

Item Details

Name
Row of Olives
SHR/LEP/S170
LEP #
Address
Minchin Drive MINCHINBURY NSW 2770
Local Govt Area
Blacktown
Local Aboriginal Land Council
Unknown

Item Type	Group/Collection	Category
Landscape	Landscape - Cultural	Historic Landscape

All Addresses

Addresses								
Records Retrieved: 2								
Street No	Street Name	Suburb/Town/Postcode	Local Govt. Area	LALC	Parish	County	Electorate	Address Type
	Great Western Highway	MINCHINBURY/NSW /2770	Blacktown	Unknown			Unknown	Alternate Address
	Minchin Drive	MINCHINBURY/NSW /2770	Blacktown	Unknown	Melville	Cumberland	Unknown	Primary Address

Significance

Statement Of Significance

The row of olives has historic importance marking the former entry drive to the Minchinbury Winery. It now has considerable aesthetic appeal as a pathway through the late twentieth century suburban subdivision of Minchinbury.

This row of olives was planted by one of Australia's most prominent winemakers Leo Buring, then winemaker at Minchinbury Winery.

Criteria a)

Historical Significance

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Criteria b)

Historical Association

Significance

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Criteria c)

Aesthetic/Technical Significance

The row of olives has considerable aesthetic appeal as a pathway through the late twentieth century suburban subdivision of Minchinbury, and as a marker to the former role of the suburb as a Winery.

Criteria e)

Research Potential

The Olives have research significance as part of a former winery complex whose fruit had a role in the wine making process.

Criteria f)

Rarity

The site is unique in association with the former winery complex, and enables the larger footprint of the original winery to be understood and interpreted.

Criteria g)

Representative

The Olive represents part of the winemaking process as well as the aesthetic entrance qualities to the former winery.

Integrity/Intactness

high

Owners

Records Retrieved: 0		
Organisation	Stakeholder Category	Date Ownership Updated
No Results Found		

Description

Designer	Builder/Maker
	Leo Buring

Physical Description	Updated
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The Row of olives is the remaining plantings from the 100 Olives planted by Leo Buring along the original entrance drive to the Minchinbury Winery.

This is preserved within a public reserve which runs from the Penfold gates at the Great Western Highway through along the route of the former driveway up to the Minchinbury Winery site.

The driveway does not reach the winery site as it remains at present as this has been subdivided with surrounding housing. The end of the row of olives marks the end of the original drive to the inner entrance to the Winery site. The end of the row of olives is now connected to the site by a small footpath that runs between houses to Minchin Drive.

Physical Condition	Updated 11/18/2015
Good	

Modifications And Dates

Further Comments

Blacktown City Council nominated the winery site for State Heritage listing in 2009. The site was not listed due to the potential development of the infill adaptive housing on the site, as well as it not being within the nominated annual theme for listing at the time. This however does not diminish the Heritage significance of the site and Row of Olives, and simply reflects policy platform priorities of the Heritage Council at the time.

Current Use

reserve

Former Use

driveway to minchinbury winery

Listings

Listings

Records Retrieved: 2					
Heritage Listing	Listing Title	Listing Number	Gazette Date	Gazzette Number	Gazzette Page
Local Environmental Plan	Amend No 143		4/12/2002 12:00:00 AM	72	2262
Local Environmental Plan	Blacktown Local Environmental Plan 2015	l38	7/7/2015 12:00:00 AM	430	

Procedures/Exemptions

Records Retrieved: 0					
Section of Act	Description	Title	Comments	Action Date	Outcome
No Results Found					

History

Historical Notes or Provenance

Updated

The Minchinbury Winery was established by Dr Charles McKay who purchased the Minchinbury Estate in 1859. Prior to this the property had been granted to William Minchin 1819 and held by his family for grazing after his death until sold to Charles Mackay. Mackay built the first Cellars on the property and commenced the vineyards and wine making in the area.

Mackay sold the Cellars and the vineyards to James Angus in 1885. Angus developed the winery and employed Leo Buring in 1902 as manager, a wine maker trained in Germany and France, then working in the Barossa Valley. Buring introduced the skills and techniques for the making of Champagne and established the first Australian Champagne "Minchinbury" Champagne at the site. Buring remained at the winery until his retirement.

The winery was purchased from the Angus family in 1913 by Penfolds who retained winemaking at the site until 1978 when the land was sold to the NSW government. Buring remained as manager through the Penfolds establishment years and later established Leo Buring wines later in his life.

Leo Buring established the avenue of 100 Olive trees to line the driveway from the Great Western Highway in 1812. The Olive oil was used as an important ingredient in the wine making process to prevent oxidation.

The avenue included an early reinforced concrete post and metal rail Gate and fence structure which has since deteriorated and mostly been removed. The early methods of reinforced concrete are also seen through the winery complex, and Leo Burings own house at Leonay (Heritage item under Penrith City Council). The original gates and posts have been replaced with a later c 1960's Penfolds wall and gates.

Historic Themes

Records Retrieved: 4

National Theme	State Theme	Local Theme
4. Settlement	Land tenure	Unknown
3. Economy	Technology	Unknown
3. Economy	Industry	Rural Industry
3. Economy	Agriculture	Farming activities

Recommended Management

Management Summary

Provide interpretive signage

Management

Records Retrieved: 0

Management Category	Management Name	Date Updated
No Results Found		

Report/Study

Heritage Studies

Records Retrieved: 3

Report/Study Name	Report/Study Code	Report/Study Type	Report/Study Year	Organisation	Author
In House Heritage Items Review			2009		Margaret Fallon
Blacktown Heritage Study			1995		(not stated)
Blacktown Heritage Study			1988		Jonathan Falk Planning Consultants in association with Rodney Jensen and Assoc.s

Reference & Internet Links

References

Records Retrieved: 4

Type	Author	Year	Title	Link
Written	City Plan Heritage	2010	Conservation and Management Plan - Minchinbury Winery	
Written	Integrated Design Associates	2009	Heritage Analysis - Leo Buring House Leonay	
Written	Form Architects	1995	Conservation Plan for Minchinbury Winery, Minchinbury	
Written				

Data Source

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