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# Notice of listing Chelmsford Bridge and Leura Cascades and Recreational Reserve SHR 02101 on the State Heritage Register under the *Heritage Act 1977*

In pursuance of section 37(1)(b) of the *Heritage Act 1977 (NSW)*, the Heritage Council gives notice that the item of environmental heritage specified in Schedule "A" has been listed on the State Heritage Register in accordance with the decision of the Minister for Heritage made on 4 May 2025 to direct the listing. This listing applies to the curtilage or site of the item, being the land described in Schedule B.

The listing takes effect on the date this notice is published in the NSW Government Gazette.

# **Heritage Council of New South Wales**

#### **SCHEDULE A**

The item known as the Chelmsford Bridge and Leura Cascades Recreational Reserve, situated on the land described in Schedule "B".

#### **SCHEDULE B**

All those pieces or parcels of land listed in the table below in Parish of Megalong, County of Cook shown on the plan catalogued HC 3340 in the office of the Heritage Council of New South Wales.

Part Lot 7308	Deposited Plan 1145096
Lot 32	Deposited Plan 5145
Lot 33	Deposited Plan 5145
Lot 34	Deposited Plan 5145
Lot 35	Deposited Plan 5145
Lot 36	Deposited Plan 5145
Lot 37	Deposited Plan 5145
Lot 48	Deposited Plan 5145
Lot 49	Deposited Plan 5145
Lot 50	Deposited Plan 5145
Lot 51	Deposited Plan 5145

# Exemption Order for Chelmsford Bridge and Leura Cascades Recreational Reserve listing on the SHR No. 02101 under the *Heritage Act 1977*

I, Penny Sharpe, the Minister for Heritage, on the recommendation of the Heritage Council of New South Wales dated 3 December 2024, make the following order under section 57(2) of the *Heritage Act 1977* (the Act) granting an exemption from section 57(1) of the Act in respect of the engaging in or carrying out of any activities described in Schedule C by the owner, manager, mortgagee or lessee (or persons authorised by the owner or manager) of the item described in Schedule A on the land identified in Schedule B.

This Order takes effect on the date it is published in the NSW Government Gazette.

Dated 4 May 2025.

The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC

**Minister for Heritage** 

#### SCHEDULE A

The item known as the Chelmsford Bridge and Leura Cascades Recreational Reserve, situated on the land described in Schedule "B".

#### **SCHEDULE B**

All those pieces or parcels of land listed in the table below in Parish of Megalong, County of Cook shown on the plan catalogued HC 3340 in the office of the Heritage Council of New South Wales.

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Lot 48	Deposited Plan 5145
Lot 49	Deposited Plan 5145
Lot 50	Deposited Plan 5145
Lot 51	Deposited Plan 5145

#### SCHEDULE C

It is recommended that the following specified activities/ works to an item do not require approval under section 57(1) of the *Heritage Act 1977*.

The follow exemptions apply in addition to the 'standard exemptions' for items listed on the State Register (SHR) made under section 57(1) of the *Heritage Act 1977 and* published in the *NSW Government Gazette*.

#### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

These general conditions apply to the use of all the site specific exemptions:

- a) In these exemptions, words have the same meaning as in the *Heritage Act 1977* or the relevant guidelines, unless otherwise indicated. Where there is an inconsistency between relevant guidelines and these exemptions, these exemptions prevail to the extent of the inconsistency. Where there is an inconsistency between either relevant guidelines or these exemptions and the *Heritage Act 1977*, the Act will prevail.
- b) Any conservation management plan (CMP) for the precinct must meet the following conditions:
  - i) It must be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced heritage professional.
  - ii) It must be prepared in accordance with the requirements for a detailed and best practice CMP as outlined in the Heritage Council of NSW document Statement of best practice for conservation management plans (2021).

