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Updated names note

Some item names have been updated to reflect information uncovered while finalising inventories or for consistency with other item naming conventions. They do not alter the affected land, as described in the planning proposal.

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Heritage items	Former name (2014)	Updates (2015)	Updated name (2015)	Notes on updates
Alexandria				
33A Bourke Road (and 6 Euston Road)	Sydney Water sewer pipeline		Sydney Water sewer pipeline	No change
See map for location	Doody Street stormwater channel		Doody Street stormwater channel	No change
See map for location	Macdonaldtown stormwater channel		Macdonaldtown stormwater channel	No change
See map for location	Shea's Creek stormwater channel		Shea's Creek stormwater channel	No change
2-6 Birmingham Street	Former Walter Barr Pty Ltd factory including interiors		Former Walter Barr Pty Ltd factory including interiors	No change
22-30 Birmingham Street	Former Sil-Ora Dental Products factory including interiors		Former Sil-Ora Dental Products factory including interiors	No change
27 Birmingham Street	Electricity Substation No. 375 including interiors		Electricity Substation No. 375 including interiors	No change
29-33 Birmingham Street	Former H.G. Whittle & Sons warehouse including interiors	Former H.G. Whittle & Sons warehouse <u>factory</u> including interiors	Former H. G. Whittle & Sons factory including interiors	Name changed to primary historic use
602-612 Botany Road (and 27-31 Ralph Street)	Former Coote and Jorgenson Engineers warehouses including interiors	Former Coote and <u>Jorge</u> nson Engineers warehou <u>ses factory</u> including interiors	Former Coote & Jorgenson Engineers factory including interiors	Name changed to primary historic use and formatted consistently with others
684 Botany Road	Inter-war service station including interiors	Inter-war <u>Former White Way</u> service station including interiors	Former White Way service station including interiors	Name changed to include historic name and add 'former' for past use

47-49 Bourke Road	Q Store including interiors	<u>Former</u> Q Store including interiors	Former Q Store including interiors	Name changed to add 'former' for past use
138-196 Bourke Road	Former Commonwealth Industrial Gases warehouse & stores building including interiors	Former Commonwealth Industrial Gases warehouse & stores <u>building oxygen factory and demonstration block</u> including interiors	Former Commonwealth Industrial Gases oxygen factory and demonstration block including interiors	Name changed to primary historic use for identified buildings
16 Euston Road	Electricity Substation No. 117 including interiors		Electricity Substation No. 117 including interiors	No change
40A-42 Maddox Street (and 58-68 Euston Road)	Former Alexandria Spinning Mills including interiors		Former Alexandria Spinning Mills including interiors	No change
1-3 Mandible Street	Former Standard Telephones & Cables industrial building including interiors		Former Standard Telephones & Cables industrial building including interiors	No change
30 Mandible Street	Former Lempriere & Co office building including interiors		Former Lempriere & Co office building including interiors	No change
124 McEvoy Street	Former Electricity Substation No. 152 including interiors		Former Electricity Substation No. 152 including interiors	No change
52-54 O'Riordan Street	Former National Motor Springs igloo building including interiors		Former National Motor Springs igloo building including interiors	No change
82 O'Riordan Street	Electricity Substation No. 225 including interiors		Electricity Substation No. 225 including interiors	No change
38 Ralph Street	Former Wilson Bros Willow Kitchenware Co. warehouse and factory including interiors	Former Wilson Bros Willow Kitchenware Co. warehouse and <u>Ware</u> factory including interiors	Former Wilson Bros Willow Ware factory including interiors	Name changed to primary historic name and use
212-214 Wyndham Street	Former Electric Light Substation No. 89 including interiors		Former Electric Light Substation No. 89 including interiors	No change
Annandale				

