

INVENTORY of SITES & ITEMS

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BELMONT

CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIE

HERITAGE STUDY

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BM-03	HOUSE, 684 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, BELMONT	DW			M
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BM-06	ELECTRIC CRANE, LAKE MACQUARIE YACHT CLUB, BELMONT	w AR			M
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BM-08	FORMER FERRY WHARF, off BROOKS Pde, BELMONT Confirm whether this is the location of the original Belmont ferry wharf.	w WH		H	H
INVENTORY SUMMARY - LIST OF SITES & ITEMS					

CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIE

HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY: HOUSE "YARRAGEE", 23 BELLEVUE ROAD, BELMONT

ITEM No. BM - 01

PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES:

ADDRESS: 23 Bellevue Road
Belmont 2280

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

DATE INSPECTED:

PARISH: Kahibah

COUNTY: Northumberland

BY: Doring

PRESENT OWNER (Name & Address):

Young and Green Pty Ltd
PO Box 5167B
Newcastle West NSW 2300

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Lot 12 DP 4405

SITE AREA: 1688.29m²

CURRENT ZONING: Residential 2 (a)

CATEGORY: Building

MAP 1:25000 No. 9231-4-N

SUBCATEGORY: Single-storey residence

NAME: Swansea

GRID:

HISTORICAL THEMES:

S.H.I.P. Themes:

LOCAL Themes:

HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT: 1876-1900

USED: c1900 to now

BUILDER:

DATE BUILT: c1890-1905

ARCHITECT/DESIGNER:

PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption):

"Yarragee" viewed from the south-west. Edging to the circular carriage drive is on the left. (Doring Neg.419.35)



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NAME/IDENTITY	HOUSE "YARRAGEE", 23 BELLEVUE ROAD, BELMONT	ITEM No. BM - 01
KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS: Schedule 4 of the Hunter REP 1989		
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS		
Architectural Style:	Builder's Federation Bungalow or Homestead	
MATERIALS - Frame:	Timber. part brick footings	Roof: hipped and gabled, cgi
Walls/Cladding:	rebated w'boards. shingles on gable ends	Windows: dh, some glazed doors
Interior:	wood panelling & fibrous plaster	Floors: timber
DESCRIPTION: This rambling family home has grown (see below). Details include shingled gable ends, corbelled chimneys, cut decoration in balusters, fretwork brackets on window hoods. Inside is extensive red pine panelling. Dining room also has exposed ceiling beams, outstanding red brick fireplace, old light fittings. Old wood stove survives in kitchen. Garden has large brick cistern, circular carriage drive, important trees including huge <u>Magnolia grandiflora</u> .		
MODIFICATIONS: The rear gable roofed section incl. Dining Room built around 1900, and the front, hipped roof, wide verandahed section added c1925-1930. Dining room panelled etc. c1925-1930. Bathrooms added &/or altered in c1960s.		
PRESENT USE: Student house (1992). Site proposed for subdivision.		
HISTORICAL NOTES: Part of 40 acre selection of Belmont pioneer John Anderson, who built guest house Bellevue (long demolished) & built this house for his family. Bought by Walter E Young & presumably extended by him c1925-1930. Young was founder of Young & Green (motor dealers) & Newcastle Mayor 1940-42. Young died 1983 at Yarragee aged 91. His & wife's ashes buried under magnolia.		
REFERENCES: Nilsen, L.(ed), "Lake Macquarie: Past & Present", pub. LMCC 1985. Gray, AC "Early Settlement of Belmont", 1985. Parkes, WS "Belmont 1825-1974". Clouten, KH "Reids Mistake" LMCC 1967. Archival photos, LMCC Library. Verbal information - N'cle Local History Library & tenants of house.		
EVALUATION CRITERIA:		
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AESTHETIC	Rare ()	Associative ()
SOCIAL	Rare ()	Associative ()
SCIENTIFIC	Rare ()	Associative ()
OTHER	Rare ()	Associative ()
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: Site & house are associated with John Anderson an important pioneer Belmont land-owner & gardener. The 2nd owner, Wal Young, was a prominent N'cle business man & N'cle Mayor during WW2. Mr & Mrs Young lived in the house for about 60 years, & their ashes are interred in the garden. The house is an interesting example of a large, rambling, vernacular design, making use of highest quality materials, & the best crafts skills of its time. The prominent position & superb outlook are enhanced by wide verandahs added in c1925-30. The garden, with superb & historic specimen trees, circular drive & panoramic views, is one of the best old gardens in Lake Macquarie.		
RECOMMENDATION: Conserve house & significant elements of the garden.		
Regional Significance - high Local Significance - very high		ITEM No. BM - 01

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Top: Detail from archival photo in the Lake Macquarie library (No.7 in the Belmont collection), taken c1915-1925. Shows "Yarragee" on its hill (LEFT), before the front extension was built. (Doring re-photograph)

Bottom: Gabled front entrance to verandah & front door of "Yarragee". Shows decorative detail typical of the 1920s extension. (Doring Neg.396.37)