- iii) It must be consistent with the Heritage Council of NSW documents *Guidance on developing a conservation management plan* (2021) and *Conservation Management Plan checklist* (2021).
- c) Anything done under the site specific exemptions must be carried out by people with knowledge, skills and experience appropriate to the work (some site specific exemptions require suitably qualified and experienced professional advice/ work).
- d) The site specific exemptions do not permit the removal of historical archaeological relics or Aboriginal objects. If relics are discovered, work must cease in the affected area and the Heritage Council of NSW must be notified in writing in accordance with section 146 of the *Heritage Act 1977*. Depending on the nature of the discovery, assessment and an excavation permit may be required prior to the recommencement of work in the affected area. If any Aboriginal objects are discovered, excavation or disturbance is to cease, and Heritage NSW must be notified in accordance with section 89A of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*. Aboriginal object has the same meaning as in the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.
- e) Any works/ activities undertaken under these exemptions should have consideration for the archaeological value of the place. Excavation and ground disturbance including but not limited to services, drainage or signage, should only occur in areas of existing trenching, or demonstrably disturbed ground or areas of low or lesser potential as determined by an archaeological assessment or zoning plan, prepared by a suitably qualified archaeologist.
- f) Activities/ works that do not fit within the exemptions described in this document or the 'standard exemptions' for items listed on the State Heritage Register made under section 57(1) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, and published in the *NSW Government Gazette* would require an application under section 60 and approval under Section 63 of the *Heritage Act 1977*.
- g) The site specific exemptions are self-assessed. It is the responsibility of a proponent to ensure that the proposed activities/works fall within the site specific exemptions.
- h) The proponent is responsible for ensuring that any activities/ works undertaken by them, or with their landowners consent, meet all the required conditions and have all necessary approvals.
- i) Proponents must keep records of any activities/ works for auditing and compliance purposes by the Heritage Council of NSW. Where advice of a suitably qualified and experienced professional has been sought, a record of that advice must be kept. Records must be kept in a current readable electronic file or hard copy for a reasonable time.
- j) Authorised persons under the *Heritage Act 1977* may carry out inspections for compliance.
- k) The site specific exemptions under the *Heritage Act 1977* are not authorisations, approvals, or exemptions for the activities/ works under any other legislation, Local Government and State Government requirements (including, but not limited to, the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and *the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*).
- The site specific exemptions under the Heritage Act 1977 do not constitute satisfaction of the relevant provisions of the National Construction Code for ancillary works. Activities or work undertaken pursuant to a site specific exemption must not, if it relates to an existing building, cause the building to contravene the National Construction Code.
- m) Where relevant, activities/ works on an item must comply with guidelines in *The Heritage Manual* (1996, Heritage Office and Department of Urban Affairs & Planning) and *The Maintenance Series* (1996, republished 2004, NSW Heritage Office and

Department of Urban Affairs & Planning) or any subsequent documents prepared to replace or supplement these documents.

# **EXEMPTION 1: APPROVED WORKS**

#### Specified activities/ works:

- (a) All works and activities which are in accordance with a current development approval or consent in force at the date of gazettal for listing, including:
  - i. Part 5 EIA Form, Leura Cascades Amenities Building, approved 15.4.24 (BMCC reference 24/58588)
  - ii. Part 5 Review of Environmental Factors, Leura Cascades Pedestrian Bridge, Approved 17.9.24 (BMCC reference EP/23/2024)

# **EXEMPTION 2: ENDORSED LAND USE MANAGEMENT DOCUMENTS**

# Specified activities/ works:

- (a) All works in accordance with the following plans of management endorsed by Blue Mountains City Council, where relevant to the heritage item and its curtilage and where assessed as having no adverse heritage impact:
  - i. Chelmsford Bridge Conservation Management Plan, October 2021 (BMCC Reference 21/236447)
  - ii. Leura Cascades Precinct Plan, Adopted 28 November 2023 (BMCC Reference 23/235755)
  - iii. Leura Park Plan of Management (2-037), June 2020, Adopted November 2022 (BMCC References 20/135724, 22/228849)