1B Booth Street	Sewage Pumping Station No. 3 including interiors		Sewage Pumping Station No. 3 including interiors	No change
Camperdown				
6-10 Mallett Street	Former Grace Bros Repository including interiors		Former Grace Bros Repository including interiors	No change
64-106 Mallett Street	Former Bonds Industries complex including interiors, Substation No. 181, Chesty Bond Mural and former commercial building façade for "Bonds Cafeteria" at 97-88 Church Street	Former Bonds Industries complex including interiors, Substation No. 181, Chesty Bond Mural and former commercial building façade for "Bonds Cafeteria" at 97- 88 99 Church Street	Former Bonds Industries complex including interiors, Substation No. 181, Chesty Bond Mural and former commercial building façade for "Bonds Cafeteria" at 97-99 Church Street	Correction to match existing schedule 5 item name for the cafeteria
Darlington				
2-10 Golden Grove Street	Former Jones IXL factory garage including interiors		Former Jones IXL factory garage including interiors	No change
181 Lawson Street	The Foundry including interiors	The Foundry <u>Former McMurtrie, Kellermann & Co factory</u> including interiors	Former McMurtrie, Kellermann & Co factory including interiors	Name changed to primary historic name and use
Erskineville				
7-19 Coulson Street	H. Brightwell & Sons Pty Ltd. south-east warehouse building including interiors	H. Brightwell & Sons Pty Ltd. <u>Bakewell Brothers</u> south-east warehouse building including interiors	Former Bakewell Brothers south-east warehouse building including interiors	Name changed to primary historic name
127 Railway Parade	Former Gramophone Coy Ltd factory chimney stack	Former Gramophone Coy Ltd factory chimney stack	Former factory chimney stack	Name changed to remove company because chimney does not have one primary historic company name
18-20 Victoria Street	Former shoes and boot factory including interiors	Former shoes and boot Cleveland Shoe Company factory including interiors	Former Cleveland Shoe Company factory including interiors	Name changed to primary historic name
Forest Lodge				

19 Ross Street	Electricity Substation No. 267 including interiors		Electricity Substation No. 267 including interiors	No change
Glebe				
113 Mitchell Street	Former Volunteer Brigades fire station including interiors	Former <u>Glebe Volunteer Brigade</u> fire station <u>Fire Station</u> including interiors	Former Glebe Volunteer Fire Station including interiors	Name changed to primary historic name
Newtown				
10-12 Egan Street	Former Sydney Confectionery Company factory including interiors		Former Sydney Confectionery Company factory including interiors	No change
197-207 Wilson Street	Former Gissing Bros warehouse including interiors	Former <u>F. W. Gissing Bros</u> warehouse <u>factory</u> including interiors	Former F. W. Gissing factory including interiors	Name changes to primary historic name and use
Redfern				
53-63 Great Buckingham Street (and 611-619 Elizabeth Street)	Former Hordern & Sons warehouse including interiors	Former <u>A. Hordern & Sons</u> warehouse <u>factory complex</u> including interiors	Former A. Hordern & Sons factory complex including interiors	Name changed to primary historic name and typology:
99 Renwick Street	Electricity Substation No.112 including interiors		Electricity Substation No.112 including interiors	No change
Rosebery				
6-8 Crewe Place	Former Wrigley's factory	Former Wrigley's factory <u>including interiors</u>	Former Wrigley's factory including interiors	Name changed to clarify includes interiors as with others
85-113 Dunning Avenue	Former Rosella Preserving Manufacturing Co. buildings including interiors	Former Rosella Preserving <u>and</u> Manufacturing Co. buildings <u>factory</u> including interiors	Rosella Preserving and Manufacturing Co. factory including interiors	Name changed to primary historic name and use
88 Dunning Avenue	Electricity Substation No.192 including interiors		Electricity Substation No.192 including interiors	
115-133 Dunning Avenue	Former Commonwealth Weaving Mills including interiors	Former Commonwealth Weaving Mills <u>and Frederick Rose</u> factory including interiors	Former Commonwealth Weaving Mills and Frederick Rose factory including interiors	Name changed to include historic name of second factory

