C97 Quarantine Ground, Summer Hill Heritage Conservation Area

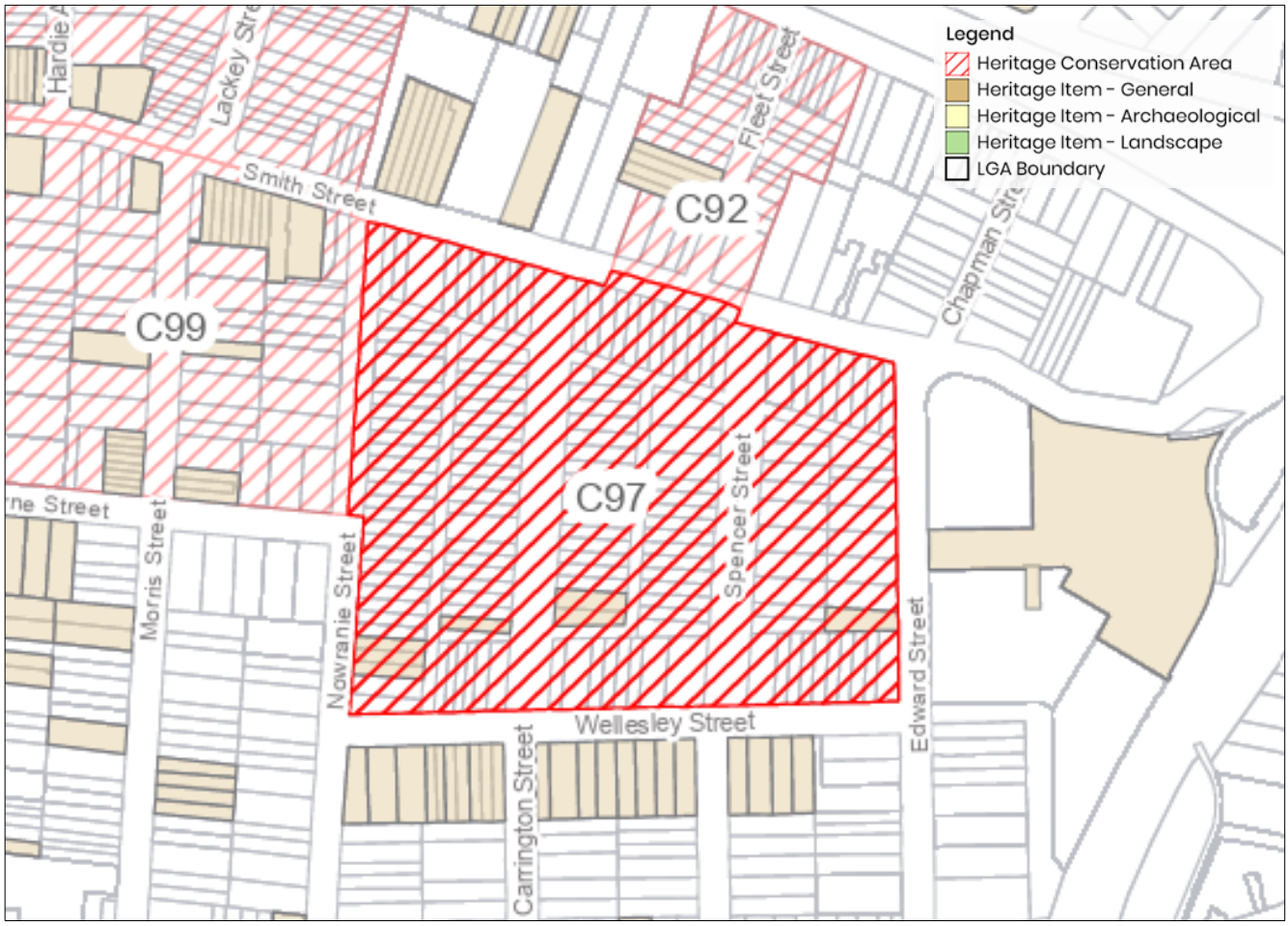

Figure 1. Quarantine Ground Heritage Conservation Area Map

Key Period of Significance: 1885 – 1930s

HCA TYPE 3: Mixed Residential
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Quarantine Ground, Summer Hill, Heritage Conservation Area is of local heritage significance.