# **EXEMPTION 3: ROAD AND TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE**

### Specified activities/ works:

- (a) Emergency vehicle access to any part of the road corridor.
- (b) Management of the existing roadways and carparking spaces, including removal, resurfacing, repair and/ or like-for-like replacement of road surfaces, pavement, hardstand, and road formation to engineering standard, to edge of clear zone under the terms of the *Roads Act 1993*.
- (c) Installation of new infrastructure for traffic control, road closure, and surveillance, that will not adversely impact on identified heritage significance.
- (d) Maintenance and repair of existing barriers, bollards, paths, fences, and gates.
- (e) Temporary works, including compounds, exclusion zones, work stockpiles and work zones for a period of up to 18 months where there is no adverse impact to identified heritage significance or significant views. Appropriate barrier materials and methodologies must be used to prevent impact to elements of significance or potential archaeological resources.
- (f) Maintenance, repair, and in situ like-for-like replacement of speed and safety signage.
- (g) Repair or replacement of verges and kerbing.

#### **EXEMPTION 4: VEGETATION MANAGEMENT**

# Specified activities/ works:

- (a) All works and activities associated with bush regeneration and management and its identified ecological communities in accordance with the *National standards for the* practice of ecological restoration in Australia (prepared by Standards Reference Group, Society for Ecological Restoration Australasia), including bush regeneration/ rehabilitation; removal of woody weeds and mesic species; selective management of natural seed banks.
- (b) Activities associated with prescribed hazard reduction and/ or cultural burning of bushland vegetation.
- (c) Introduction of new plantings, consistent with existing character, including bushland, buffer areas and parkland.
- (d) Removal of fallen, dead, or dying trees which are to be replaced by trees of native species in the same location within a period of 2 years.
- (e) Installation of sympathetic and/ or unobtrusive equipment which may be required to monitor pests, wildlife, and vegetation health.
- (f) Invasive weed management.

#### **EXEMPTION 5: LAND MANAGEMENT**

# Specified activities/ works:

- (a) Installation of temporary/ semi-permanent fencing or barriers to restrict access to environmentally or culturally sensitive areas for a time period of up to 2 years.
- (b) Works and activities associated with bushland track maintenance and/or reconstruction and upgrading that does not have adverse impact to identified heritage significance.
- (c) Implementation of slope stabilisation, erosion or compaction control measures and repair of damage caused by compaction or erosion. These elements must be according to environmental best practice and must not have adverse impact to identified heritage significance. Temporary/ emergency works must be replaced with sympathetic permanent solutions within a period of 2 years.
- (d) Temporary rock stabilisation works (up to 2 years) including temporary rock meshing, insertion of necessary attachment points and the removal of loose stone at risk of falling. Note: these measures must be applied with heritage advice and do not include permanent rock meshing, rock bolting, 'mock rock' application, or use of shotcrete. Any work which requires cutting stone beyond the depth required to address urgent safety risks is not exempt.
- (e) Suppression of fire.
- (f) Research activities involving the collection of samples of earth, water and vegetation for scientific and education purposes that do not affect the identified heritage values of the place. Note: this does not exempt archaeological excavation where permits would otherwise be required under the Heritage Act 1977 or the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

#### **EXEMPTION 6: LANDSCAPING**

#### Specified activities/ works:

(a) Maintenance and repair of dry-wall and stone walls undertaken with the advice of appropriately qualified and experienced heritage stone wall specialists and where there would be no adverse heritage impact.

- (b) Maintenance, repair and/ or resurfacing of existing pathways and pedestrian areas.
- (c) Works and activities to allow for the maintenance, renewal and upgrading of existing pedestrian, walking, and fire trails, including repair or realignments for the purpose of improving safety or environmental protection, and as required by NSW Rural Fire Service and other emergency services, where these activities do not adversely affect the identified heritage values of the place.
- (d) Lawn maintenance within the picnic area.