120 Dunning Avenue	Former Otis Elevator Co. Pty Ltd warehouse including interiors	Former Otis Elevator Co. Pty Ltd warehouse including interiors	Former Otis Elevator Co. factory including interiors	Name changed to primary historic name and use
135-151 Dunning Avenue	Former Westinghouse warehouse buildings including interiors	Former Westinghouse warehouse <u>buildings factory</u> including interiors	Former Westinghouse factory including interiors	Name changed to primary historic use
142 Dunning Avenue	Electricity Substation No. 128 including interiors		Electricity Substation No. 128 including interiors	No change
1-11 Hayes Road	Former R.C. Henderson Ltd warehouse including interiors	Former R.C. Henderson Ltd warehouse <u>factory</u> including interiors	Former R. C. Henderson Ltd factory including interiors	Name changed to primary historic use
61-71 Mentmore Avenue (and 34 Morley Avenue)	Former Cyclone Co. of Australia factory including interiors	Former Cyclone <u>Fence and Gate</u> Co. of Australia factory including interiors	Former Cyclone Fence and Gate Co factory including interiors	Name changed to primary historic name
Surry Hills				
268-274 Devonshire Street	Former Hill & Co warehouse including interiors	Former <u>Edward</u> Hill & Co warehouse <u>factory</u> including interiors	Former Edward Hill & Co factory including interiors	Name changed to primary historic name and use: Former Edward Hill & Co factory
470-484 Elizabeth Street	Former W. C. Penfold Co. Ltd. warehouse including interiors	Former W. C. Penfold & Co. Ltd. <u>warehouse factory</u> including interiors	Former W. C. Penfold & Co factory including interiors	Name changed to primary historic name and use
5 Fitzroy Place	Electricity Substation No. 229 including interiors		Electricity Substation No. 229 including interiors	No change
1-15 Foveaux Street	Former Farleigh Nettheim & Co Ltd warehouse including interiors		Former Farleigh Nettheim & Co Ltd warehouse including interiors	No change
47-97 Marlborough Street	Former David Jones factory including interiors		Former David Jones factory including interiors	No change
13-15 Marshall Street	Former Allington Stoveworks warehouse including interiors	Former Allington Stoveworks warehouse <u>factory</u> including interiors	Former Allington Stoveworks factory including interiors	Name changed to primary historic use
11-13 Randle Street	Former R.C. Henderson Ltd warehouse including interiors	Former R.C. Henderson Ltd warehouse <u>factory</u> including interiors	Former R. C. Henderson Ltd factory including interiors	Name changed to primary historic use

4-34 Wentworth Avenue	Group of warehouses including interiors	Group of warehouses <u>Former warehouse group</u> including interiors	Former warehouse group including interiors	Name changed to add 'former' for past use and re- order words
Sydney				
115 Clarence Street	Former Noyes Brothers Ltd warehouse including interiors	Former Noyes Brothers <u>Ltd Bros</u> warehouse including interiors	Former Noyes Bros warehouse including interiors	Name changed to primary historic name
185 Clarence Street	Former McLaughlin & Co Pty Ltd warehouse including interiors	Former McLaughlin & Co Pty <u>Ltd Shelley</u> warehouse including interiors	Former Shelley warehouse including interiors	Name changed to primary historic use
193-195 Clarence Street	Shorter House store & offices including interiors	Shorter House store & offices including interiors	Shorter House including interiors	Name simplified
123-129 Clarence Street (and 252-258 Kent Street)	Former Edwards Dunlop & Co warehouses including interiors		Former Edwards Dunlop & Co warehouses including interiors	No change
426-430 Kent Street	Clarence Kent House warehouse	Former Clarence Kent <u>Grace</u> House warehouse including interiors	Former Grace House warehouse including interiors	Name changed to primary historic name
Ultimo				
10-16 Bay Street	Part Bay Street Depot including interiors		Part Bay Street Depot including interiors	No change
Waterloo				
723 Elizabeth Street	Former William Brooks industrial building including interiors	Former William Brooks industrial building factory including interiors	Former William Brooks factory including interiors	Name changed to primary historic use
378 George Street	Electricity Substation No. 75 including interiors	Electricity <u>Light</u> Substation No. 75 including interiors	Electricity Substation No. 75 including interiors	Name changed to primary historic name
23 Lachlan Street	Former Electricity Substation No. 109 including interiors		Former Electricity Substation No. 109 including interiors	No change
Zetland				

146-158 Joynton Avenue	Former Joseph Lucas industrial building including interiors	Former Joseph Lucas industrial building showroom, <u>workshop and office</u> including interiors	Former Joseph Lucas showroom, workshop and office including interiors	Name changes to primary historic uses
Conservation area name (2014)			Updated name (2015)	Notes on updates
Alexandria				
North Alexandria industrial heritage conservation area			North Alexandria industrial heritage conservation area	No change
Alexandria & Beaconsfield				
William Street industrial heritage conservation area			William Street industrial heritage conservation area	No change

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Item name: North Alexandria industrial heritage conservation area

Location: Multiple (refer to map) Alexandria 2015

Sydney

Address: Multiple (refer to map)