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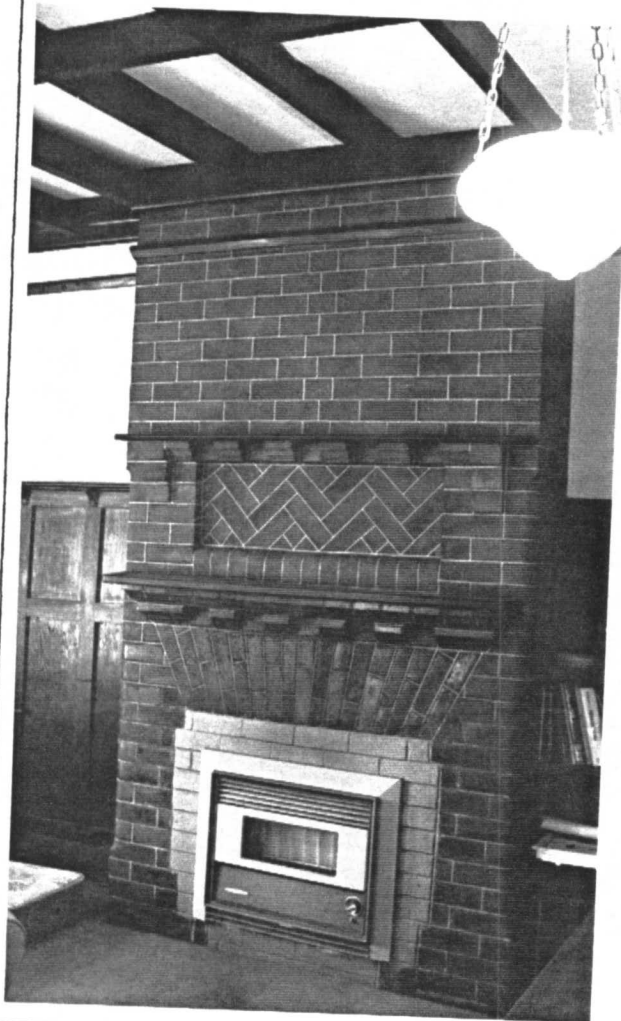
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Top: Front hall of "Yarragee"
showing red pine panels
& joinery & front door.
(Doring Neg.396.17)



Bottom: "Yarragee" Dining Room showing
red pine panelling, red brick
fireplace, ceiling beams, light
fitting.

(Doring Neg.419.27)



ITEM No.

BM - 01

CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIE

HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY: LAKE MACQUARIE YACHT CLUB, 9 Ada St, Belmont

ITEM No. BM - 02

PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES:

Macquarie Pier Restaurant, Yacht Broker & Sailing School

ADDRESS:

9 Ada Street, BELMONT
on piles 200-300m from original
shoreline of lake.

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

DATE INSPECTED: October 1992

PARISH:

Kahibah

COUNTY:

Northumberland

BY:

Doring

PRESENT OWNER (Name & Address):

Lake Macquarie Yacht Club
PO Box 25
Belmont NSW 2280

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Lots 973/975 DP755233

SITE AREA: Sp. Bus. 3 (b)

CURRENT ZONING: (Lic. Club)

CATEGORY:

Building

MAP 1:25000 No. 9231-4-N

NAME: Swansea

GRID: 743433

SUBCATEGORY:

Yacht Club

HISTORICAL THEMES:

S.H.I.P. Themes: Leisure

LOCAL Themes: maritime/boating, leisure

HISTORICAL PERIOD -

BUILT:

1926 - 1950

USED: 1929 - present

BUILDER:

DATE BUILT: c1929

ARCHITECT/DESIGNER:

PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption):

Lake Macquarie Yacht Club looking
north from Anderson's Hill. Belmont shoreline is on the right, The Yacht Club
marina to the left, Belmont North in the background.

Doring Neg. 421-04

ITEM No. BM - 02

HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY	LAKE MACQUARIE YACHT CLUB, 9 ADA St., BELMONT	ITEM No. BM - 02																				
KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS:																						
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS Architectural Style:																						
MATERIALS - Frame: timber on timber piles over water Walls/Cladding: bullnosed weatherboard Interior: extensively altered																						
Roof: glazed tct, Corr. Asbestos & steel deck roofing. Windows: aluminium Floors: timber ?																						
DESCRIPTION: Clubrooms built on piles in deeper water out from shallow shore, originally approached by narrow foot jetty now replaced by landfill carpark. Original simple rectangular building with hipped roof and enclosed verandah on west side. Extended c1950s to U-shape with enclosed verandahs on N,W & S and twin hipped roof extensions to east. c1970s butterfly roof infill in U, and 2nd storey low pitched skillion roof look-out addition on west side.																						
MODIFICATIONS: Extensions outlined above. Main roof structure altered and the cladding changed from cgi or corrugated asbestos to glazed tct. Timber window frames around verandahs replaced by aluminium.																						
PRESENT USE: Yacht club clubrooms and sailing school, restaurant, yacht broker																						
HISTORICAL NOTES: The club appears to have been established in the 1920s. The Hon.C.J.Parker performed the official opening of the clubrooms on the Lake on 28th April 1934. Later extensions appear to have been made in the 1950s and 1970s (dates to be confirmed)																						
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: <p>Unusual positioning of clubrooms offshore on edge of deep water immediately adjacent to moorings.</p> <p>Original picturesque approach over long foot jetty has been spoilt by landfill right up to and around northern side of building, so that it now appears to be built on fill except from the south, which has very little public access.</p> <p>Establishment of a yacht club in 1929 following creation of Belmont (16 foot) Sailing Club in 1920 is curious and deserves further study.</p> <p>The club reflects the recreational importance of Lake Macquarie to the region.</p> <p>Regional Significance - moderate Local Significance - high</p>																						

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NAME/IDENTITY: HOUSE, 684 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, BELMONT

ITEM No. BM - 03

PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES:

ADDRESS: 684 Pacific Highway, BELMONT
opposite & south of intersection of
Alick Street

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

DATE INSPECTED: 17 Oct 1992

PARISH: Kahibah

COUNTY: Northumberland

BY: Doring

PRESENT OWNER (Name & Address):

Mr C. and Mrs E. Swan
684 Pacific Hwy
Belmont 2280

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Lot 1 DP 507073

SITE AREA: 556.4m2

CURRENT ZONING: Residential 2 (a)

CATEGORY: Building

MAP 1:25000 No. 9231-4-N

SUBCATEGORY: Single storey residence

NAME: Swansea

GRID: 745430

HISTORICAL THEMES:

S.H.I.P. Themes: building style, life cycle

LOCAL Themes: characteristic local building style, domestic life

HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT: 1901 - 1925

USED: c1901 - present

BUILDER:

DATE BUILT: 1900-1910

ARCHITECT/DESIGNER:

PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption):

House, 684 Pacific Highway, Belmont, said to have been the house formerly
owned by Walter Young prior to his purchase of Yarragee (see BM - 01).

