

INVENTORY of SITES & ITEMS

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BELMONT NORTH

INVENTORY SUMMARY - LIST OF SITES & ITEMS

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ITEM No.	DESCRIPTION and LOCATION	TYPE	SIGNIFICANCE
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BN-01	SCHOOL, Fmr JOHN DARLING COLLIERY, JOHN FISHER Rd, BELMONT NORTH. Surviving buildings are gradually being converted for use as school buildings. Re-using the buildings is a splendid challenge taken up by the School with economy & with sympathy for the heritage significance of the site. The school should be encouraged to continue the sympathetic adaptation of the site. Some interpretation of the history of the site should be provided.	c EX	H V V
BN-02	COTTAGE, 62 FLORAVILLE Rd, BELMONT NORTH Information needed	DW	-
BN-03	STONE WELL, off FLORAVILLE Rd, BELMONT NORTH (not found) Information needed	a WA	-
BN-04	Fmr STAFF HOUSES, COLLIERY ROW, off JOHN FISHER Rd, BELMONT NORTH	c DW	H V

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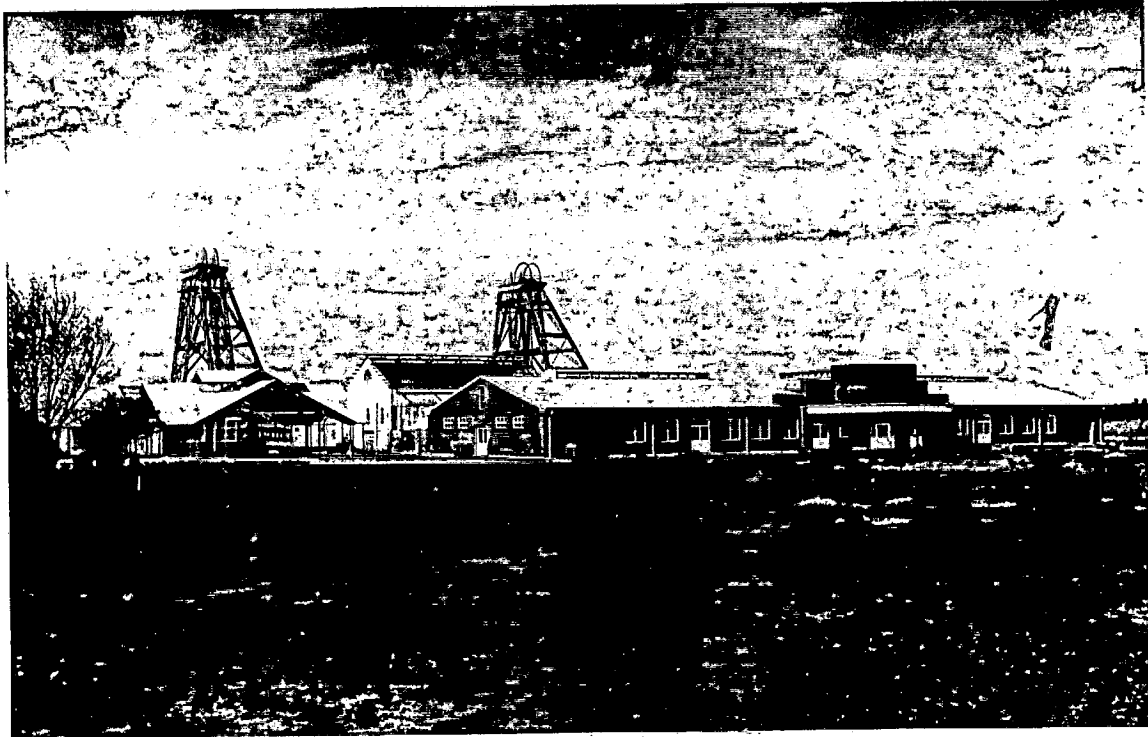
CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIE

HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY	SCHOOL, Fmr JOHN DARLING COLLIERY JOHN FISHER Rd, BELMONT NORTH			ITEM No.	BN - 01																				
KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS: "The Hunter's Heritage", Hunter R.E.P. 1989, Schedule 3 - Items of Local Environmental Heritage.																									
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS Located between Belmont & Belmont North on the north edge of swampland, filled & reclaimed close to the site, using colliery detritus. At the north-west the site rises gently and is fringed by the row of 6 staff houses (BN-04). Sand hills & Nine Mile Beach are about one & a half kilometres south-east. The colliery was served by a branch line from the Belmont Railway, & the route of this can still be followed through the scrub.																									
DESCRIPTION: The site has the most complete collection of historic colliery structures of any coal mine site in Lake Macquarie. The steel headframes are an unique pair. Surviving buildings include the Electricians Workshop & Store/ Lamp Room (earlier Bath House), the Power House, 1950s Bath House, Cycle Shed & Canteen, John Darling Colliery Office, BHP Collieries Central Office & Bulk Store (former Stables). Photos of the buildings & structures are reproduced on Supplementary Sheets 1 to 4.																									
MODIFICATIONS: Boiler houses, winding engines, screen building & picking belts engineering & fabricating workshops, & the later drift equipment have all been demolished. The gardens were celebrated but are mostly now obliterated.																									
PRESENT USE: Surviving buildings are gradually being converted for use as school buildings.																									
HISTORICAL NOTES: BHP started mine 1925. 1st shaft 650 feet (198m) to Victoria Tunnel Seam (1927), 2nd shaft (1932) to Borehole Seam at 878ft (268m) & coal taken from both seams. J.Darling had up to 800 workers & biggest production in Australia. Vict.Tunnel seam mechanised 1940. Last horse sold 1969. Inclined drift haulage to both seams & Dudley seam & elec. winding 1964. Closed 1987.																									
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: John Darling was the first colliery owned by BHP Company & signified BHP's 60 year association with Lake Macquarie. BHP's collieries (J.Darling, Lambton & Burwood) were keys to development of East Lakes towns. The twin headframes are the only surviving such pair & are unique in that they were both used for coal removal, & the coal came from two different seams. The headframe steel was from BHP's steelworks. The headframes are a landmark, seen & recognised across the Lake. They are seen as symbols of the prosperity of the area, & as symbols of the miner's work. Surviving buildings & evidence of others illustrate progressive development of the Colliery. The architectural style is traditional & derived from 19C Welsh & English models. Re-using the buildings is a splendid challenge taken up by the School with economy & with sympathy for the heritage significance of the site.																									
Local & Regional Signif. - very high/ State Signif. - high					ITEM No. BN - 01																				