Planning: Sydney South

Suburb/nearest town: Alexandria 2015

Local govt area: Sydney

Parish: Alexandria

State: NSW

County: Cumberland

Other/former names: Bentex Weaving Mills, Mail Exchange, Industrial Welding, Gibson Battle, Continental Cabinet, Chapman & Edwards, East B

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Eora

Curtilage/boundary: As described in Sydney Local Environmental Plan

Item type: Complex / Group

Group: Manufacturing and Processing

Category: Other - Manufacturing & Processing

Owner: Multiple Owners

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Industrial, commercial

Former uses: Factory, foundry, workshop, mill

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

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Sydney

Statement of significance: Containing factories, foundries, workshops and mills from the 1910s to the 1960s, the North Alexandria industrial conservation area represents the inter-war and post-war industrial development of Alexandria from the peak period of Australia's industrialisation during the twentieth century. The concentration of industrial buildings in this area demonstrates the growth of Australian manufacturing during the inter-war and post-war periods. The buildings are historically significant as evidence of the formerly widespread textiles, metals and engineering industries in Alexandria, and the growth of these industries associated with the demands of World War II and new technology of the twentieth century. The buildings demonstrate the mix of smaller-scale factories in Alexandria and how industrial development from this period was particularly concentrated along the stormwater channels.

The area has associations with the twentieth-century development of a number of industries including the Bentex Weaving Mills, Mail Exchange, Industrial Welding, Gibson Battle, Continental Cabinet, Chapman & Edwards, East Bros, Replicast Products and Quality Patterns.

Aesthetically, the area represents a good example of a cohesive group of smaller-scale factories from the inter-war and post-war periods. The simple geometric building forms, heavy masonry construction, stepped parapet walls and the multi-paned timber or steel windows found in this area demonstrate typical architectural features of the inter-war and post-war periods. The restrained building design and ornamentation reflects the materials and labour shortages during and following World War II.

The construction of the buildings represent early to mid-twentieth century industrial building techniques, employing repeated modular forms and steel and timber structures to cover large spans, and sawtooth roofs with side lantern windows to light large internal spaces. Vehicular openings integrated into the facades, generally from the rear lane, indicate how many of these buildings were constructed during a period when motorised vehicles became more widespread, and both an integral part and product of manufacturing.

The buildings in this area make important contributions to the streetscapes of three roads and three rear lanes. The streetscapes of both roads and lanes have a distinct character derived from the consistent period of the buildings, the dominant brick materials and sawtooth roofs profiles and stepped parapets repeated along the street. The predominant single or two-storey scale of high-roofed factories, modular building forms, robust materials and continuous street walls formed by buildings constructed to the street and side boundaries, add to the unity and industrial character of the streets.

Buildings constructed along the edge of Shea's Creek stormwater channel and the alignment of streets with this channel reflects the historical connection between the development of this precinct and the 1903 construction of the channel. The small allotments and planning of the street incorporating rear lanes demonstrates an earlier form of subdivision pattern for residential housing when privy lanes were needed, developed as an industrial precinct. While contributing to the character of the wide main streets, mature street tree plantings demonstrate later additions to the area.

Some later buildings or alterations have been introduced into the area and buildings converted to new or non-industrial uses. However, the area overall is remarkable for its surviving degree of integrity, with few significant alterations from its original 1920s-1960s construction.

The North Alexandria industrial area forms part of one of the largest known collections of industrial and warehouse buildings of its kind in Australia, which records City of Sydney's past as one of only two historic industrial heartlands in Australia. This collection of buildings provides evidence of Australia's twentieth century transformation through industrialisation when Sydney became one of the largest industrialised cities in the South Pacific.

The area is of local heritage significance in terms of its historical, aesthetic and representative values.

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Sydney

Historical notes of provenance: Early development of the locality:

This site forms part of the land of the Gadigal people, the traditional custodians of land within the City of Sydney council boundaries. For information about the Aboriginal history of the local area see the City's Barani website: <http://www.sydneybarani.com.au/>

The suburb of Alexandria was once part of a vast sand dune system covered by heath, low scrub, creeks and freshwater wetlands that dominated the landscape of the southern suburbs of Sydney. It provided a habitat for a range of fauna such as birds, fish and eels, and was a good food source for the Gadigal, the local Aboriginal people.

The land that today incorporates the areas of Alexandria, Waterloo, Zetland and Rosebery was originally one large estate. Originally granted to former convict and public servant William Hutchinson in 1823, the estate, its buildings and water mill, were then sold to Daniel Cooper and Solomon Levy in 1825 before Cooper became its sole owner in 1833.