The area is of historical significance as an area used for sheep quarantine purposes and initially subdivided for housing in 1885, and as area where the Victorian period subdivision pattern was later altered to accommodate the emerging trend for larger allotments and development of detached housing the Federation and Inter-war periods.

The area is of aesthetic significance for its mix of Victorian, Federation and Inter-war period housing reflecting its history of subdivision and re-subdivision from 1885 into the inter-war period. The pre-1943 street tree plantings in Spencer and Carrington Streets enhance the aesthetic significance of the area.

Key Character Elements

Subdivision and public domain elements:

- Pre-1943 street tree planting of Brush box within carriageway in Spencer Street and Carrington Street
- Subdivision pattern of generally narrow long allotments with rear laneways (except for area east side of Spencer Street to Edward Street). Some outhouses and early outbuildings remain off the rear laneways.
- Relatively wide carriageways in Smith Street, Edward Street, Spencer Street, Carrington Street, Nowranie Street
- Narrower street width in Wellesley Street and Edward Street
- Narrow grass verges (except in Wellesley Street, Edward Street and sections of Smith Street)

Elements that contribute to the consistency of the streetscape (visible from the public domain):

- Narrow-fronted detached and semi-detached face brick single storey housing Federation Queen Anne style and Inter-war California bungalow styles
- Single storey narrow fronted detached, semi-detached and terrace Victorian housing
- 2-storey terrace and semi-detached Victorian Filigree style terraces
- All houses will small setbacks from the streets allowing for small front gardens
- Inter-war period residential flat buildings (example No. 6, 32 Nowranie Street, 52 Smith St)
- Former retail buildings (56, 102 Smith Street, 18 Spencer St) or halls (No. 60 Smith St)
- Original details such as:
  - Front verandahs with original detailing
  - Original roof forms with original cladding of slate or unglazed terracotta tiles and original chimneys
  - Gable ends facing the street with original timber shingled, roughcast stucco or imitation half-timbered finishes (Federation, Inter-war period)
  - Face brickwork (Federation, Inter-war periods) or stuccoed brickwork (Victorian period)
  - Original timber-framed windows and timber panelled doors consistent with the periods and styles of houses
- Original front fences - timber picket, low brick, brick & timber picket for Federation and Inter-war period houses; timber picket or cast-iron palisade for Victorian period houses
- Vehicle access off rear laneways.

Non-Contributory Elements

- Later infill buildings (No. 5A, 17 Wellesley St)
- Carports in front gardens (5A Wellesley St)
- Loss of original detailing (example 13 Edward Street, 10, 10A Nowranie Street)
- Uncharacteristic first floor additions to single storey houses which are visible from the street (examples)
- Changes to materials: Cement rendering of face brickwork to Federation period houses; modern roof cladding (eg concrete tiles) and loss of chimneys
- Front verandah or balcony enclosures (example No. 42 Nowranie St)
- Modern front fences of unsympathetic design and materials, particularly high solid masonry front fences.
- Later industrial buildings (example 94-98 Smith St)

Historical Development

This area was part of the land granted to Joseph Foveaux in 1794 and later incorporated into Robert Campbell's Canterbury Park Estate. After Robert Campbell's death his heir Sophia Campbell leased all the land to the NSW Government as a quarantine station for sheep in the early 1880s. Ashfield Council minutes of 1883 to 1885 record a number of attempts by the Council to convince the Government to acquire the Quarantine Ground as a recreation reserve, but in 1885 it was subdivided into 183 x 20-foot-wide allotments and sold. It was developed for housing and for some shops between 1885 and 1930.