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HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY: SCHOOL, Fmr JOHN DARLING COLLIERY JOHN FISHER Rd, BELMONT NORTH		ITEM No. BN - 01
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES: formerly John Darling Colliery, now Baptist Christian School		
ADDRESS: John Fisher Road Belmont North, 2280		S.H.I.P. REF. No.
PARISH: Kahibah COUNTY: Northumberland		DATE INSPECTED: April 1993
PRESENT OWNER(S) (Name & Address): Redrar Pty. Ltd. Baptist Church of NSW Property Trustees		BY: Doring
CATEGORY: buildings		REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: part DP 814551
SUBCATEGORY: school, former coal mine		SITE AREA: 4.2960 ha CURRENT ZONING: 6(c) 2(a)
HISTORICAL THEMES: S.H.I.P.: LOCAL:		MAP 1:25000 No. 9231-4-N NAME: SWANSEA GRID: 761 450
HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT: 1901 - 1925		USED: 1927 - 1987
BUILDER: BHP		DATE BUILT: 1925 - 1932
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER: BHP		
PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption): View of the former John Darling Colliery site, from the end of John Fisher Road. The former Bath House in the foreground has been recycled to become the main classroom building of the new school. (Doring Neg.492.00a)		
		
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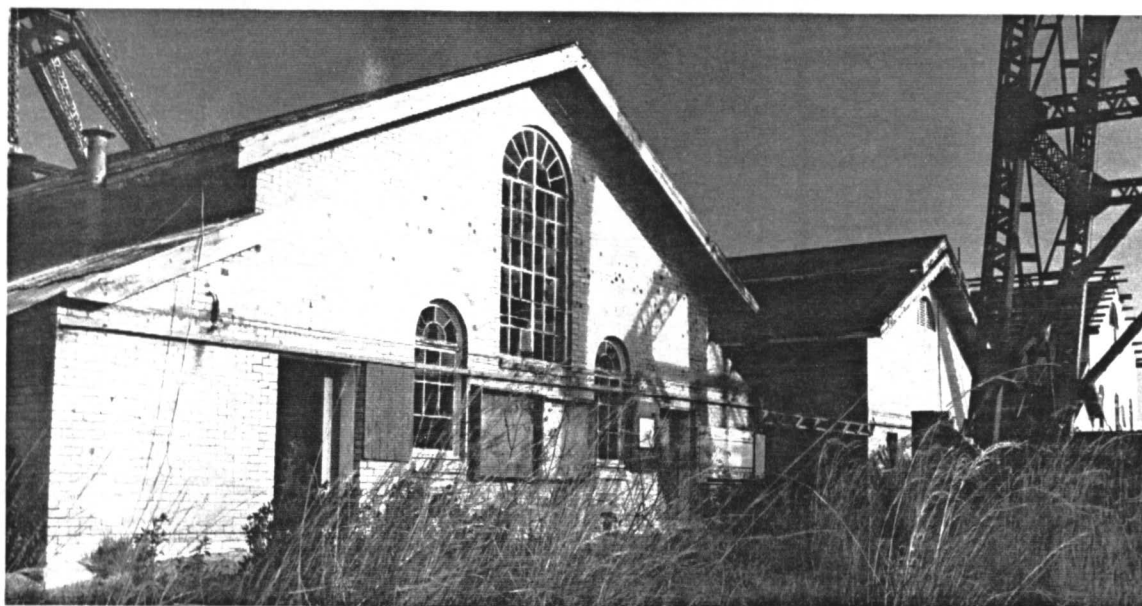
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Top: The twin steel headframes at the former John Darling Colliery. The frame closest to the camera (north) is over the No.1 Shaft. In 1949, while the two shafts were in use, No.1 took coal from the Victoria Tunnel Seam and was the Downcast shaft for ventilation. It was the access shaft for men, horses & materials. The No.2, or Upcast shaft, took coal from the Borehole seam, and was a secondary exit shaft.
(Doring Neg.492.30)

Bottom: At the base of the two headframes are (left) the Store & Lamp Room (1928 Bath House), then the Electricians Workshop (former Lamp Room), and (far right) the now roofless Powerhouse. The Store & Workshop both have gable roofs, the Workshop with a gable monitor, & the Store with symmetrical skillions each side. The walls are cream brick, and have Georgian style cast-iron framed windows with arched heads & 9-panes per sash.
(Doring Neg.492.27)