Doring Neg. 421-05

ITEM No. BM - 03

CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIE

HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY	HOUSE, 684 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, BELMONT	ITEM No. BM - 03																				
KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS:																						
<p>PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS</p> <p>Architectural Style:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"><tr><td style="width: 33%;">MATERIALS - Frame:</td><td style="width: 33%;">timber, brick footings</td><td style="width: 33%;">Roof: Corr. colorbond hipped roof</td></tr><tr><td>Walls/Cladding:</td><td>rebated weatherboard</td><td>Windows: original timber dh some french doors</td></tr><tr><td>Interior:</td><td>not seen.</td><td>Floors: not seen</td></tr></table>			MATERIALS - Frame:	timber, brick footings	Roof: Corr. colorbond hipped roof	Walls/Cladding:	rebated weatherboard	Windows: original timber dh some french doors	Interior:	not seen.	Floors: not seen											
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<p>DESCRIPTION: Substantial L-shaped cottage with hipped roof, return verandahs on E, N & W. West verandah and south end of east verandah now enclosed. Built on rise up to Anderson's Hill betw. Pacific Highway and Lake Macquarie on site of original main N-S road, with good views from W thru N to E.</p>																						
<p>MODIFICATIONS: Steel railings added to verandahs, roof cladding material changed to a modern version of cgi. Verandahs enclosed as described above with unsympathetic aluminium windows. French windows installed in front wall.</p>																						
<p>PRESENT USE: Residence</p>																						
<p>HISTORICAL NOTES: Built on the site of the original main N-S road. The road was later moved down to the base of Anderson's Hill.</p> <p>Said to have been the first house in the district of Walter Young prior to his purchase of "Yarragee" (see BM - 01) near the top of Anderson's Hill.</p>																						
<p>REFERENCES: Verbal information from local residents</p>																						
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<p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:</p> <p>Characteristic architectural form is representative of its period. The larger size and advantageous position indicates an original owner of more consequence or with more money than average.</p> <p>Despite addition of verandah balustrade, french window at front and different roof cladding the house provides an example of the original architecture and materials. The enclosed verandahs with their unsympathetic cladding and aluminium windows detract from the example.</p>																						
<p>Local Significance - moderate</p>		<p>ITEM No. BM - 03</p>																				

NAME/IDENTITY: FORMER ROSLYN PRIVATE HOSPITAL, BELMONT

ITEM No. BM - 04

PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES:

SEE ADENDUM ON
FOLLOWING PAGES

Nurse Dick's Maternity Hospital

ADDRESS: 5 George Street, BELMONT
Belmont, NSW, 2280
(top of eastern hill in George Street)

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

DATE INSPECTED: 17 Oct 1992

PARISH: Kahibah COUNTY: Northumberland

BY: Doring

PRESENT OWNER (Name & Address):

Mr W. and Mrs E. Wallace
5 George Street
Belmont 2280

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Lot 7 DP13715

SITE AREA: 607m2

CURRENT ZONING: Residential 2(c)

CATEGORY: Building

MAP 1:25000 No. 9231-4-N

NAME: Swansea

GRID: 751435

SUBCATEGORY: Single storey residence

HISTORICAL THEMES:

S.H.I.P. Themes: The Life Cycle

LOCAL Themes: community health/medical

HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT: 1901 - 1925

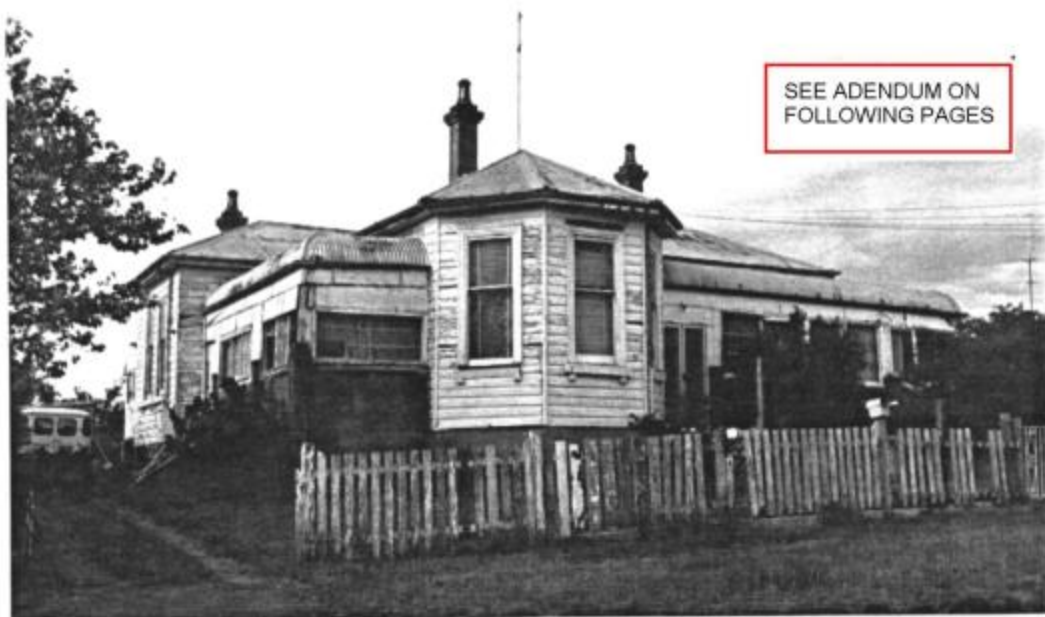
USED: ? - present

BUILDER:

DATE BUILT:

ARCHITECT/DESIGNER:

PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption):

Former Roslyn Private Hospital
(Nurse Dick's Maternity Hospital), 5 George Street, Belmont, viewed from the
south. A similar photograph to this has been identified as the hospital by
several local residents.SEE ADENDUM ON
FOLLOWING PAGES

Doring Neg. 421-09

ITEM No. BM - 04

CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIE

HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY	FORMER ROSLYN PRIVATE HOSPITAL, BELMONT		ITEM No.	BM - 04
KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS:				
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS				
Architectural Style:				
MATERIALS - Frame:	timber, front bay	Roof:	cgi hipped, bullnosed verandahs	
Walls/Cladding:	rebated weatherboards AC sheeting to verandahs.	Windows:	dh timber, verandahs fixed & sliding glazing.	
Interior:	not seen	Floors:	timber	
DESCRIPTION: Large timber house consisting of central rectangle with wings extending from most sides, that to the front having an unusual bay end with 3 sides, all with hipped cgi roofs. Scalloped brick balustrades with bullnosed copings to verandahs, all rendered. Verandahs enclosed with ac sheeting, fixed & sliding timber windows. Main house windows original DH timber. Chimneys with glazed Terracotta pots. Cladding is deteriorated and needs attention. Front picket fence. House possibly built for a mine manager, or gentleman ?				
MODIFICATIONS: Verandahs enclosed and verandah balustrades rendered, probably after conversion to a private hospital. Rear of house not seen.				
PRESENT USE: private residence, boarding house or flats.				
HISTORICAL NOTES: Probably built 1900-1910. Purchased & converted to registered hospital for Nurse Margaret Chalmers Dick by her parents after her graduation with honours from an obstetrics course in 1922. It remained under her control as Roslyn Private Hospital until its closure in 1960 when it reverted to residential use. Nurse Dick lived there until her death in 1964.				
REFERENCES: "Belmont 150 Years", supplement to "The Newcastle Morning Herald", Friday 26 September 1975 (House shown in illustration is not 5 George Street)				
EVALUATION CRITERIA:				
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: Many local residents aged between 70 and 30 who were born in the area were born at Nurse Dick's Maternity Hospital, as it was the only hospital in the local area until replaced by Belmont Hospital in 1960.				
A number of architectural materials & forms characteristic of the area and the period have been assembled into an unusually large house with a complex layout set off by the 3-sided bay in front. The house appears structurally sound, although suffering from lack of maintenance. The alterations detract somewhat from the appearance of the building, but were probably part of the conversion to a hospital, and so have some historic importance. An impressive building in a prominent location with outstanding views to south & east.				
Regional Significance - moderate				
Local Significance - high				
			ITEM No.	BM - 04

Another Historical Stuff-up!

* See original article attached.

Editors Note: In our June edition we featured an article on Belmont's "Nurse Dick." The contents of this article were correct, but as we have been told by many locals, the photo that accompanied it was incorrect. We featured the home of Captain Bain, not Nurse Dick's hospital. So, armed with new information, and to set the record straight, I took a trip to the location of this old hospital and photographed the house myself. The following is another, more detailed article featuring Nurse Dick with the correct photos accompanying it.

Many thanks to our readers for setting the records straight, now all I have to do is contact the Lake Macquarie Council to alert them to the fact that they have the wrong residence featured on their website for Nurse Dick's Roslyn Hospital, and another historical stuff-up will be corrected.

**Newcastle Morning Herald
25th Sept 1975**

Many Belmont residents started life here

As a group of flats, pictured right, it serves the purpose for which it was built, but for some time from about 1922 it was Belmont's Maternity Hospital.

This large old building, since modernised, was known as Roslyn Private Hospital and started its medical service as a graduation gift from proud parents. The story starts with one who became a never to be forgotten personality in - Nurse Margaret Chalmers Dick.

Nurse Dick's family had a history of nursing. Her mother was midwife at Dudley for many years and her aunt opened the first maternity hospital at Lithgow.

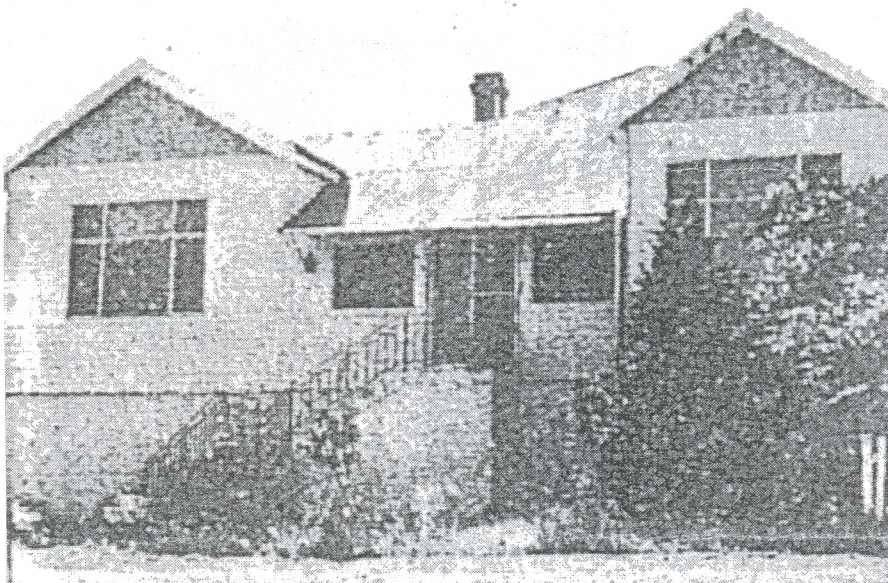
For years Nurse Dick did district nursing because most women in the twenties had their babies at home and only a minority went to the extent of allowing themselves to be hospitalised.