In 1885 most of Sydney's population lived in terrace housing, and the twenty foot frontage, a common terrace size, with long narrow rear laneways, suggest that was intended here. This translation of inner city housing to the suburbs did not continue however, for while there is one terrace of six two-storey dwellings, and a number of terraces of single storey dwellings, the majority of the buildings within the area are free standing on long narrow allotments.

By the early years of the 20th century a number of houses in Spencer and Edward Streets were being built over two allotments resulting in double fronted houses with garden space to all sides, and two houses in Wellesley Street were built over three allotments.

Building Ranking Definitions

Building ranking No.	Building Ranking Definition
HI	Heritage items: Buildings individually listed as heritage items in the LEP
1	Contributory 1: Buildings that clearly reflect the Key period of Significance for the HCA and are key elements of the character of the HCA
2	Contributory 2: Buildings that have been altered but are still identifiable as dating from the Key period of Significance for the HCA. They retain their overall form from the original date of construction and, even though altered, are contributory to the HCA character
3	Neutral: Buildings that are either heavily altered to an extent where the construction period is uncertain, or are from a construction period which falls outside the Key Period of Significance for the HCA, but which reflect the predominant scale and form of other buildings within the HCA, and therefore do not detract from the character of the HCA
4	Detracting: Buildings from a construction period which falls outside the Key Period of Significance for the HCA that have scale or form that is not consistent with the key characteristics of the area

Quarantine Ground

Number	Street	Ranking	Style and Observations
2	Carrington Street	1	
4	Carrington Street	1	Federation
6	Carrington Street	1	Federation
6a	Carrington Street	1	Californian Bungalow
6b	Carrington Street	1	Californian Bungalow
8	Carrington Street	1	Federation
10	Carrington Street	1	Californian Bungalow/Federation
12	Carrington Street	1	Federation
14	Carrington Street	1	Victorian
16	Carrington Street	1	Victorian
18	Carrington Street	1	Victorian
20	Carrington Street	1	Victorian
22	Carrington Street	1	
24	Carrington Street	1	Federation
26	Carrington Street	1	Victorian
28	Carrington Street	1	Federation
30	Carrington Street	HI	Federation
43	Carrington Street	1	Victorian
41	Carrington Street	HI	Federation
39	Carrington Street	1	Federation
37	Carrington Street	1	Federation
35	Carrington Street	1	
33	Carrington Street	1	Federation
31	Carrington Street	1	Victorian
29	Carrington Street	1	Federation
27	Carrington Street	1	Californian Bungalow
25	Carrington Street	1	
23	Carrington Street	1	Federation
21	Carrington Street	1	Victorian
19	Carrington Street	1	Victorian
17	Carrington Street	1	Victorian
15	Carrington Street	1	Victorian
13	Carrington Street	1	Federation
11	Carrington Street	1	Federation

Number	Street	Ranking	Style and Observations
9	Carrington Street	1	
7	Carrington Street	1	
5	Carrington Street	1	
3	Carrington Street	1	Victorian
1	Carrington Street	1	Victorian
17	Edward Street	HI	Federation
15	Edward Street	1	Victorian
13	Edward Street	1	Victorian
11	Edward Street	1	Victorian
9	Edward Street	1	Victorian
5	Edward Street	1	Federation
3	Edward Street	1	Victorian
1	Edward Street	1	Federation
2	Nowranie Street	1	Federation
2a	Nowranie Street	1	Federation
4	Nowranie Street	1	Victorian
6	Nowranie Street	1	Inter-war Art Deco/Inter-war
8	Nowranie Street	1	Victorian
10	Nowranie Street	1	Victorian
10a	Nowranie Street	1	Victorian
12	Nowranie Street	1	Victorian
14	Nowranie Street	1	Federation
16	Nowranie Street	1	Federation
18	Nowranie Street	1	Victorian
20	Nowranie Street		
20a	Nowranie Street	1	
22	Nowranie Street	1	Federation
24	Nowranie Street	1	Victorian
26	Nowranie Street	1	Federation
28	Nowranie Street	1	Federation
30	Nowranie Street	1	Federation
32	Nowranie Street	1	Art Deco/Inter-war
34	Nowranie Street	1	Victorian
36	Nowranie Street	1	
38	Nowranie Street	1	Victorian

