

Item name: Glebe Road Federation Cottages Heritage Conservation Area

Location: Glebe Road, Watkins Street The Junction 2291

Newcastle

Address: Glebe Road, Watkins Street

Planning: Hunter & Central Coast

Suburb/nearest town: The Junction 2291

Local govt area: Newcastle

Parish:

State: NSW

County:

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area:

Curtilage/boundary: Shown by red hatching and labelled "C7—Glebe Road Federation Cottages"

Item type: Complex / Group

Group:

Category: Streetscape

Owner: Multiple Owners

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use:

Former uses:

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance: Local

Statement of significance: The Glebe Road Federation Cottages Heritage Conservation Area is important at the local level in demonstrating the principal characteristics of the Federation period and the nature of residential building construction in Newcastle between 1909 and 1915. The narrow window of time in which the precinct developed is significant in providing evidence of the key features of the Federation period including construction and building technologies, fashions and key elements of the Federation style. Those being the single storey scale of these modest detached row of dwellings, a symmetrical street frontage, set close to Glebe Road and set off side boundaries, open verandah, pyramidal roof form, hip and gable roofs, bearer and joist construction with lightweight cladding material (weatherboard), and the absence of garaging with provision for parking occurring at the rear accessed via side driveways. The uniformity of the group in terms of architectural style, age, height, form, massing, setbacks, materials, and lack of obvious garaging contributes to defining the character.

The house at 55 Glebe Road has associative significance with a prominent individual, being the home of RJ Kilgour, a past Mayor of Merewether, and whose son was the first to enlist locally in 1915 for the First World War. The group of houses itself has associational significance with the Australian Agricultural Company, and the south east boundary line abuts the easement of the former Burwood Coal and Copper Company railway line, which was the Merewether Estate's coal haulage line.

- Key Period of Significance - circa 1909 to 1915.

Historical notes of provenance: The cottages were constructed in rapid succession following the release of the land for residential development by the Australian Agricultural Company, in 1908. As a result, the cottages share similar characteristics and represent Federation style housing. The cottages are in fact at the southern-most edge of the AA Company's estate, so their release was coincident with the releases of other parts of the AA Company's land holding, including sections of Gordon Avenue north in Hamilton. Glebe Road itself is an important marker of the physical boundary of the AA Company's land holding, and the large Merewether Estate to the south.

Themes: National theme

State theme

Local theme

Designer:

Builder:

Year started: 1909

Year completed: 1915

Circa: Yes

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Physical description: The character of the south side of Glebe Road is defined by single storey detached weatherboard dwellings set close to Glebe Road, and set off side boundaries. It is noted that none have attached or built in garage structures with their associated garage doors facing the street. Access for vehicles is provided at the side of the dwelling and provision for parking occurs at the side or at the rear. The lack of obvious garaging is considered a distinctive feature of the group, and is evidence of the age of the dwellings. The uniformity of the group in terms of age, height, setbacks and materials contributes to defining the character.

The fieldwork confirms that most of the houses in the group have undergone renovation and restoration that retains and enhances the intact one storey weatherboard with hipped and gabled roof character.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition:
Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

Recommended management: The character of the Glebe Road Federation Cottages Heritage Conservation Area is made up of the single storey Federation cottages that were built between 1909-1915. The homogenous character of this precinct will be preserved and maintained through the retention of all contributory buildings, elements of visual interest and heritage significance. Elements that are to be preserved include:

- the building group at 55 to 75 Glebe Road, The Junction, is a fine representative example of a group of intact Federation era cottages which have high contributory value to the streetscape
- the single storey scale of housing stock that is an original defining feature of the Federation cottages group
- the urban form which reflects a regular pattern of subdivision and development that dates from the 1900-1920
- side driveways with access to garages and on-site car parking accommodation at the rear of the house group
- items of heritage significance recommended for individual listing as heritage items in Schedule 5 of the Newcastle LEP.

Management: **Management category**
Recommended Management

Management name
Prepare or include in a Development Control Plan (DCP)

Further comments:

Criteria a): The Glebe Road Federation Cottages Heritage Conservation Area is important in the course of Newcastle's cultural history, as it demonstrates key aspects of the urban development of the city of Newcastle, including the gradual urban infill of land held by coal companies, including in this case, land owned by the Australian Agricultural Company. Released by the Australian Agricultural Company for auction in 1909, the group is important in the course of The Junction's cultural history as it represents the transition of this area from undeveloped mining land at the southern extremity of the AA Company's estate, to a residential area dating from the turn of the 20th century.

Criteria b): The house at 55 Glebe Road has associative significance with a prominent individual, being the home of RJ Kilgour who was one of the first mayors of the amalgamated City of Greater Newcastle. The group of houses itself has associational significance with the Australian Agricultural Company, and the south east boundary line abuts the easement of the former Burwood Coal and Copper Company railway line, which was the Merewether estate's coal haulage line.

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Criteria c): The Glebe Road Federation Cottages Heritage Conservation Area is important in demonstrating aesthetic characteristics that define the Federation period and the style of housing of that period. These features include:
[Aesthetic/
Technical
significance]

1. Detached Federation cottages, with a detached single storey weatherboard cottage flanked by a driveway to one side, consistent 4 metre front setback and rear garden zones.

2. The consistency in the scale, form, massing, style, and construction of houses and allotment layout. This is aesthetically significant while also being representative of residential construction across Newcastle up until 1915 when the last house was built.

Criteria d): The area does not demonstrate this criterion to any notable degree.
[Social/Cultural
significance]

Criteria e): The area does not demonstrate this criterion to any notable degree.
[Research
significance]

Criteria f): The area does not demonstrate this criterion to any notable degree.
[Rarity]

Criteria g): The Glebe Road Federation Cottages Heritage Conservation Area is important at the local level in demonstrating the principal characteristics of the Federation period and the nature of residential building construction in Newcastle between 1909 and 1915. The narrow window of time in which the precinct developed is significant in providing evidence of the key features of the Federation period including construction and building technologies, fashions and key elements of the Federation style, including the single storey scale of these modest dwellings, a symmetrical street frontage, open verandah, pyramidal roof form, hip and gable roofs, bearer and joist construction with lightweight cladding material (weatherboard), and the absence of garaging.
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

References: Author Title Year

Studies: Author Title Number Year
Newcastle City Council Review of Heritage Conservation Areas Report Chapter 7 2016

Parcels: Parcel code Lot number Section number Plan code Plan number

Latitude: Longitude:

Location validity: Spatial accuracy:

Map name: Map scale:

AMG zone: Easting: Northing:

Listing: Name Title Number ListingDate
Newcastle LEP 2012 Local Environmental Plan C7 09/11/2018
Newcastle LEP 2012 Within a conservation area on an LEP C7 09/11/2018
Heritage study

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