For a large part of the nineteenth century, the area was semi-rural low-lying land with swamps. The principal activities were market gardening, dairying and wool-washing. A number of dams were built in this area, including the Little Waterloo Dam, the Big Waterloo Dam and the Upper Dam, as shown on 1885-1890 Higinbotham and Robinson maps of Alexandria and Waterloo.

Waterloo Council was formed in 1860. The municipality of Alexandria was separated from Waterloo and became the Borough of Alexandria in 1868. The area was connected to the city through a network of trams extending along Botany Road and Elizabeth Street. The land of the Cooper Estate was progressively subdivided into small acreages and sold for residential purposes in 1872 and 1884 with the final sale taking place in 1914. The release of the Cooper Estate opened up large tracts of land for industrial uses at a time when surrounding areas had become more densely populated. This resulted in the relocation of many industrial establishments from Redfern and Surry Hills to the Alexandria and Waterloo area.

This intensive period of industrial development increased land value in the area and forced out all but a few of the remaining market gardeners. Fellmongering, tanning and wool-washing industries were typical of Alexandria. The wetlands of the area offered ideal features for these industries which needed to be located close to a plentiful water supply.

By 1943 an Alexandria Council celebratory publication claimed that Alexandria was the largest industrial municipality in Australia, proudly proclaiming that 'an area of 1,024 acres has been crowded not less than 550 factories' (Alexandria Municipal Council 1943, p78). Secondary industries declined in the area from the 1970s as industry expanded to the outer suburbs.

Industrial history:

As one of only two major centres for historic Australian industry during the period when industry was centred in cities, Sydney's industrial development is part of the national history of industrialisation. Australia's industrialisation formed part of the 'second industrial revolution' which began during the mid-nineteenth century. This second revolution was driven by major technological innovations including the invention of the internal combustion engine and the assembly line, development of electricity, the construction of canals, railways and electric-power lines.

Sydney's twentieth century industrial development records when and how Sydney became one of the largest industrialised cities in the South Pacific and the diversification of Australia's economy beyond primary industry. Together with Melbourne, Sydney's twentieth century industrial boom expanded Australia's economy from the 'sheep's back' to the 'industry stack' or from primary production to manufacturing. By 1947 more Australians were working in city industries than in farms or mines.

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Sydney

Sydney's industrial development not only impacted on the national economy. Twentieth-century industry in Sydney also played a major role in developing Australia's self-sufficiency, growth, urbanisation, society and its contribution to the war effort for World War II. Sydney's industrial development has affected the lives of many Australians directly and indirectly, whether through the number of workers employed, goods and technology produced, the prosperity it engendered, or the social change and urban environments it generated.

Early history of area:

In the nineteenth century, the land of the conservation area initially contained or was located near the Quatre-Bras wool-scouring works and a tannery along the banks of Shea's Creek. At this time, the land was flat and swampy and largely undeveloped, intersected by the creek.

In an 1885 map, the dam for Quatre-Bras, a tram terminus south of the former creek and a tannery to the west of the subject area were the only recorded nearby development. The wool-scouring works, operated by local wool broker and manufacturer, Octavius Bayliffe Ebsworth, scoured fleeces and prepared wool for making cloth and white yarns at Ebsworth's tweed factory in the city. (City of Sydney, *The Streets of Green Square*, The past shapes the future, nd)

The tannery, owned by John Walsh and later Henry McNamara, was burnt down by a severe fire in 1896 (The Chronicle, Saturday 11 April 1896, p.23).

When the formerly swampy land was drained and the creek replaced with the 1903 extension of Shea's Creek stormwater channel, the subject land to the north of the channel was redeveloped. Following the demolition of the Quatre-Bras wool-scouring works, the land was initially developed for housing.

West of McCauley Street originally comprised one large land parcel of 6 acres 3 roods owned by the Redfern timber merchants, Hudson Brothers. George Hudson and Sons were major producers of prefabricated cottages at their Redfern factory.

By 1915, the land between McCauley Street and Stokes Avenue was occupied by a substantial estate of rental cottages (DP 8236). The weatherboard cottages would have been produced at Hudson Brothers' Redfern factory (Valuer-General, Valuation Cards, Alexandria, SRNSW 13/7449, Stokes Ave, McCauley St, McEvoy St). The weatherboard cottages constructed on Hudson's land were later sold (DP 11167).