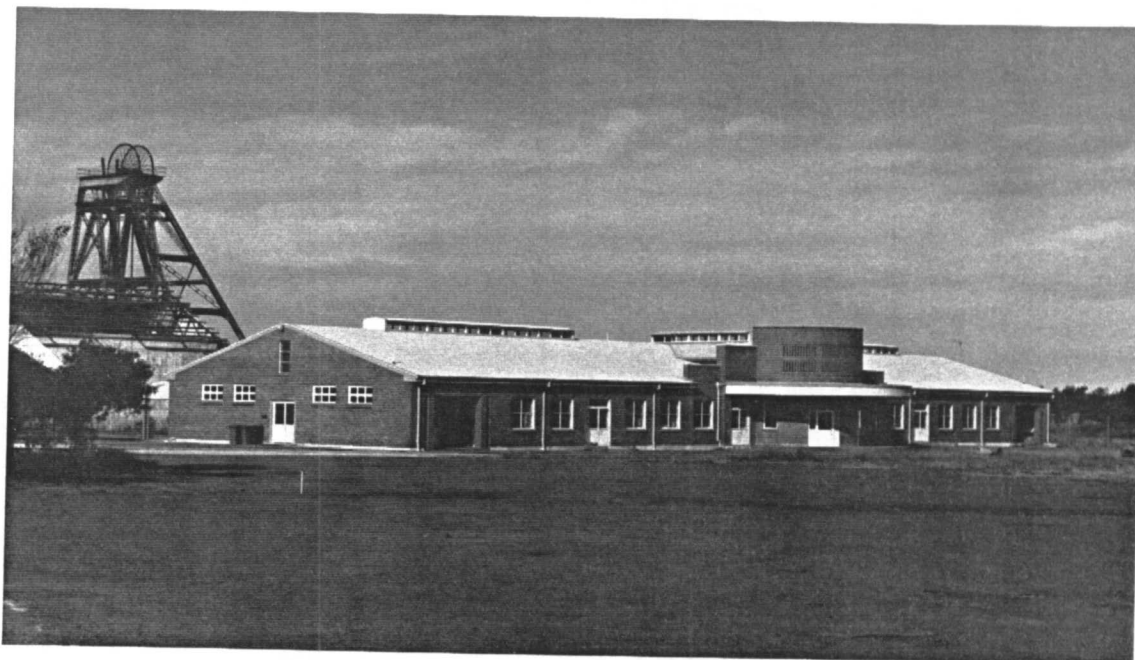
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Top: The second Bath House at John Darling Colliery, built in 1954, and now used as the primary level classrooms for the new School on the site. The building adapted very well for its new use. (Doring Neg.492.18)

Bottom: The former Powerhouse, a tall, steel-framed, gable roofed building c1926, which once held steam-driven electric generators. These were probably used to power lights, fans, conveyors, workshop machinery etc., before the steam driven winding engines were superseded. The Powerhouse has galvanised iron wall cladding, & Georgian style windows similar to those in the adjoining Workshop & Store. It is in very poor condition. (Doring Neg.492.36)



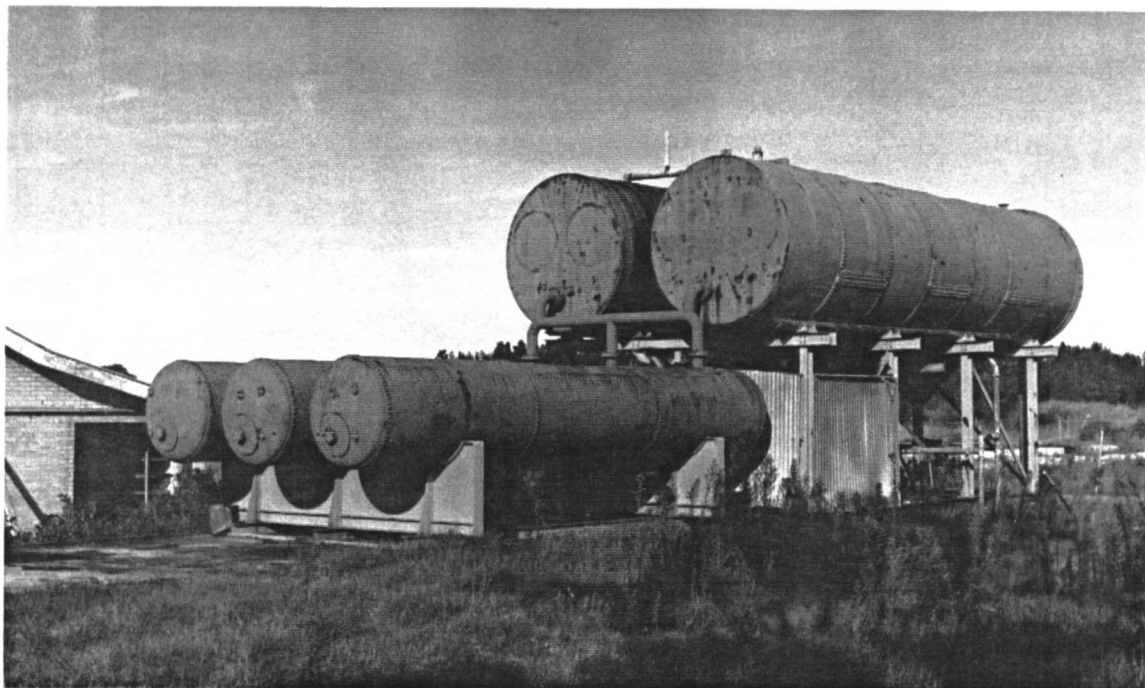
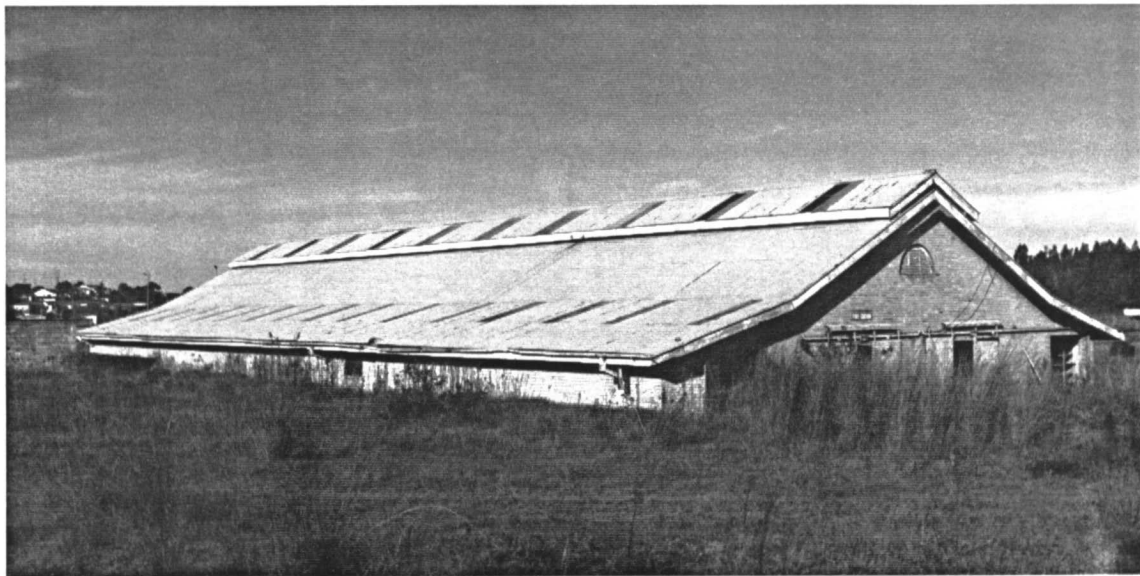
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Top: The John Darling Colliery Stables, in the Northern corner of the site. A cream brick building dating from c1928, it originally had a single gable roof & arched Georgian windows along both walls. Various stores & workshops were added along the side walls, with an extended bellcast roof covering them. The gable ventilation monitor resembles that on the Electrician's Workshop. Horses were no longer used at the colliery after about 1968, & the stables became a store. (Doring Neg.492.29)

