

Item Details

Name
Fairholme / St Agnes School

SHR/LEP/S170
LEP #

Address
24 Evans Road ROOTY HILL NSW 2766

Local Govt Area
Blacktown
Local Aboriginal Land Council
Unknown

Item Type	Group/Collection	Category
Built	Education	School - Private

All Addresses

Addresses

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Street No	Street Name	Suburb/Town/Postcode	Local Govt. Area	LALC	Parish	County	Electorate	Address Type
24	Evans Road	ROOTY HILL/NSW/2766	Blacktown	Unknown			Unknown	Primary Address

Significance

Statement Of Significance

Fairholme is historically significant as a rare remaining example of a Victorian country manner of a wealthy land owner, and indicates a historic grouping of homestead and service buildings.

Criteria a)

Historical Significance

The Property is of high local significance as the substantial early Victorian farm holding of the Evans family with a commanding presence and views over the Rooty Hill district.

Criteria b)

Historical Association Significance

The House has social significance in association with early significant settlers of the Rooty Hill district.

Criteria c)

Aesthetic/Technical Significance

The homestead and outbuildings are a highly informative grouping of an early Victorian farm manor, built to maximise views and a sense of presence within the neighbourhood. The buildings contain significant construction features, details and interiors that provide an understanding of the early Victorian aesthetic.

The building includes unusual details in the size and sculpting of the tapered timber verandah posts and the elegant symmetrical arrangement of the french doors to the verandah.

Criteria e)

Research Potential

The Fairholme Group is of high research potential including archaeological remains in and around the building group, as well as the revealing of older finishes and building layout arrangements in the less altered rear service wings.

Criteria g)

Representative

Fairholme is representative of the large farm estates of wealthy landowners in the Rooty hill district which were built to maximise the scenic qualities of the area including long range views to Sydney and to the Blue Mountains.

Integrity/Intactness

High

Owners

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Organisation	Stakeholder Category	Date Ownership Updated
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Description

Designer Builder/Maker

Physical Description

Updated

The remaining buildings from the original residential home use of Fairholme include the main homestead building, two small out buildings, service wings to the rear, a well, a pergola and cistern. There is some mention of an underground tunnel connecting the well and the cistern, but this has not been confirmed.

The main house and rear outbuildings are stone and brick construction with rendered walls. Original doors, windows, interiors and fireplaces remain.

The main house wing is a simple rectangular building with wrap around deep verandahs that would once have had a commanding view over the Rooty Hill district. The house features tapered timber columns on the verandah and elegant tall French doors from each room onto the verandah.

The property is now a school and a westerly two storey wing has been added to the homestead as part of the first school development in the 1960's. This was done in a style compatible with the homestead. Other school buildings are located to the east of the homestead.

The building is currently used for administration within the school.

Physical Condition

Updated 01/09/2013

Good

Modifications And Dates

c 1960's addition of the school wing. Subdivision of the block to accommodate a retirement village, construction of the school from 1960 onwards.

The front verandah was restored in 2009.

Pavillion over the cistern was removed in 2010.

Further Comments

Current Use

School Administration

Former Use

Residence

Listings

Listings

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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	I98	7/7/2015 12:00:00 AM	430	

Procedures/Exemptions

Records Retrieved: 0					
Section of Act	Description	Title	Comments	Action Date	Outcome
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History

Historical Notes or Provenance

Updated

TBC

Historic Themes

Records Retrieved: 1		
National Theme	State Theme	Local Theme
4. Settlement	Towns, suburbs and villages	Unknown

Recommended Management

Management Summary

A conservation and Management Plan should be prepared, that documents, the history and significance of the building and outbuildings.

Management

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Management Category	Management Name	Date Updated
No Results Found		

Report/Study

Heritage Studies

Records Retrieved: 1

Report/Study Name	Report/Study Code	Report/Study Type	Report/Study Year	Organisation	Author
In House Heritage Items Review			2009		Margaret Fallon

Reference & Internet Links

References

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Type	Author	Year	Title	Link
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