Industrial development of area:

From the late 1910s-1920s, earlier housing in this area was progressively replaced by small and medium-scale industry. A concentration of single and two-storey industrial buildings were constructed on the pocket of land between McEvoy Street, Wyndham Street and the Shea's Creek stormwater channel primarily during the inter-war and post-war years. Hiles Street and part of McCauley Street contained the earlier industrial development, followed by the streets to the west including the west side of McCauley Street, Stokes Avenue and Balaclava Lane. Hiles Street contained the larger industrial buildings.

The factories, foundries, workshops and mills in this area made a wide range of goods or services. Textiles, metal-works, motor car and engineering industries were the most common. These reflected major industries of the inter-war and post-war periods in Sydney for supplying the Australian military for World War II and making and repairing the new technology and electrical appliances of the twentieth century, particularly the motor car. Types of metal industries included sheet metal, steel, iron and brass works and welding. Other industries established in the area managed mail and made furniture, soap and oils, confectionary, golf clubs, shoes, bottles and tins, refined oil, boilers, radiators, horse collars, building supplies, tools, paper and printing.

Two of the streets in this area were named after prominent people. Hiles was an early pioneer and McCauley was the mayor of Alexandria from 1906 to 1911. Balaclava Lane was named after the famous battle of the Crimean War in 1854. Stokes Avenue, which was subdivided in 1922, was originally named New Street.

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Sydney

While the land west of McCauley remained a residential estate by the 1910s, the land east of McCauley Street was subdivided into small allotments under Old System Title, and transferred to a mix of owners.

By 1921, valuation cards show that a number of small industrial buildings had been constructed on this land. Hiles Street contained the City Motor Body Works. McCauley Street contained Gibson Battle engineers (Valuation Cards, Alexandria, SRNSW 13/7447, Hiles & McCauley Streets).

Gibson Battle was founded in 1883 and were a major importer of agricultural and mining equipment. Their head office was in the city at 535 Kent Street, with their workshop in this location in Alexandria. They also had an iron foundry in Waterloo. (Powerhouse Museum of Australia, <http://from.ph/141204>, accessed 5 March 2015)

By 1932, the eastern side of Hiles Street also contained the Continental Cabinet Co furniture manufacturers and Orr & Johnston Ltd stables. The eastern side of McCauley Street was occupied by Walter Chapman, sheet metal workers, W Boberg & Sons, builders, and Gibson Battle & Co, engineers.

Stokes Avenue still remained residential at this time (Sands, Directory, 1932-3, p 132-4).

By 1936, industrial redevelopment of the formerly residential land accelerated. A number of industries were recorded on Hiles and McCauley Streets in the 1936 Wise Directory including:

On Hiles Street:

Automatic Engineering Co Ltd, Hiles St, mechanical engineers
Bentex Weaving Mills Ltd, Hiles St, weavers
Brogan & Treacy, Hiles St, brass finishers and founders
Crystal Sweets Co, 4 Hiles St, wholesale confectioners
Invicta Iron Foundry, Hiles St, iron founders

On McCauley Street:

Chapman and Edwards, McCauley Street, oxygen and oxy-acetylene welding
Chapman and Edwards, McCauley Street, sheet metal workers
Walter Chapman, McCauley Street, oxygen and oxy-acetylene welding
Walter Chapman, McCauley Street, radiator manufacturers
W Chapman, McCauley Street, sheet metal workers
East Brothers Ltd, 52 McCauley Street, sporting material manufacturers
Gibson Battle & Co Ltd, McCauley Street, mechanical engineers
Edgar O Harris, 54 McCauley Street, nail punch manufacturers
William Boberg & Son, McCauley Street, builders

(Wise, directory, 1936, p 162-5)

In 1941, an application was submitted to rebuild the factory at No. 4 Hiles (Planning street cards 1929-1994, Hiles Street).