She traveled by horse and sulky as far as Nords Wharf and Catherine Hill Bay to confine women. In the best tradition of what most would consider the mark of a country doctor, Nurse Dick would have to hitch up her horse at all hours of the day and in all types of weather.

At other times she would be away from home for several days when a case proved difficult or a baby was reluctant to arrive. On such occasions her mother would nurse and deliver any other patients who also chose this time to have their babies.

A nurse in these circumstances, apart from delivering the baby, would often be responsible for doing the patient's

Photo taken 1975



housework, washing clothes and preparing meals. During the depression years it was not uncommon for her mother to take food and baby clothes to help out needy patients. It goes almost without saying that many patients were cared for without a fee being charged. But maternity care was not the only specific study of Nurse Dick, before her obstetrics course, she studied psychiatry for six years at a center attached to Callan Park.

She later decided to study obstetrics and paid £100 for the pleasure of an intensive study course at the Crown Street Women's Hospital. She graduated with honors and her delighted parents decided to do something to match the occasion. They brought a large house of flats in George Street and converted it into a hospital, which was duly registered as such. It was the first hospital for Belmont and continued until it was replaced by the current hospital in 1960.

Throughout its existence it remained under the full control of Nurse Dick.

From its opening c.1922, Roslyn Private Hospital served all who came and as the car replaced the horse and sulky the district and its demands grew.

Nurse Dick realised it was no longer possible to attend patients in their homes. Besides women found that going to Nurse Dick's hospital to have their babies was the only chance they had of a holiday.



Roslyn's popularity spread and eventually it was handling patients from as far away as Gloucester, Merriwa and even Sydney. One Merriwa woman made four trips to Belmont and would usually leave her babies at the hospital to be cared for. The fourth child spent 12 months in Belmont before being taken back by her mother.

Another woman from Sydney came to Roslyn twice to have her children. On both occasions the youngest child stayed in Belmont for several years because the father was a Bank Manager and moved around the state. The parents considered that rather than have the child go around the state with his parents, he would be better to stay at a private hospital to be cared for.

The record book of births cannot be found these days, so it is impossible to estimate how many babies were born at Roslyn, but it would certainly be several thousand over several generations.

Many sets of twins were born at Roslyn. A set of triplets included Siamese twins, delivered by Dr.

Photo taken 2010



Gallagher and a niece of Nurse Dick, Mrs. M. Etheridge. Nurse Dick at the time was in Sydney and saw headlines in a newspaper about the birth, but did not find out until later that it had been at her hospital.

On another occasion in 1949 when Nurse Dick was absent, Mrs. Etheridge worked with another Doctor when three women were about to deliver at the same time and the hospital experienced an electrical blackout. Fortunately, all three

deliveries were done virtually simultaneously by the attending doctor with a nurse wielding a torch.

Over the years, others who worked at Roslyn were; Alexander 'Bub' Baldwin, Nance Harvey and Anne Dick. The hospital continued until 1960 when it closed its doors for the last time. Nurse Dick had the hospital converted back to its original use of flats and lived there herself until her death in 1964 at the age of 68.

A brief History of Wattle Day

Events surrounding Wattle Day had their humble beginnings in Hobart, Tasmania, in 1838 and culminated 150 years later in Canberra. In 1988 *Acacia pycnantha* was officially proclaimed the Australian floral emblem and four years later the first of September was proclaimed as Wattle Day.

The spirit of Wattle Day- Not surprisingly it was sentiments of national pride, patriotism, environmental appreciation and what it meant to be a 'decent' Australian, that characterized the Wattle Day movement in its formative years around the beginning of the 20th century.

A number of articles appeared in the popular and semi-popular press in the early years of the twentieth century that embodied these themes which are illustrated in the following quotations from a leaflet, produced in Sydney 1909 in connection with the establishment of a national Wattle Day League:



"The idea of embodying Australian National sentiment in a native flower, and setting apart one day in the year for its celebration, has met with the greatest success in Sydney.....That there is a strong and increasing Australian sentiment no competent observer will deny. Underneath all questions of policy, cast and creed is this emerging national consciousness, and all who love this young nation, and are concerned in her destiny will not regard as trivial an attempt to materialise Australian patriotism in an Australian flower. That Wattle, of all our flora is the most suitable can easily be proved. To the native-born Australian the Wattle stands for home, country, kindred, sunshine, and love - every instinct that the heart most deeply enshrines. Let Wattle henceforth be a sacred charge to every Australian. Let us rouse our young peoples sense of chivalry, and make the Wattle synonymous with Australia's honour. (Storrie 1909)

CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIE

HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY: HOUSE, "THE BENNALS", 45 WALTER STREET, BELMONT ITEM No. BM - 05

PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES:

ADDRESS: 45 Walter Street, Belmont
west side, between Victoria and Ada
Streets

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

DATE INSPECTED: 17 Oct 1992

PARISH: Kahibah COUNTY: Northumberland

BY: Doring

PRESENT OWNER (Name & Address):

Mrs J. T. Mitchell
45 Walter Street
Belmont NSW 2280

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Lot D DP 402085

SITE AREA:

CURRENT ZONING: Residential 2 (a)

CATEGORY: Building

MAP 1:25000 No. 9231-4-N

SUBCATEGORY: Two-storey residence

NAME: Swansea

GRID: 745433

HISTORICAL THEMES:

S.H.I.P. Themes:

LOCAL Themes:

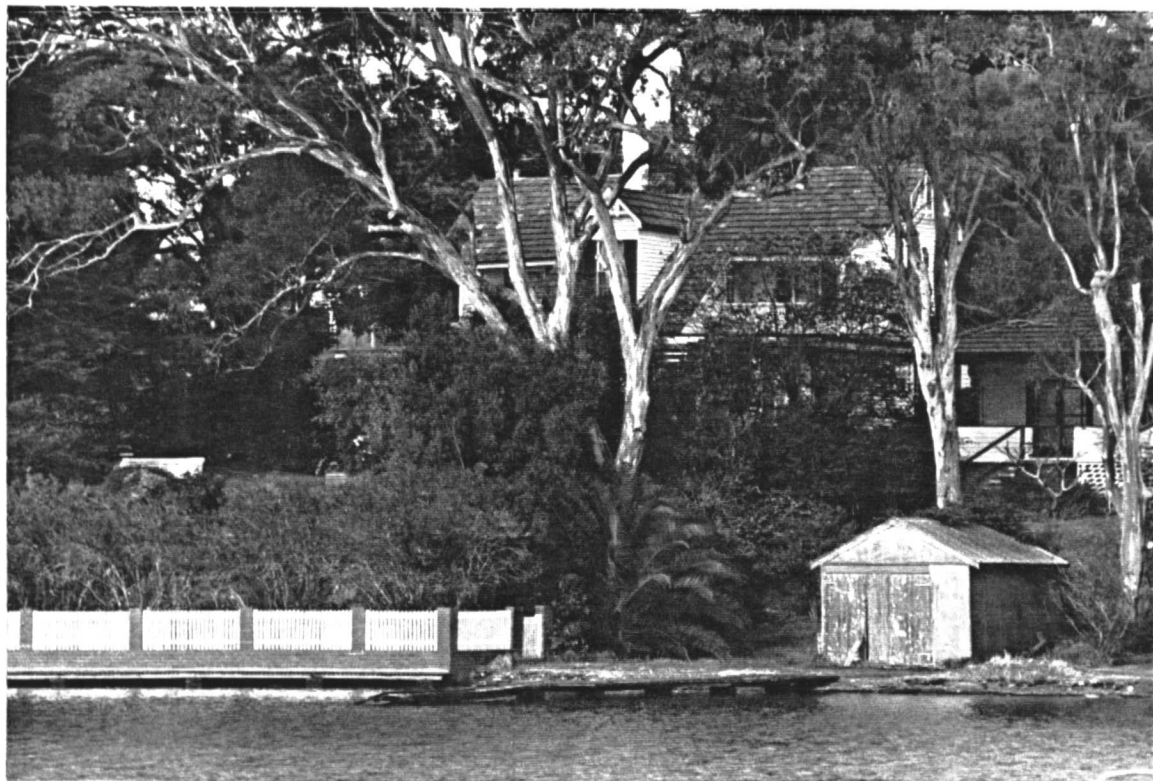
HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT: 1876-1900

USED: c1890s - present

BUILDER:

DATE BUILT: c1880s-1895

ARCHITECT/DESIGNER:

PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption): "The Bennals", 45 Walter Street,
Belmont viewed from the Belmont Yacht Club to the west.

Doring Neg. 421-16

ITEM No. BM - 05

CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIEHERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY		HOUSE, "THE BENNALS", 45 WALTER STREET, BELMONT		ITEM No. BM - 05	
KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS:					
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS					
Architectural Style:		Victorian Gothic Revival			
MATERIALS - Frame:		timber		Roof: steep pitched, ornamented gable ends, blue glazed tiles	
Walls/Cladding:		lapped wedge profile w'board		Windows: timber, dh shuttered and casement.	
Interior:		not seen		Floors:	
DESCRIPTION: Large 2-storeyed house, on a most desirable part of the Belmont foreshore, possibly built as a lakeside holiday house. House has decorated flying gables & ornate stuccoed chimney. Its complex form & "Gothic Revival" style is uncharacteristic of local trends. The well established garden running down to the lakeside contains eucalypts, a large Norfolk Island pine, several <u>Phoenix canariensis</u> & a huge camphor laurel. A wonderful 1896 photo of the family in the garden shows eucalypts, two possibly still extant.					
MODIFICATIONS: Blue tiles on the roof. Stuccoed chimney					
PRESENT USE: residence					
HISTORICAL NOTES: The house appears in an 1896 photograph of the Clift family, carefully posed in the garden.					
Further historical investigation is needed					
REFERENCES: Barney, Norm "Bygone Days in Newcastle & Lake Macquarie - Photographs from the Snowball Collection" pub Saucy Jack, 1990, p.63					
EVALUATION CRITERIA:					
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:					
The house is representative of the grander type of gentlemen's residence or holiday house which were a feature of parts of the Lake Macquarie shore from the 1880s, but which appear to have seldom reached Belmont until the 1920s. Houses pre-dating 1900 are now very rare anywhere around the lake. "The Bennals" is one of the oldest surviving houses on the lake shore. Its style is very unusual for Lake Macquarie, and suggests the possible involvement of an architect in its design. The well established garden and fine trees are notable features of the local landscape.					
RECOMMENDATION: Further investigation and detailed recording.					
Regional Significance - moderate (possibly high)					
Local Significance - very high					
				ITEM No. BM - 05	

CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIE

HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY: **ELECTRIC CRANE, LAKE MACQUARIE YACHT CLUB, Belmont** ITEM No. **BM - 06**

PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES:

ADDRESS: off Ada Street, BELMONT
on landfill beside Yacht Club
200-300m from original shoreline.

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

DATE INSPECTED: 17 Oct 1992

PARISH: Kahibah

COUNTY: Northumberland

BY: Doring

PRESENT OWNER (Name & Address):

Lake Macquarie Yacht Club
PO Box 25
BELMONT 2280

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Lot 973 DP 755233

SITE AREA:

CURRENT ZONING 3(b) Special Bus.