Bottom: Former oil tanks in racks outside the former Stables. The 3 smaller tanks look like air receivers, & were probably used for underground compressed air machinery. The two larger tanks are converted Lancashire boilers. It is unlikely that these boilers were installed at John Darling in 1925 (they would have been very much out of date), but they may have come from some other older local colliery when it was refurbished or shut down. (Doring Neg.492.28)



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Top: Former BHP Collieries Central Office, now occupied by the School. This cavity brick building dates from the establishment of the John Darling Colliery in 1925. The stuccoed chimney (see next photo) & pleasant verandah along north & east walls are similar to verandahs of the Staff Houses (BN-04). The north verandah looked out on the formerly celebrated Colliery Gardens. (Doring Neg.493.13)

Bottom: A new wing added on to the south end of the Central Office in the 1960s. Some trouble has been taken to make it compatible with the earlier building. It is also red cavity brick. It has built in planter boxes along the east & west walls. (Doring Neg.492.17)



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HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY: COTTAGE, 62 FLORAVILLE Rd, BELMONT NORTH		ITEM No. BN - 02
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES:		
ADDRESS: 62 Floraville Road Belmont North 2280		S.H.I.P. REF. No.
		DATE INSPECTED: not seen
PARISH: KAHIBAH	COUNTY: Northumberland	BY:
PRESENT OWNER (Name & Address):		REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:
		SITE AREA: CURRENT ZONING:
CATEGORY:		MAP 1:25000 No. 9231-4-N
SUBCATEGORY:		NAME: SWANSEA GRID: ?
HISTORICAL THEMES: S.H.I.P. Themes: LOCAL Themes:		
HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT:		USED:
BUILDER:		DATE BUILT:
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER:		
PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption): no photo		
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HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY: STONE WELL, off FLORAVILLE Rd, BELMONT NORTH		ITEM No. BN - 03
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES: also a tramway cutting at the same site (former Bryant's Colliery ?)		
ADDRESS: (400m down right-of-way, opposite Park Street		S.H.I.P. REF. No.
PARISH: KAHIBAH COUNTY: Northumberland		DATE INSPECTED: not found
PRESENT OWNER(S) (Name & Address):		BY:
		REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: SITE AREA: CURRENT ZONING:
CATEGORY: archaeological site		MAP 1:25000 No. 9231-4-N
SUBCATEGORY: well & tramway cutting		NAME: SWANSEA GRID: ? 746 458
HISTORICAL THEMES: S.H.I.P.: LOCAL:		Ref. Nos. for RELATED ITEMS
HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT:		USED:
BUILDER:		DATE BUILT:
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER:		
PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption): no photo		
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HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY: Fmr STAFF HOUSES, off JOHN FISHER Rd, BELMONT Nth. ITEM No. BN - 04

PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES:

(Colliery Row - a group of 6 former BHP/John Darling Management houses)

ADDRESS: Colliery Row, off John Fisher Road
Belmont North 2280

S.H.I.P. REF. No.

DATE INSPECTED: April 1993

PARISH: Kahibah COUNTY: Northumberland

BY: Doring

PRESENT OWNER(S) (Name & Address):

various

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

SITE AREA:

CURRENT ZONING: 2(a) Resid.