The 1945 Workplace survey records the number of manufacturers in the area by this time, and the size of their workforce, including:

On Hiles Street:

Bentex Weaving Mills Pty Ltd, Hiles St, Textile Mfrs, 125 employees
Recon. Process Lubricants, Hiles St, Oil refining, 9 employees
Crystal Sweets Co Pty Ltd, 4 Hiles St, Confectionery, 15 employees
Industrial Welding Co, 9 Hiles St, Elec welding & boilermaking, 6 employees
A E Sindel, 11 Hiles St, Horse collars, 4 employees
J P Talty, 11 Hiles St, Horse collars, 6 employees

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East Bros Pty Ltd, 35 Hiles St, Cutlery, 26 employees
F Shields, 35 Hiles St, Eng repairs, 6 employees

On McCauley Street:

Australian Essential Oils Ltd, 42-44 McCauley Street, Bottles and tins, 8 employees

(Workplace survey, Alexandria, SRNSW 7/6847)

The 1943 and 1949 aerial photographs record a large number of factory buildings on both sides of Hiles Street and on the east side of McCauley Street, as well as remnant housing (1943 aerial photo, SIX, LPI; 1949 aerial photo, City of Sydney).

By 1951, McCauley Street had only one industrial company recorded on its western side, P W Methven Pty Ltd. On the eastern side, the industrial companies included:

J Baffsky, atomiser manufacturer
Aucher Pty Ltd, electrical engineers
Australian Essential Oils Ltd, soap manufacturers
Quality Patterns, pattern makers
East Bros, golf club manufacturers
S L Dash Pty Ltd, toolmakers
Chapman and Edwards Pty Ltd, ventilating engineers
W Chapman, sheet metal workers

(Civic Survey Sheet, 1951, sheet Zetland)

By 1951, Hiles Street contained two of the largest factories in the area including the Industrial Welding Co Pty Ltd, electrical & oxy welders, on the west side, and Bentex Weaving Mills Pty Ltd, textile manufacturers, occupying most of eastern Hiles Street. Both of these large industrial sites are recorded in the 1951 Civic Survey Sheet as one-two storeys.

In 1953, three new factories were constructed on McCauley Street; one for electroplating and jewellery, one for unspecified uses worth 4,000 pounds and the third for knitting (Planning street cards 1929-1994, McCauley Street).

By 1956, McCauley Street contained Replicast Products, precision casting and jewellery manufacturers, as the only recorded industry on its western side. Industries located on the eastern side included:

The Economical Manufacturers, Aucher Pty Ltd
Australian Essential Oils Ltd
Quality Patterns
S L Dash Pty Ltd (noted in the planning street cards as toolmakers)
Chapman and Edwards Pty Ltd
W Chapman Pty Ltd

(Building Surveyor's Sheet, 1956, sheet 19 & 20)

Hiles Street industry by 1956 still included the Industrial Welding Co Pty Ltd located on the western side and President Consolidated Ltd, the former Bentex mills, on the eastern side (Building Surveyor's Sheet, 1956, sheet 19 & 20). From approximately 1956, industry on this street included a major mail sorting plant for the Post Master General (Planning street cards 1929-1994, Hiles Street).

In 1956, two new industrial buildings were constructed on Macauley Lane storage, including storing of scrap metal. In 1959, a two-storey shoe factory was constructed at No. 27 McCauley Street (Planning street cards

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1929-1994, McCauley Lane).

A new building for boiler-making was constructed on Hiles Street on the Industrial Welding Co site at No. 7-25. Further works for manufacturing steel were subsequently proposed for this site in 1969 valued at 30,000 pounds (Planning street cards 1929-1994, Hiles Street).

From the late 1950s and during the 1960s, Stokes Avenue was developed with industrial buildings for uses such as panel beating, motor vehicle repairs, storage, the printing trade and machinery manufacturing (Planning street cards 1929-1994, Stokes Avenue).

During the 1960s, a number of new factories were constructed on McCauley Street. In 1960, a two-storey brick building was built for commercial printing and carton manufacturing. In 1961, three further factories were built on the street with works valued at 9,000 pounds, 23,000 pounds (at No. 21-25) and 2,200 pounds (at No. 46-48). The next year, a factory was constructed at No. 1-3 for sensitized photographic paper, and a factory for appliances. Shoe manufacturing factories were built on the street in 1961 and 1963. In 1965 another new factory was built on the street at an estimated cost of 10,000 pounds (Planning street cards 1929-1994, McCauley Street).

Later developments demolished some earlier industrial buildings located outside this conservation area, including the 1954 blacksmiths shop at 27-29 Hiles Street and a second East Bros golf clubs and cutlery factory at 37-43 Hiles Street. These combined sites of 27-43 Hiles Street were redeveloped in 1984 (Planning street cards 1929-1994, Hiles Street).

