



LEGEND

- Heritage
- Highly Intact
- Contributory
- Neutral
- Adverse
- Not Ranked
- Dual Ranking
- Existing Boundary

X Ranking of 678 Military Rd altered from highly intact to adverse by Council Resolution 12/5/98 in response to submissions

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The historic significance of Military Road is that it formed part of the earliest residential and military development of Mosman. It is associated with the area as a major defence post in Sydney Harbour. The road influenced the growth of the suburb because it was, and still is, the major traffic route to and from the area. It became the centre of retail and commercial activity in the suburb.

In aesthetic terms the commercial and retail area of Military Road is a marvellous microcosm of the range of architecture to be found in Mosman, distinctively combining retail and residential uses in a unified, lively and diverse linear and curvilinear streetscape. Its scale is pleasantly moderate and the variety of forms materials, textures and colours is full of interest. The successful integration of some facades of later and very recent vintage, as can be seen here, indicates that good design is an ageless quality. The 'village' atmosphere prevails despite some unhappy incursions. Several impressive buildings elevate the generally good aesthetic quality of the Conservation Area to a high level of value. The social significance of the area lies first in the fact that here can be seen a great many of Mosman's municipal, commercial and principal educational institutions, as well as a stretch of residential development. It is associated with prominent developers who erected speculative ensembles of shops, dwellings and commercial occupancies, and with the sequences of tenants in retail, trade and commerce activities many of them well-known identities past and present in Mosman. (Source: Mosman Heritage Review, 1996, prepared by Godden Mackay Heritage Consultants)

The sandstone walls, kerbs, fences and features are key elements of the character of the Mosman Council area. They collectively contribute to the heritage and urban values of their settings. While not all features are of equal heritage value, it is the range and collective value that is most important in retaining the character of the area.

Heritage fences are a very important streetscape element of the conservation area. Fences vary in style and material and include stone fences, stone and iron fences, timber fences or timber and metal fences. In a number of locations fences are a continuous feature across a number of properties reflecting a common design and construction, in other areas the use of a material such as stone links a range of properties. (Source: Mosman Heritage Review, January 2007, prepared by Paul Davies Pty Ltd)



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MILITARY ROAD CONSERVATION
AREA RANKING MAP
AS RECOMMENDED IN THE
MOSMAN HERITAGE REVIEW
REPORT