CATEGORY: buildings

MAP 1:25000 No. 9231-4-N

SUBCATEGORY: domestic residences

NAME: SWANSEA

GRID: 760 451

HISTORICAL THEMES:

S.H.I.P.:

LOCAL:

Ref. Nos. for RELATED ITEMS

HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT: 1926 - 1950

USED: continuous

BUILDER: BHP

DATE BUILT: 1928 & 1956

ARCHITECT/DESIGNER:

PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption): Houses 3, 4 and 5 of the colliery
row of 6 Management Houses adjoining the former colliery. (Doring Neg.493.14)

See supplementary sheets for photos of each house.

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HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY Fmr STAFF HOUSES, off JOHN FISHER Rd, BELMONT Nth. ITEM No. BN - 04

KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS:

"The Hunter's Heritage", Hunter R.E.P. 1989, Schedule 3 - Items of Local Environmental Heritage.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

A group of 6 houses in a row, built on large blocks, on a gentle slope overlooking the former Colliery structures, where the former Colliery Manager, his Assistant, and the Colliery Engineers, were within a minutes distance from their jobs & any emergencies.

The houses are all red brick, with tc tiled hipped & gabled roofs, brick verandah balustrades, formal front steps, hooded casement windows, & all the trappings of the classic Federation Bungalow.

DESCRIPTION:

Five of the houses were built in 1928, in a (late) Federation Bungalow style. The last house was added to the group in 1956, on a block between No.1 and No.3. Each 1928 house is described more fully in the captions of the supplementary sheet photos. An interesting aspect of the houses is that each was built with a matching garage in the garden, in a time when very few private cars existed. The house blocks were large, with space for a tennis court or a bowling green at the back.

MODIFICATIONS:

Some of the houses have had additions made to them since they sold in 1990. In general, additions have been in harmony with the character & style of the houses, and do not detract from their heritage significance.

PRESENT USE:

domestic residences.

HISTORICAL NOTES:

John Darling Colliery was established by BHP in 1925. The 1st coal was won at the end of 1927. Soon the mine was one of the largest coal producers, with over 800 employees, & more than the usual number of senior employees who needed suitable housing near the mine. 5 houses were built in 1928, 1 in 1956. They continued to be occupied by BHP men until c1990.

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EVALUATION CRITERIA:

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The group is expressive evidence of the former practice of senior management, of factories, workshops & mines, of living on the job, in company houses. This mine was one of the biggest in the region, belonging to the biggest & most important company in the region. The supervisor of all BHP's mines was a tenant. Although the houses were dated in style, they were large & comfortable & show-pieces for the company, illustrating the importance of the staff who lived in them. The houses have had a very long association with the colliery. They are particularly unusual in being a large & coherent group, attractively designed & solidly built, at a time when "living on the job" was dying out elsewhere. They are all substantially intact, & have been altered with an unusual sympathy for their historic & architectural qualities.

Regional Significance - high

Local Significance - very high

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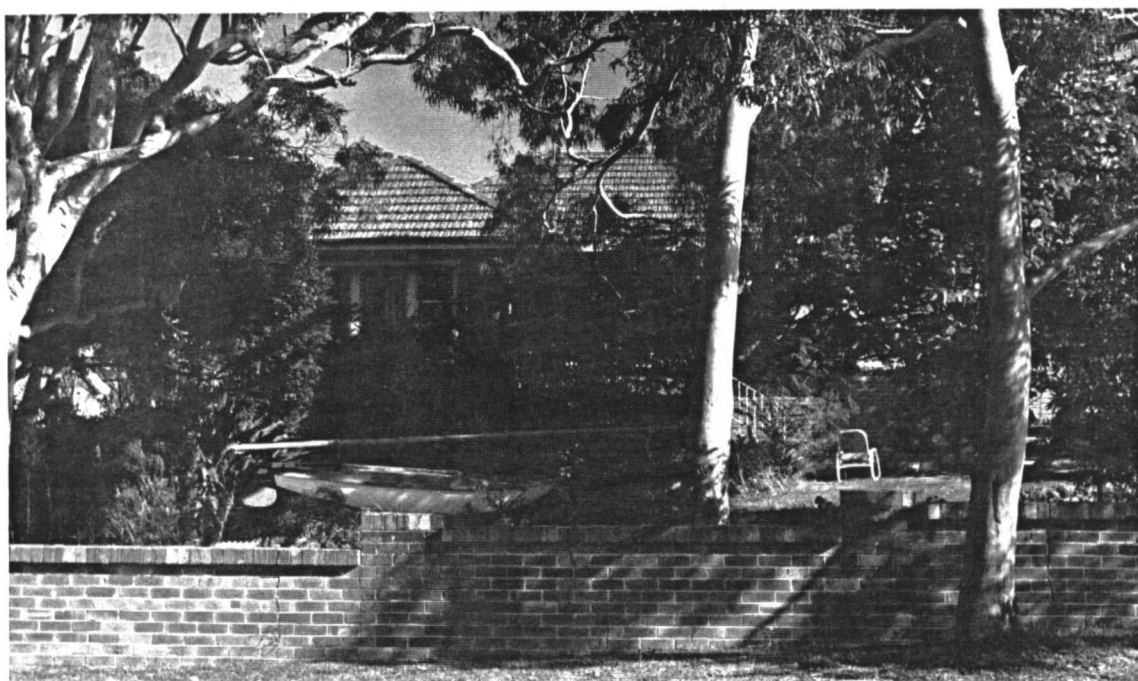
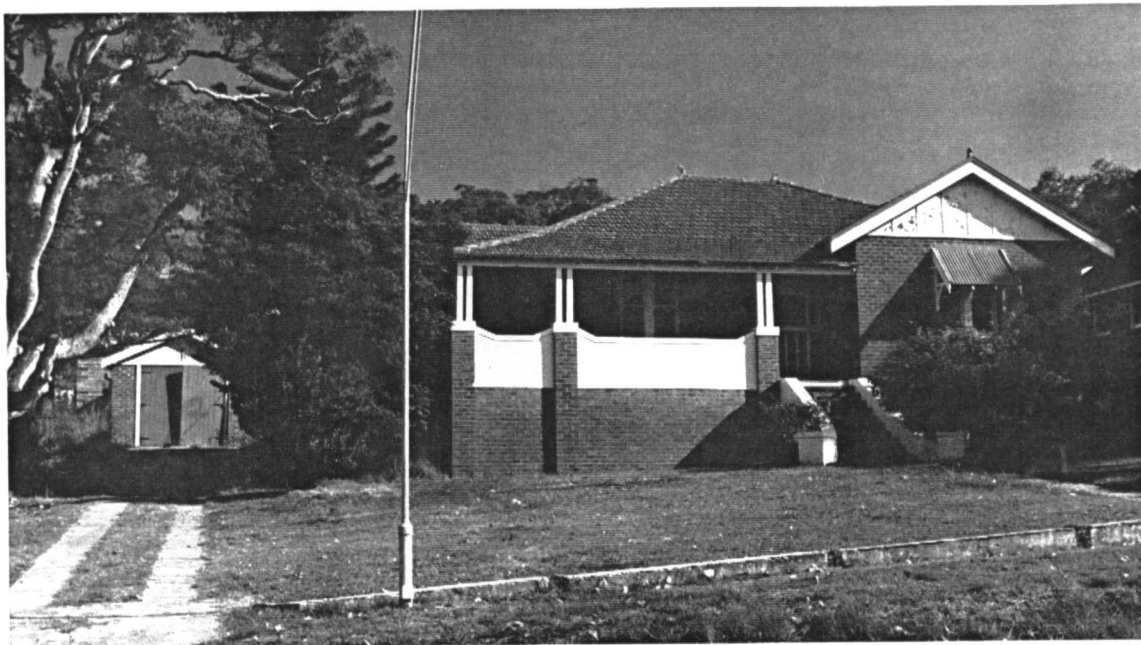
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Top: House No.1, at the south end of the colliery row. Red brick with t.c. tiled hip & gable roof, bell-cast over the return verandah. Gable ends have strapped ac sheet cladding. Return verandah & sweeping entrance steps have stuccoed brick balustrades. Other details incl. d.h. window pairs with diamond pattern leadlights, panelled front door with top & side lights, decorative window hoods, stuccoed chimney pots & t.c. ramsheads on ridges. The garage on the left was built with the house. The houses all face E-S-E. (Doring Neg.493.26)

