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## **1.0 Introduction**

### **1.1 Background**

Godden Mackay Logan has been commissioned to undertake an historical archaeological assessment of the Royal North Shore Hospital, St Leonards, Sydney. The assessment is required to inform concept plans to upgrade and redevelop a part of the hospital as a new 'state of the art' medical facility, and plans for the redevelopment of surplus lands for medical and non hospital purposes. The proposed upgrade is likely to include some new structures and the refurbishment of some existing buildings.

The NSW Heritage Office has requested that an historical archaeological assessment be undertaken to identify whether the hospital has potential historical archaeological resources of heritage significance that may be disturbed or potentially destroyed by the proposed works. This report:

- identifies and locates the potential historical archaeological resources of the site;
- assesses the heritage significance of the identified resources;
- outlines the statutory contexts and requirements for historical archaeological resources; and
- provides recommendations, according to statutory requirements, for managing the resources according to their heritage significance.

### **1.2 The Hospital Site**

The location of the Royal North Shore Hospital site is shown in Figure 1.1.

The current site was formed through cumulative land acquisitions and resumptions. This report identifies five areas that generally reflect the history of land acquisition and the related expanding use and role of the hospital.

The five areas are:

1. the Original Hospital site;
2. the Southern Extension, resumed in January 1912;
3. the Northern Extension incorporating all the land acquired between June 1919 and April 1930 and the Brick and Tile Office acquired in April 1965;
4. the Western Extension vested to the Hospital in October 1951; and
5. the Northwestern extension bounded by Westbourne Street, Reserve Road, Portland Street and Saville Street, purchased by the Hospital between August 1952 and April 1974.

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The proposed new/re-furbished facilities would be constructed in Area 1, the Original Hospital Site, and Area 3—the Northern Extension. The potential archaeological resources of the whole site, however, are identified and assessed in this report to provide a meaningful context for their evaluation. Recommendations are limited to those areas affected by the proposed works.

(Note: these areas defined in this report do not correlate with the precincts used by City Plan Heritage in their heritage assessment, which are based on the contemporary uses of the site rather than the historical development of the site.<sup>1</sup> The areas used in this report are shown in Figure 1.2.)

### **1.3 Heritage Status**

The Royal North Shore Hospital site is not included in whole or part on the State Heritage Register (SHR) established under the *Heritage Act 1977* (NSW), or included in whole or part on the heritage schedule of the *Willoughby Local Environmental Plan 1995* (Willoughby LEP) or any other planning instrument. Two buildings within the Royal North Shore Hospital are listed on the Department of Health State Agency Heritage Register established under Section 170 the *Heritage Act 1977* (NSW). They are the:

- Regional Diabetic Services Building, Pacific Highway, St Leonards (Building 7); and
- Lanceley Cottage, Pacific Highway, St Leonards (Building 9).

There are no statutory heritage listings that identify any archaeological relics or archaeological sites within the Royal North Shore Hospital and it is understood that the site has not been previously subject to an archaeological assessment. Notwithstanding this absence of specific archaeological statutory listings, historical archaeological remains over 50 years old surviving on the hospital site would be defined as ‘relics’ under the Heritage Act.

Section 5.0 of this report provides further statutory context discussion.

### **1.4 Author Identification**

This report was written by Dr Iain Stuart, Senior Consultant, and Lisa Newell, Senior Associate, both of Godden Mackay Logan. Existing sources were relied upon for historical background, with some historical research undertaken by Mark Dunn, Historian. David Logan, Director of Godden Mackay Logan, reviewed the report.

### **1.5 Methodology**

This report follows the *Archaeological Assessment Guidelines* issued by the NSW Heritage Office. It is consistent with the principles and processes of *The Burra Charter: the Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance 1999*.

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## **1.6 Limitations and Inclusions**

This report does not include an assessment of any potential Aboriginal archaeological resources or sites. It includes the identification and assessment of some existing landscape elements which, to a lesser or greater degree, have potential to include an archaeological component (for example, a partially surviving walls or garden beds). Where this has occurred, only the potential archaeological (below-ground) component of the element is described and assessed. No assessment of those elements in terms of their landscape heritage significance or a comprehensive identification and assessment of landscape elements has been undertaken.

Under-floor areas were not inspected during the site inspection and no ground disturbance or excavation was undertaken to identify potential archaeological resources during this study.