#### **EXEMPTION 7: FURNITURE AND FIXTURES**

#### Specified activities/ works:

- (a) Installation, relocation, removal and maintenance of public furniture, including seating, picnic tables, barbecues or the like. Note: this does not include the construction of picnic shelters and structures, or the relocation, alteration or removal of the existing c.1930s 'mock rock' shelters. New elements must be compatible with the existing character and materiality of the place.
- (b) Installation, relocation, removal and maintenance of bollards, light poles and fixtures. Where excavation or ground disturbance is required, this must comply with General Condition (e).
- (c) Installation, maintenance and removal of waste bins to implement the Council's waste management policies consistent with the bushland setting and responsive to existing terrain and vegetation in terms of material and colour palette.

#### **EXEMPTION 8: DRAINAGE AND WATER MANAGEMENT**

# Specified activities/ works:

- (a) Maintenance and repair of drainage structures using appropriate heritage materials and repair of non-significant drainage structures using like-for-like materials which adhere to existing character and would have no adverse impact.
- (b) Maintenance and repair of culverts and channels, including like-for-like replacement of significant fabric (with advice from a suitably qualified heritage professional and/ or heritage engineering specialist) where beyond repair.
- (c) Maintenance of existing toilet amenities and utilities, including pipe, surface, and subsurface drainage work which would not adversely impact the identified heritage significance of the place.
- (d) Maintenance, removal and replacement of rainwater goods and drainage associated with the existing amenities buildings, where there would be no adverse heritage impact.
- (e) Activities associated with the environment management of the natural waterways within the curtilage which will not adversely impact identified heritage values.
- (f) Installation and/or replacement of unobtrusive water quality monitoring equipment where there would be no adverse heritage impact.

#### **EXEMPTION 9: MAINTENANCE OF CHELMSFORD BRIDGE**

#### Specified activities/ works:

(a) Works and activities undertaken for the ongoing operations and maintenance of Chelmsford Bridge, including road closure if necessary, where there would be no adverse impact to heritage significance.

- (b) Repair (such as refixing or repatching) of damaged or deteriorated significant fabric, where there would be no adverse impact to identified heritage significance.
- (c) Like-for-like replacement of missing, damaged, or deteriorated fabric that is beyond further maintenance. This should be undertaken using a methodology and materials recommended by a suitably qualified heritage consultant.
- (d) Temporary scaffolding and associated structures (for a period of no more than 12 months) necessary for repair and maintenance works, where there would be no adverse impact to significant fabric.
- (e) Maintenance, removal and like-for-like replacement of rainwater goods and drainage that are a component of Chelmsford Bridge.
- (f) Maintenance, removal, and upgrading of lighting elements and fixtures on Chelmsford Bridge, where there would be no adverse heritage impact.

Note: Repairs must be sympathetic/ like-for-like to extant fabric in appearance, material and method of affixing. The composition of elements of identified heritage fabric are to be to the original specification (i.e. renders, mortars, metal types, timber species etc.).

# EXEMPTION 10: MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING ELEMENTS (OTHER THAN CHELMSFORD BRIDGE)

# Specified activities/ works:

- (a) Maintenance or repair works that do not change the character of other elements at the site, being the roadways, remains of Leura Baths, drainage channels, amenity structures, and mock rock shelters.
- (b) Removal, repair, or replacement of existing security doors and measures to the existing amenity structures.
- (c) Internal alterations to the existing amenity building where these works would not adversely affect heritage significance or change the external character of the building.
- (d) Installation of sympathetic safety and/ or security equipment.
- (e) Removal, repair and upgrade to amenity structure interiors, including toilet fixtures and fittings.
- (f) Graffiti removal and cleaning.
- (g) Installation and upgrade of information technology systems, lighting, and audio-visual equipment, where this work does not adversely impact identified heritage significance.
- (h) All works and activities to install and upgrade security systems which would not adversely impact identified heritage significance.
- (i) Maintenance and repair of any building, structure, monument or work (excluding those referenced at Exemption 9 (a) above), including temporary (up to 2 years) relocation of moveable shelters for conservation and/or protection.