Bottom: House No.2 on colliery row. This house was built in 1956, but like its neighbours, was built in a style belonging to a much earlier period. The house is largely concealed by trees. The red brick and terra cotta tiles used are very similar to those on the earlier houses in the row. (Doring Neg.493.24)



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Top: House No.3 in the colliery is very similar to House No.1, but a mirror image of it, except for the addition of a new bay window in the front gable end. Most details are the same as No.1, but it has coloured leadlights in some windows. (Doring Neg.493.32)

Bottom: Another view of House No.3, showing its contemporary garage. (Doring Neg.493.30)



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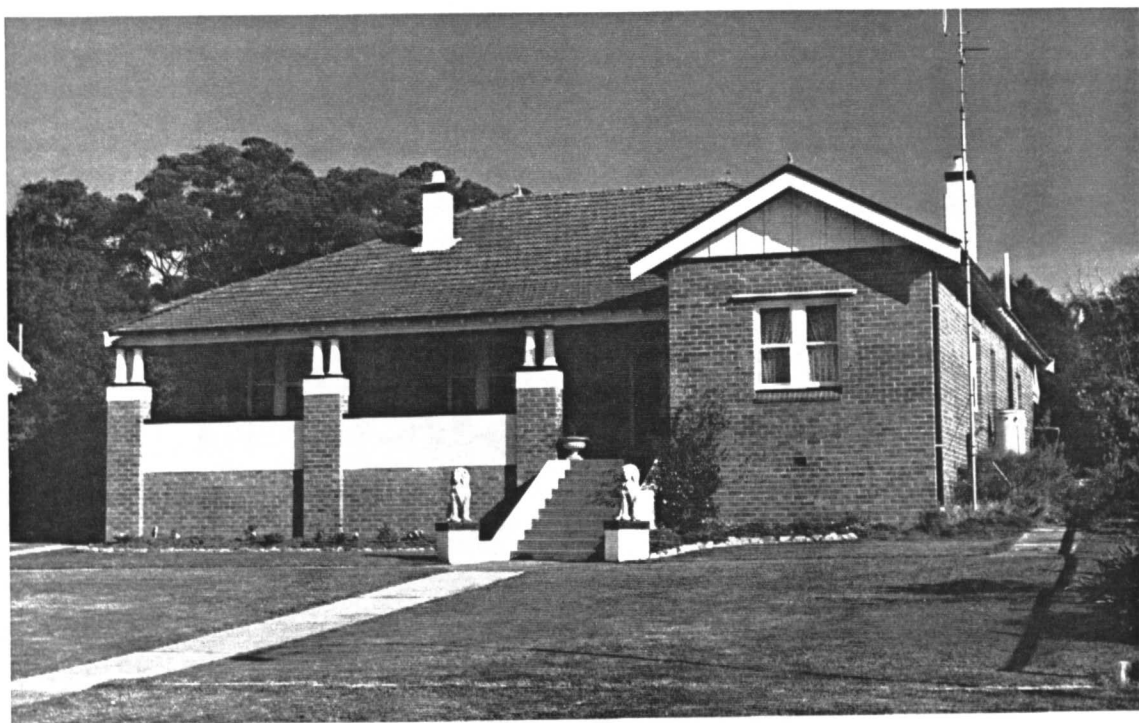
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Top: House No.4 in the colliery row. This is similar to Nos.1 and 3, but appears slightly larger. It has a simpler stuccoed brick verandah balustrade, with fluted stub columns instead of timber posts, and it has lost the hood over its gable end window. (Doring Neg.493.20)