CATEGORY: Other Works

MAP 1:25000 No. 9231-4-N

SUBCATEGORY: Crane

NAME: Swansea

GRID: 743433

HISTORICAL THEMES:

S.H.I.P. Themes: Leisure

LOCAL Themes: maritime/boating, leisure

HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT: 1951 - 1975

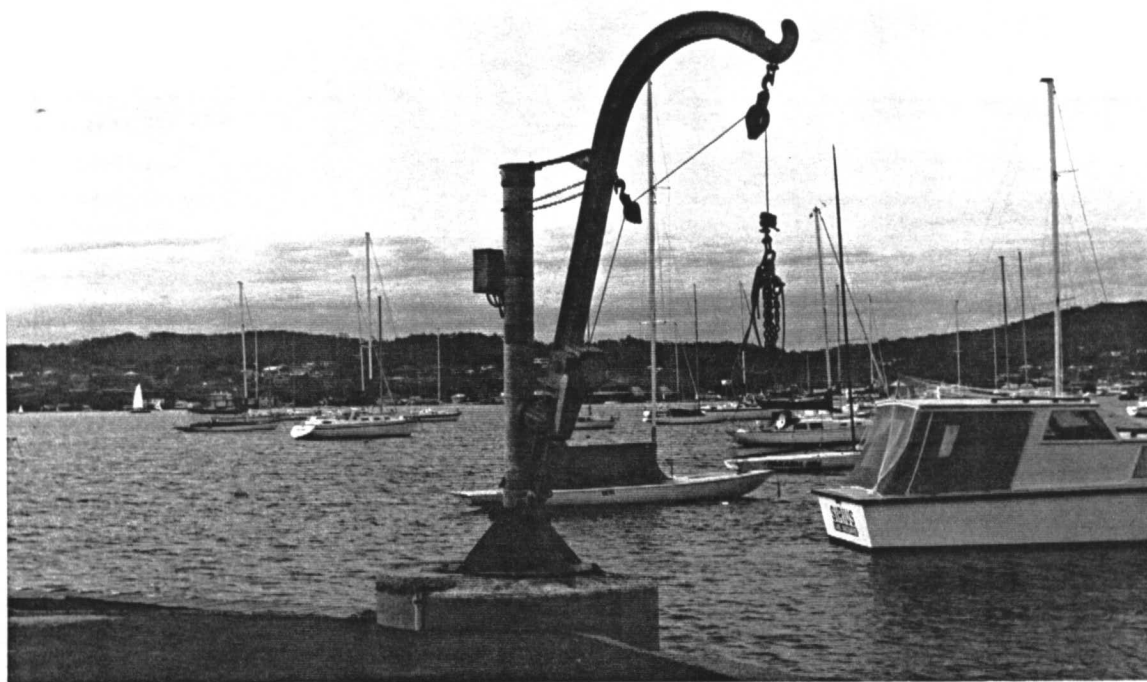
USED: 1959 - present

BUILDER: Lake Macquarie Star Fleet charter members DATE BUILT: 20 Dec 1959

ARCHITECT/DESIGNER: Lake Macquarie Star Fleet charter members

PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption):

Electric Crane, Lake Macquarie Yacht Club, Ada Street, Belmont.



Doring Neg. 421-13

ITEM No. BM - 06

CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIE

HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY	ELECTRIC CRANE, LAKE MACQUARIE YACHT CLUB	ITEM No. BM - 06																				
KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS:																						
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS	Miniature jib crane, with curved steel beam jib and galvanised steel tube post.																					
<p>DESCRIPTION: welded steel, galvanised and painted, Fairbairn style wharf crane operated by Crompton Parkinson electric motor.</p> <p>Designed and built by the charter members of the Lake Macquarie Star Fleet, 20 December 1959.</p> <p>Safe Working Load 15 cwt (0.75 tonnes).</p>																						
MODIFICATIONS:																						
PRESENT USE: wharf crane																						
HISTORICAL NOTES:																						
REFERENCES: Builders plaque fixed to main crane post.																						
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<p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:</p> <p>The neat design of the Belmont crane is reminiscent of a famous British wharf crane type. This miniature example, associated with a yacht club, and used for small boats instead of ships, is peculiarly evocative of the maritime heritage of Lake Macquarie.</p> <p>It illustrates the ingenuity possible in local organisations when required to provide themselves with necessary facilities.</p> <p>It demonstrates skill in local craftsmanship.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"><div>Local Significance - moderate</div><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px;">ITEM No. BM - 06</div></div>																						

CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIE

HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY: FORMER WHARF/JETTY, VICTORIA STREET, BELMONT

ITEM No. BM - 07

PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES:

ADDRESS: Victoria Street, BELMONT
western end

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

DATE INSPECTED: 17 Oct 1992

PARISH: Awaba - Lake
Kahibah - Land COUNTY: Northumberland

BY: Doring

PRESENT OWNER (Name & Address):

Lake Macquarie City Council
PO Box 21
Boolaroo NSW 2284

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

SITE AREA:
CURRENT ZONING:

CATEGORY: Other Works

MAP 1:25000 No. 9231-4-N

SUBCATEGORY: Jetty

NAME: Swansea
GRID: 744435

HISTORICAL THEMES:

S.H.I.P. Themes:

LOCAL Themes: Maritime, Transport ?

HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT: not known

USED:

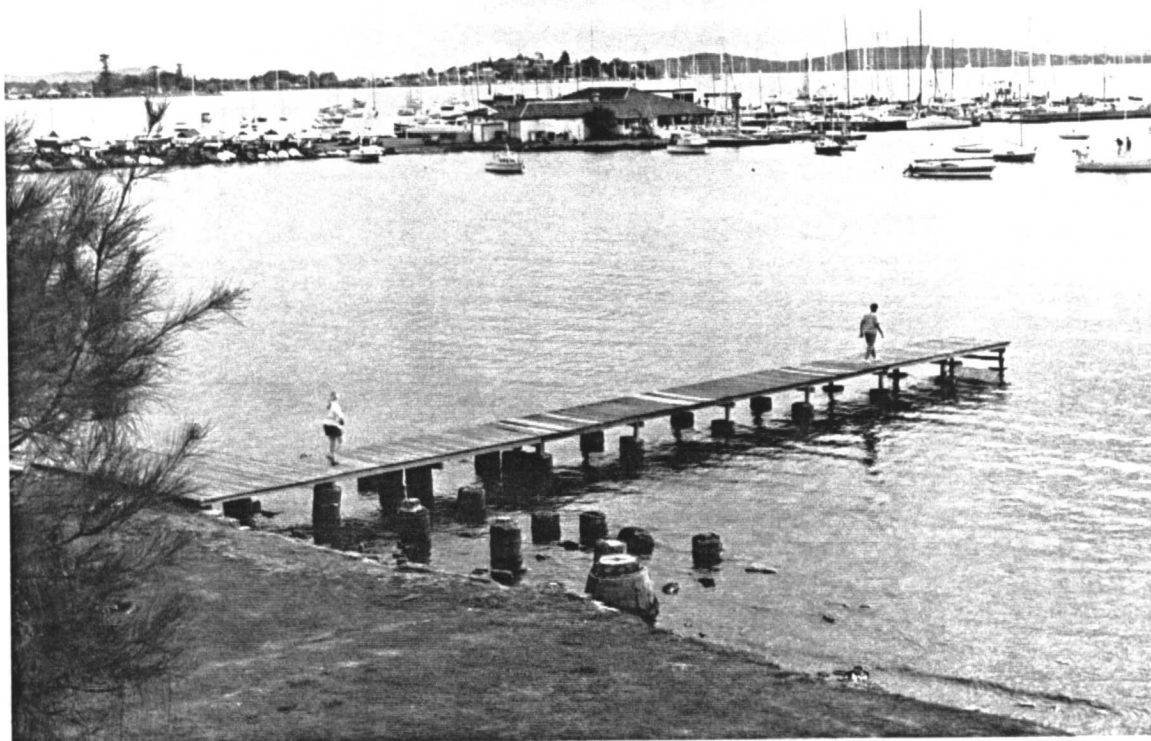
BUILDER:

DATE BUILT:

ARCHITECT/DESIGNER:

PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption):
West end of Victoria Street, Belmont.

Piles from a former Wharf/Jetty,



Doring Neg. 421-14

ITEM No. BM - 07

CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIE

HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY	FORMER WHARF/JETTY, VICTORIA STREET, BELMONT	ITEM No. BM - 07																				
KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS:																						
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS	Timber piles																					
<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>The remains of the wharf or jetty are in shallow water and therefore it was not likely to be an old Ferry Wharf. Only piles are left.</p> <p>It is approached by remnants of two diagonal paths down from hill above (one from end of Victoria Street)</p>																						
MODIFICATIONS:																						
PRESENT USE:																						
HISTORICAL NOTES:																						
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<p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:</p> <p>Thought not to be significant, however the piles may be associated with some former person or enterprise of significance (eg. it is on the waterfront close to Threlkeld's mission).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Further information required.</p>																						
		ITEM No. BM - 07																				

CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIE

HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY: **FORMER FERRY WHARF, BELMONT**ITEM No. **BM - 08**

PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES:

ADDRESS: **off Brooks Parade, BELMONT
west side between Macquarie and
Sharp Streets**

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

DATE INSPECTED: **17 Oct 1992**PARISH: **Awaba - Lake
Kahibah - Land** COUNTY: **Northumberland**BY: **Doring**

PRESENT OWNER (Name & Address):

**Lake Macquarie City Council
PO Box 21-
Boolaroo NSW 2284**

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

SITE AREA: **6 (a) Open Space**
CURRENT ZONING: **Public Rec.**CATEGORY: **Other Works**MAP 1:25000 No. **9231-4-N**SUBCATEGORY: **Jetty**NAME: **Swansea**GRID: **745437**

HISTORICAL THEMES:

S.H.I.P. Themes: **Transport**LOCAL Themes: **Transport, maritime**

HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT:

USED:

BUILDER:

DATE BUILT:

ARCHITECT/DESIGNER:

PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption):

Belmont Wharf, former Ferry Wharf, off Brooks Parade, Belmont.

Doring Neg. 421-18

ITEM No. **BM - 08**

CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIE

HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY	FORMER FERRY WHARF, off BROOKS Pde, BEMONT	ITEM No. BM - 08																				
KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS:																						
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div style="width: 30%;">PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS</div><div>Timber wharf on concrete piles.</div></div>																						
<p>DESCRIPTION: Timber jetty out to deep water with tall fender piles on both sides at wider head end. Concrete jackets to piles cast in canvas drop tubes or buckets (lost formwork).</p> <p>This jetty/wharf appears to be relatively modern. The date it replaced the original wharf is not known.</p>																						
MODIFICATIONS: Probably like grandfather's axe - if maintained properly requires periodic replacement of deteriorated elements - hence nothing original remains.																						
PRESENT USE: wharf for tourist boats and yachts																						
HISTORICAL NOTES: confirm if this is the location of the original ferry wharf.																						
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<p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:</p> <p>Connections with earliest goods (timber and coal) and passenger transport in the region.</p> <p>The fact that probably no original element of the first wharf remains above the surface is not important - provided the renewals are done with similar materials in the same location and the overall style of the wharf does not change.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"><div style="width: 60%;">Regional Significance - high (if in original location)</div><div style="width: 35%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">ITEM No. BM - 08</div></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"><div style="width: 60%;">Local Significance - very high</div></div>																						

CARDIFF
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BLACK JACKS
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MAP KEY

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RAILWAY OR TRAMWAY (SUPERSEDED OR UNCERTAIN ROUTE):	RT-77 ———+———
CONSERVATION AREA INVENTORY NUMBER and CONSERVATION AREA BOUNDARY:	KY-88 ———+———

BELMONT
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Belmont

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