# **EXEMPTION 11: SERVICES AND UTILITIES**

# Specified activities/ works:

- (a) Upgrade of services and utilities, including communications, gas, electricity, water supply, waste removal, irrigation and drainage, where heritage advice directs that the activity would have no adverse impact on identified heritage or archaeological significance.
- (b) Maintenance of lighting or upgrade to energy efficient lighting which would have no adverse heritage impact and is in character with existing sympathetic lighting.

#### **EXEMPTION 12: MANAGEMENT OF INTERPRETIVE AND WAYFINDING SIGNAGE**

# Specified activities/ works:

- (a) Installation, removal and alteration of interpretive and directional signage and labels where Blue Mountains City Council is satisfied that the proposal is appropriate, and where installation and method of fixture does not adversely impact significant heritage elements. Signage design, materiality and dimensions must be appropriate and in keeping with the existing character of the place.
- (b) Maintenance and repair of existing interpretive and wayfinding signage.
- (c) Maintenance and repair of public artworks or other interpretive elements approved by Blue Mountains City Council.

#### **EXEMPTION 13: MANAGEMENT OF TEMPORARY EVENTS**

#### Specified activities/ works:

(a) Temporary installation of artworks, statues, monuments, fencing, facilities, crowd control barriers, lighting, signage, and sound/public address equipment for temporary exhibitions and/or events, which would have no adverse heritage impact. These are to be erected, used and removed (along with necessary remediation) within a maximum period of 60 days per calendar year, where Blue Mountains City Council and NSW Crown Lands are satisfied with the proposal.

Note: Any temporary events must include additional adequate waste management to ensure preservation of the natural environment and ecosystems.

# Notice of listing Lady Gowrie Child Centre SHR 02108 on the State Heritage Register under the *Heritage Act 1977*

In pursuance of section 37(1)(b) of the *Heritage Act 1977 (NSW)*, the Heritage Council gives notice that the item of environmental heritage specified in Schedule "A" has been listed on the State Heritage Register in accordance with the decision of the Minister for Heritage made on 4 May 2025 to direct the listing. This listing applies to the curtilage or site of the item, being the land described in Schedule B.

The listing takes effect on the date this notice is published in the NSW Government Gazette.

# **Heritage Council of New South Wales**

#### **SCHEDULE A**

The item known as Lady Gowrie Child Centre, situated on the land described in Schedule "B".

#### **SCHEDULE B**

All those pieces or parcels of land known as Lot 2 DP 844072 in Parish of Alexandria, County of Cumberland shown on the plan catalogued HC 3341a in the office of the Heritage Council of New South Wales.

# Exemption Order for Lady Gowrie Child Centre listing on the SHR No. 02108 under the *Heritage Act 1977*

I, Penny Sharpe, the Minister for Heritage, on the recommendation of the Heritage Council of New South Wales dated 4 March 2025, make the following order under section 57(2) of the *Heritage Act 1977* (the Act) granting an exemption from section 57(1) of the Act in respect of the engaging in or carrying out of any activities described in Schedule C by the owner, manager, mortgagee or lessee (or persons authorised by the owner or manager) of the item described in Schedule A on the land identified in Schedule B.

This Order takes effect on the date it is published in the NSW Government Gazette.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC

**Minister for Heritage** 

#### SCHEDULE A

The item known as *Lady Gowrie Child Centre* SHR 02108, situated on the land described in Schedule B.

#### **SCHEDULE B**

The item known as *Lady Gowrie Child Centre* SHR 02108, located as identified on the plan catalogued HC Plan 3341a in the office of the Heritage Council of New South Wales.

#### **SCHEDULE C**

It is recommended that the following specified activities/ works to an item do not require approval under section 57(1) of the *Heritage Act 1977*.