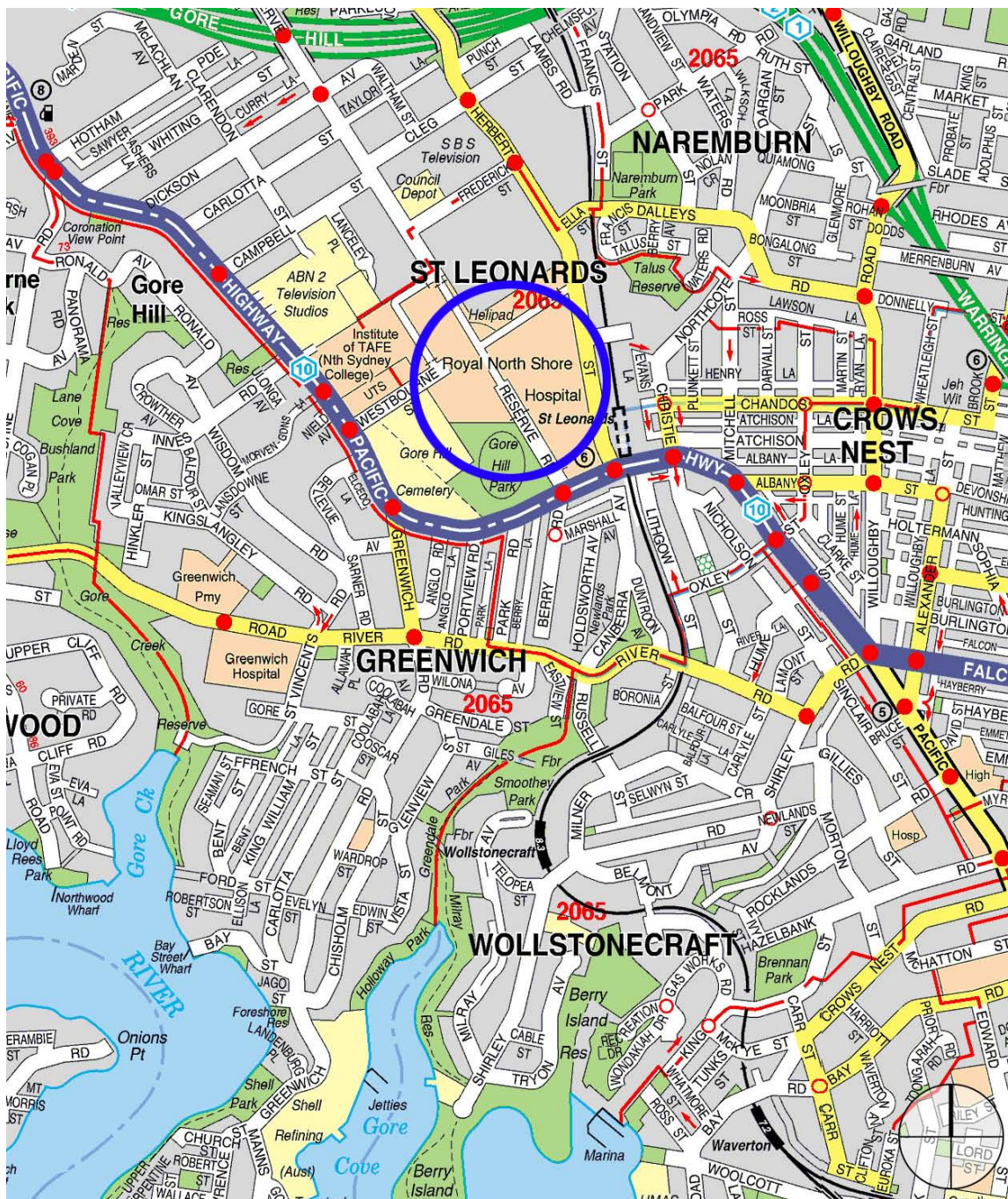


Figure 1.1 Location map of Royal North Shore Hospital.





**Figure 1.2** Royal North Shore Hospital Areas used in this report—approximate boundaries.

## 1.7 Endnotes

- <sup>1</sup> City Plan Heritage (2005). Royal North Shore Hospital, St Leonards Heritage Assessment., Report to Northern Sydney Health and the Royal North Shore Hospital and Community Health Services Redevelopment Project by City Plan Heritage February 2005.

