



Preserving our heritage
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The Character of Hunters Hill



At less than 5kms long and 3kms wide, Hunters Hill is the smallest local government area in NSW, but two thirds of the Municipality is listed as a conservation area! With just under 500 heritage items listed on its local Heritage Schedule, 6 are identified as of State significance and 164 were on the Register of the National Estate. These items include old stone cottages, Federation era houses, historic subdivisions, stone walls and significant trees. As well as buildings, Hunters Hill has wonderful green spaces, parks and areas of natural foreshore land along the Parramatta and Lane Cove Rivers.

The unique character of Hunters Hill was formed during the period 1840 through to the early 20th century and has been under threat from development and population pressures for the last 60 years. These pressures became acute in the 1960s when large scale change threatened the demolition of established areas of the suburb and in response to this threat, the **Hunters Hill Trust** was formed in 1968.

The Trust lobbied Council for a Local Environment Plan (LEP) to control the development processes and create the Conservation Advisory Panel. The objectives of HH Council's LEP no. 1 were to conserve the identity of heritage, character, topography and residential amenity, by caring for what is already here, making those changes that need to be made, and making sure that those changes respect the existing character of their neighbourhood, their street and their individual property!

Very worthy objectives - but with today's desire for larger and larger houses and more intense development - this garden suburb is as vulnerable now as it was 50 years ago. In particular, Gladesville is changing rapidly with high rise residential units being built and many more buildings planned to be demolished along Victoria Road and replaced with the inevitable multi-storey blocks of flats.

Although seventy per cent of the Hunters Hill local government area is protected as Conservation Area, sadly Hunters Hill is still under threat and not just the heritage items themselves but the green spaces between and around them.

How you can help

1. **Join the Trust!** The more voices, the more influence we have and the more effectively we can represent you in protecting the environment and heritage of Hunters Hill. Simply go to www.huntershilltrust.org.au and click on 'Get involved' and 'Become a Member'.

With your support we can continue to fight inappropriate developments such as the current Gladesville Shopping Village; the plan to create two 1000m² housing blocks in the surrounds of St Peter Chanel's Church; the 14m high basketball court building proposed at St Joseph's College and the demolition by neglect of our heritage cottages at Ryde Road.

2. If you're concerned about a heritage item that appears to be under threat (a list of heritage items can be found at <http://www.huntershill.nsw.gov.au/Page/Download.aspx?c=832>) contact Council's Heritage Advisor on 02 9879 9400 or email council@huntershill.nsw.gov.au If the item is not listed, speak to Council about recognizing its heritage value and why you consider the place to be of heritage significance.

3. If you're concerned about a particular Development Application (identified by a red notice on the front fence), get together with your friends and neighbours and make sure 10 or more objections are received by Council, which will trigger a referral of these DAs to the Local Planning Panels.

4. Use the Significant Tree Register form on Council's website to list and protect a special tree in your garden or neighbourhood (http://www.huntershill.nsw.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page_id=971)

5. Inform yourself about the latest very significant changes to the *Crown Land Management Act 2016 & Regulations 2018* – the Trust will be contacting members with further details shortly. Public lands are being transferred from State government to Councils and some are at risk of being considered development opportunities! We will be keeping a very close eye on what is being considered - especially for our existing community facilities, heritage assets and open spaces.

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