The following exemptions apply in addition to the 'standard exemptions' for items listed on the State Register (SHR) made under section 57(2) of the *Heritage Act 1977* and published in the *NSW Government Gazette*.

#### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

These general conditions apply to the use of all of the site specific exemptions:

- a) If a conservation management plan (CMP) is prepared for the item, it must meet the following conditions:
  - i. It must be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced heritage professional.
  - ii. It must be prepared in accordance with the requirements for a detailed and best practice CMP as outlined in the Heritage Council of NSW document Statement of best practice for conservation management plans (2021) or any subsequent document prepared to replace or supplement this document.
  - iii. It must be consistent with the Heritage Council of NSW documents: Guidance on developing a conservation management plan (2021) and Conservation Management Plan checklist (2021) or any subsequent document prepared to replace or supplement this document.
- b) Anything done under the site specific exemptions must be carried out by people with knowledge, skills and experience appropriate to the work (some site specific exemptions require suitably qualified and experienced professional advice/ work).
- c) The site specific exemptions do not permit the removal of relics or Aboriginal objects. If relics are discovered, work must cease in the affected area and the Heritage Council of NSW must be notified in writing in accordance with section 146 of the Heritage Act 1977. Depending on the nature of the discovery, assessment and an excavation permit may be required prior to the recommencement of work in the affected area. If any Aboriginal objects are discovered, excavation or disturbance is to cease, and Heritage NSW must be notified in accordance with section 89A of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974. Aboriginal object has the same meaning as in the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.
- d) The site specific exemptions are self-assessed. It is the responsibility of a proponent to ensure that the proposed activities/works fall within the site specific exemptions.
- e) The proponent is responsible for ensuring that any activities/ works undertaken by them, or with landowners consent, meet all the required conditions and have all necessary approvals.

- f) Proponents must keep records of any activities/ works for auditing and compliance purposes by the Heritage Council of NSW. Where advice of a suitably qualified and experienced professional has been sought, a record of that advice must be kept. Records must be kept in a current readable electronic file or hard copy for a reasonable time.
- g) It is an offence to do any of the things listed in section 57(1) of the Heritage Act 1977 without a valid exemption or approval. Activities/ works that do not fit within the exemptions described in this document or the 'standard exemptions' for items listed on the State Heritage Register made under section 57(2) of the Heritage Act 1977, and published in the NSW Government Gazette would require an application under section 60 and approval under Section 63 of the Heritage Act 1977.
- h) Authorised persons under the *Heritage Act 1977* may carry out inspections for compliance.
- i) The site specific exemptions under the *Heritage Act 1977* are not authorisations, approvals, or exemptions for the activities/ works under any other legislation, Local Government and State Government requirements (including, but not limited to, the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and *the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*), or construction codes such as the National Construction Code.
- j) The site specific exemptions under the Heritage Act 1977 do not constitute satisfaction of the relevant provisions of the National Construction Code for ancillary works. Activities or work undertaken pursuant to a site specific exemption must not, if it relates to an existing building, cause the building to contravene the National Construction Code.
- k) In these exemptions, words have the same meaning as in the Heritage Act 1977 or the relevant guidelines, unless otherwise indicated. Where there is an inconsistency between relevant guidelines and these exemptions, these exemptions prevail to the extent of the inconsistency. Where there is an inconsistency between either relevant guidelines or these exemptions and the Heritage Act 1977, the Act will prevail.
- Where relevant The Heritage Manual (1996, Heritage Office and Department of Urban Affairs and Planning) and The Maintenance Series (1996 republished 2004, NSW Heritage Office and Department of Urban Affairs & Planning) guidelines must be complied with when undertaking any activities/works on an item.