Bottom: House No.5 is an unusual style, with asymmetrical small verandahs on each side, and a pair of small flat gable ends in front which give the building the appearance of a pair of semi-detached houses. The north side verandah has been enclosed. Most detailing is similar to the other houses. The Manager of John Darling Colliery lived in this house. (Doring Neg.493.18)



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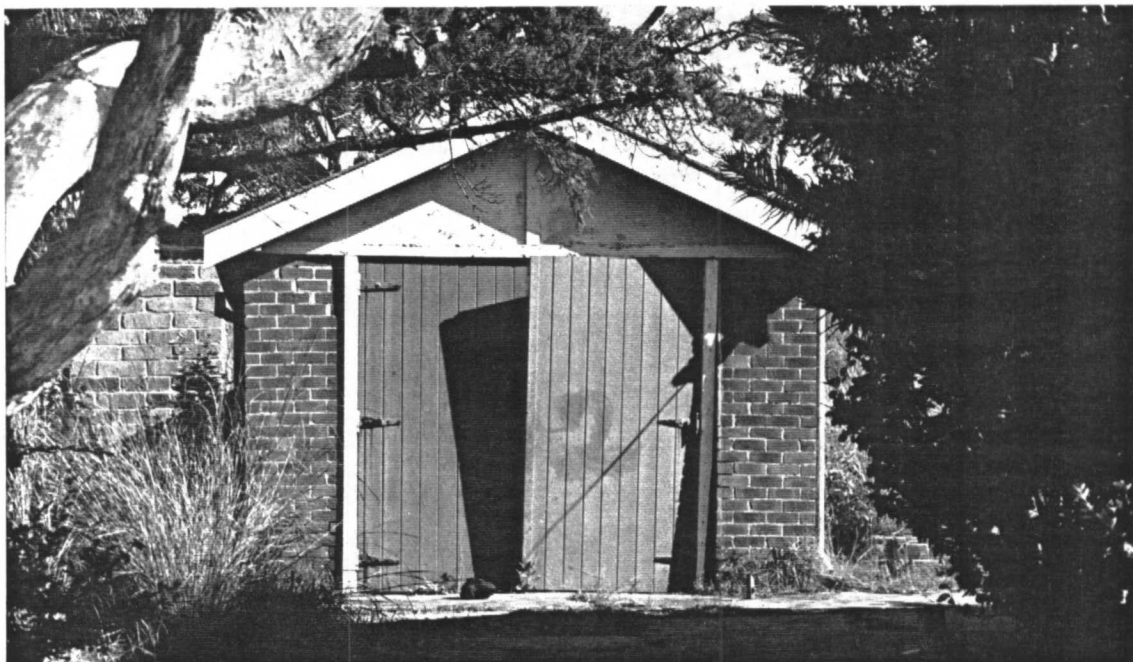
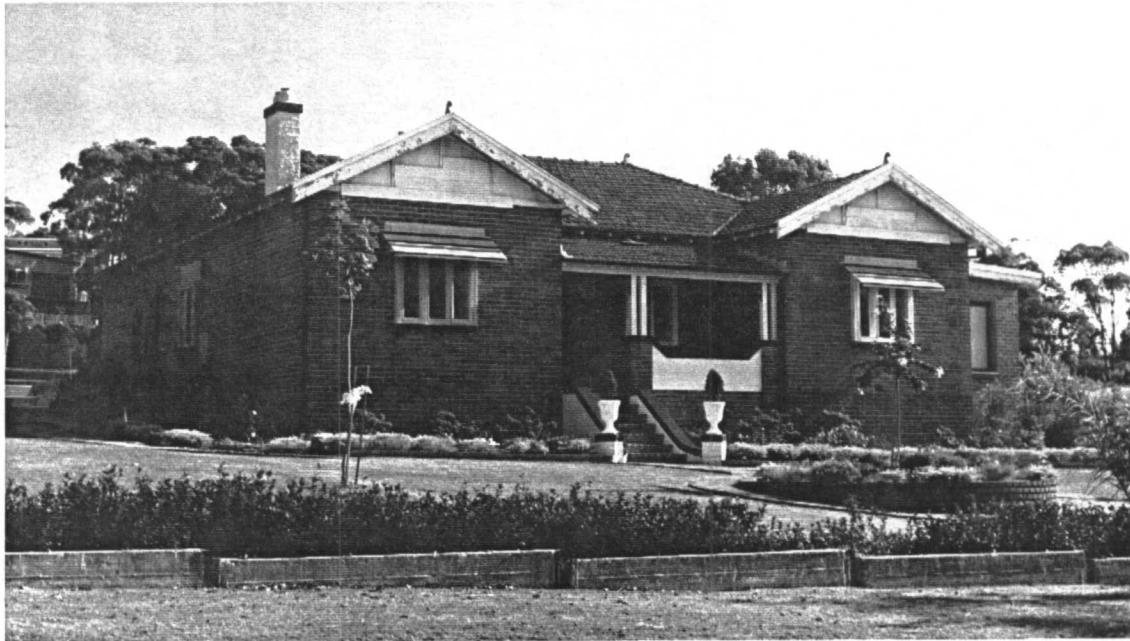
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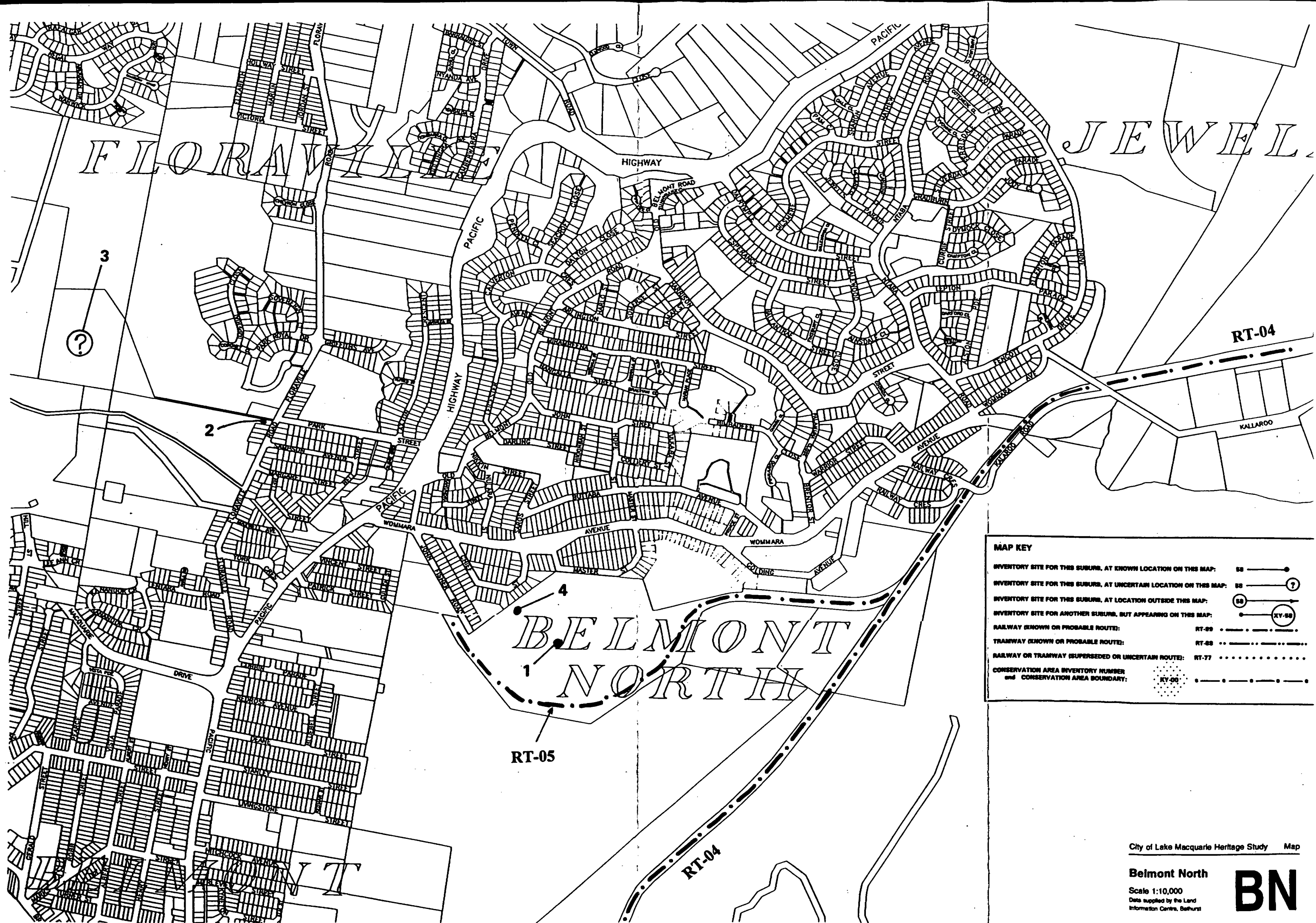
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Top: House No.6, at the north end of the colliery row. This was the home of the supervisor of all BHP's collieries in the area, & was different to all the other houses, although in general it used the same materials, and similar detailing to Nos.1, 3 & 4. It had a much smaller verandah, but appears to have had more floor space under the symmetrical projecting gables in front. The principal difference was the use of casement sashes in front. The original window hoods have been replaced. The unusual stepped front fence appears to be made with oxy-cut steel column sections (probably from the mine) supporting the ends of cast insitu concrete panels. (Doring Neg.493.16)

Bottom: Detail showing the garage of House No.1. The small gable roofed building is little changed, and retains its original double doors with strap hinges. One door leaf needs repair. (Doring Neg.494.5)





MAP KEY

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- INVENTORY SITE FOR THIS SUBURB, AT UNCERTAIN LOCATION ON THIS MAP: 58 ———?
- INVENTORY SITE FOR THIS SUBURB, AT LOCATION OUTSIDE THIS MAP: (58) ———→
- INVENTORY SITE FOR ANOTHER SUBURB, BUT APPEARING ON THIS MAP: ———● (KY-58)
- RAILWAY (KNOWN OR PROBABLE ROUTE): RT-99 ———+———
- TRAMWAY (KNOWN OR PROBABLE ROUTE): RT-55+.....
- RAILWAY OR TRAMWAY (SUPERSEDED OR UNCERTAIN ROUTE): RT-77+.....
- CONSERVATION AREA INVENTORY NUMBER and CONSERVATION AREA BOUNDARY: KY-00+.....