Number	Street	Ranking	Style and Observations
40	Nowranie Street	1	Victorian
42	Nowranie Street	1	Victorian
44	Nowranie Street	HI	Federation
46	Nowranie Street	HI	Federation
48	Nowranie Street	HI	Federation
50	Nowranie Street	1	Victorian
52	Nowranie Street	1	Victorian
34	Smith Street	1	Victorian
40	Smith Street	1	Federation
42	Smith Street	1	Federation
44	Smith Street	1	Federation
46	Smith Street	1	Federation
48	Smith Street	1	Federation
50	Smith Street	1	Federation
52	Smith Street	1	Inter-war
56	Smith Street		
58	Smith Street	1	Federation
60	Smith Street	1	Victorian
62	Smith Street	1	Federation
64	Smith Street	1	Federation
66	Smith Street	1	Federation
68	Smith Street	1	Federation
70	Smith Street	1	Federation
72	Smith Street	1	Federation
74	Smith Street	1	Federation
76/78	Smith Street	1	Federation
80	Smith Street		Victorian Free Classica
82	Smith Street	1	Victorian
84	Smith Street	1	Federation
86	Smith Street	1	Federation
88	Smith Street	1	Federation
90	Smith Street	1	Federation
92	Smith Street	1	Victorian
94/98	Smith Street	1	
100	Smith Street	2	Victorian

Number	Street	Ranking	Style and Observations
102	Smith Street	1	Federation
2	Spencer Street		Federation/Californian Bungalow
4	Spencer Street	1	Californian Bungalow
6	Spencer Street	1	Californian Bungalow
8	Spencer Street	1	Californian Bungalow
10	Spencer Street	1	Federation/Californian Bungalow
10a	Spencer Street	1	Federation/Californian Bungalow
12	Spencer Street	1	Inter-war Californian Bungalow
14	Spencer Street	1	Victorian
16	Spencer Street	1	Victorian
18	Spencer Street	1	Victorian
33	Spencer Street		
31	Spencer Street	1	
29	Spencer Street	1	
27	Spencer Street	1	
25	Spencer Street	1	
23	Spencer Street	1	Victorian
21	Spencer Street	1	Federation
19	Spencer Street	1	Federation
17	Spencer Street	1	Federation
15	Spencer Street	1	Federation
13	Spencer Street	1	Victorian
11a	Spencer Street	1	Inter-war Californian Bungalow
11	Spencer Street	1	Federation
9	Spencer Street	1	Federation
7	Spencer Street	1	Federation
49	Wellesley Street		Victorian
47	Wellesley Street	1	Victorian
45	Wellesley Street	1	Victorian
43	Wellesley Street	1	Victorian
41	Wellesley Street	1	Victorian
39	Wellesley Street	1	Victorian
37	Wellesley Street		Victorian
35	Wellesley Street	1	Inter-war Californian Bungalow/Federation
33	Wellesley Street	1	Federation

Number	Street	Ranking	Style and Observations
31	Wellesley Street	1	Victorian
29	Wellesley Street	1	Victorian
27	Wellesley Street	1	Victorian
25	Wellesley Street	1	Federation
21	Wellesley Street	1	Federation
19	Wellesley Street	1	Federation
17	Wellesley Street	2	Post-war Californian Bungalow
15	Wellesley Street	1	Victorian
11	Wellesley Street	1	Victorian
9	Wellesley Street	1	Federation
7	Wellesley Street	1	Federation
5a	Wellesley Street	2	Post-war Bungalow
5	Wellesley Street	1	Inter-war Californian Bungalow
3	Wellesley Street	1	Inter-war Californian Bungalow
1	Wellesley Street	1	Federation