# **EXEMPTION 1: EXTERIORS**

# Specified activities/ works:

- a) Repair and maintenance of the façades which is sympathetic to, and does not detract from, the significance of the building.
- b) Minor lightweight additions to the north, south or western elevations, including but not limited to sheds, shelters, sunshades or play equipment.
- c) Removal and replacement of significant fabric that is deteriorated beyond repair with like-for-like fabric.
- d) Replacement of non-significant glazing with double glazing or energy efficient glazing, where this would not result in damage to significant fabric.
- Repainting of previously painted exterior elements including soffits, eaves or timberframed windows in a sympathetic colour scheme that does not detract from the exterior presentation of the building.
- f) Erection of temporary hoardings (up to 12 months in a 36 month period) and scaffolding associated with maintenance or conservation of facades, windows, roofs and drainage where the scaffolding will have no physical impact on significant fabric.

- g) Installation and removal of safety and/ or security equipment and systems which would not adversely impact the exterior presentation of the building.
- h) Repair, maintain, remove, or replace (with like-for-like) telecommunication and other communication infrastructure including but not limited to, Wi-Fi systems, aerials, antennas, associated cabling, conduits and communications cabinets and units.
- i) Installation of new telecommunication infrastructure only where this does not involve a visual impact to the item or result in damage to significant fabric.
- j) Maintenance, repair and like-for-like replacement of rainwater goods, in appropriate materials, profiles, dimensions and styles to match original or existing.
- k) Maintenance, removal, relocation or replacement of fixed play equipment.
- I) Installation, repair, maintenance, removal, relocation, or replacement (with like-for-like) of exterior signs, excluding the brass 'Lady Gowrie Child Centre' sign.

Note: Repairs must be sympathetic/ like-for-like to existing fabric in appearance, material and method of affixing. The composition of elements of identified heritage fabric are to be to the original specification (i.e. bricks, mortars, metal types, timber species, etc).

#### **EXEMPTION 2: INTERIORS**

# Specified activities/ works:

- a) All works and activities required to support ongoing use of the building as an early education and childcare facility, provided the works will have no adverse impact on its heritage significance, as assessed by a qualified heritage consultant or in accordance with a CMP.
  - Excludes alteration, removal, relocation or replacement of existing timberframed windows, timber floorboards, observation booths, dado rails and skirtings.

#### **EXEMPTION 3: LANDSCAPING AND TREE MANAGEMENT**

#### Specified activities/ works:

- a) Routine horticultural maintenance including weeding (including poisoning of weeds), watering, mowing, manual clearing of paths and drains, top-dressing, pest control, fertilizing, removal or pruning of trees.
  - Excludes removal of substantial early plantings, being the fig, eucalypt and two jacaranda trees located in the rear yard and the cedar located in the southern yard.
- b) Maintenance of the substantial early plantings, being the fig, eucalypt and two jacaranda trees, and the cedar located in the southern yard, including branch and leaf trimming and localised, minor limb removal where:
  - ii. assessed by a qualified arborist and deemed necessary for safety (i.e. to prevent limb failure within the children's yards)
  - iii. assessed by a qualified arborist and deemed necessary for maintenance of the Gowrie Building, and
  - iv. where assessed by a qualified heritage consultant as having no adverse heritage impact.
- c) New tree planting by Homes NSW, Gowrie NSW, City of Sydney Council, or their contractors and tree establishment maintenance activities, including watering, fertilising, installation or removal of tree guards or root protection barriers.
- d) Maintenance, repair and replacement of existing paths, steps, retaining walls, fences and gates. Excludes works which may adversely impact potential archaeological relics or significant fabric.

e) Installation, relocation, removal, and maintenance of outdoor lighting which is not mounted onto the building. This includes replacement with energy efficient lighting, upgrades of services and upgrades of fixtures where there would be no adverse impact to significant fabric.

#### **EXEMPTION 4: EXCAVATION**

# Specified activities/ works:

a) Minor excavation and ground disturbance works, such as works for services and drainage, in areas of existing trenching, demonstrably disturbed ground, or areas of low or lesser archaeological potential as determined by a suitably qualified archaeologist. Excavation must not impact the root systems of substantial mature trees, being the fig, eucalypt, two jacaranda trees and the cedar.