery, North Head
28 July 2006**

NPWS- **Sydney Harbour National Park Plan of Management**