Themes: National theme

3. Economy

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5. Working

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State theme

Commerce

Industry

Towns, suburbs and villages

Industry

Labour

Accommodation

Local theme

Activities relating to buying, se

Factories

Early Twentieth Century Street

Activities associated with the n

Manufacturing workforce

Residential

Designer: Various

Builder: Various

Year started: 1919

Year completed: 1970

Circa: Yes

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Physical description: The area is located in the section of land between the junction of the main roads of McEvoy Street and Wyndham Street and Sheas Creek to the south-east. The area comprises three streets and three lanes laid out in a grid pattern, perpendicular to the Sheas Creek stormwater channel. Streets include Hiles Street and Lane, McCauley Street and Lane, the eastern side of Stokes Street, and Balaclava and the connected unnamed lane to the rear of McEvoy Street. The buildings in the area make an important contribution to all of these streetscapes, as well as the stormwater channel.

The buildings within this area were mostly constructed from the 1910s to the 1960s as factories, mills or workshops during the inter-war and post-war periods.

The earlier constructed buildings are located on Hiles Street and eastern McCauley Street and the associated rear lanes, with later buildings on western McCauley Street and Stokes Avenue and the associated rear lanes.

The buildings in this area are uniformly single or two-storeys with the high floor-to-ceiling heights typical of factories. Buildings are predominantly constructed with load-bearing brick walls, exposed steel or timber structural frames and sawtooth roofs with ridgelines oriented perpendicular to the street. Some sawtooth roofs are expressed in profile on the street frontage and others are concealed behind stepped parapet walls.

Buildings are constructed to the full extent of the land parcels with no setbacks from the streets, lanes or side boundaries. Facades consequently form continuous street walls with stepped parapet walls, interrupted only by regularly-placed windows on both street frontages, and vehicular openings generally along the laneways. Windows are commonly timber or steel-framed and multi-paned. Inter-war windows are vertically proportioned. Later post-war steel windows have a horizontal emphasis.

Buildings designs are typically simple and robust, reflecting the modular building forms, with heavy geometric massing and restrained ornament limited to the brickwork and parapet wall, as is typical for industrial buildings of the inter-war and post-war periods.

Some later buildings have been introduced into the area, some window openings changed, and buildings have been converted to new or non-industrial uses. However, the area overall has a high degree of surviving integrity, with a distinctively industrial character and few significant alterations from its original 1910s-1960s construction.

Category: Precinct. Period: Inter-war and post-war. Storeys: One or two. Construction: Brick walls, steel or timber structure and corrugated metal or fibro roof cladding. Windows: Steel or timber multi-paned. Roofs: Sawtooth, some partly concealed by parapet walls.

Physical condition level: Fair

Physical condition: Some buildings are in good condition. Building condition in the area is generally fair.

Archaeological potential level: Not assessed

Archaeological potential Detail: Some archaeological potential exists in particular around the creek areas as well as along the western side of McCauley Street where residential development was replaced with the industrial development in the 1950s.

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Modification dates: Timeline of known dates for changes to the area:

1903

The Shea's Creek stormwater channel was extended from Botany Road to the Quatre-Bras wool-scouring works at what is now Bourke Road near Wyndham Street

1915

The eastern most part of Hudson Brothers land was subdivided as DP 8236

1921

Valuation cards show a number of small industrial enterprises in Hiles Street, including the City Motor Body Works, and Gibson Battle, engineers, in McCauley Street

1922

The land with cottages facing Stokes Avenue was subdivided

1945

Workplace survey listing provides detail of occupiers

1951

Civic Survey Sheet provides detail of occupiers

1956

Building Surveyor's Sheet provides detail of occupiers

Recommended management: Maintain the integrity of the area, including its subdivision pattern, 1910s-1960s buildings, streetscapes and laneways.

A Heritage Assessment and Heritage Impact Statement should be prepared when works are proposed, excluding minor works.

Retain and enhance the relationship of the area and its buildings to the Sheas Creek stormwater channel.

Maintain the sawtooth roofs, architectural detailing of facades, stepped parapets, brick finishes and timber and steel windows of buildings in the area.

Do not paint or render unpainted brick walls. Where possible, remove paint of formerly exposed brick walls.

New development should maintain and reinforce the industrial character and historic pattern of industrial development in the area, such as the brick materials, building setbacks and stepped parapet or sawtooth roof skylines.

Ensure new uses for buildings in the area that will re-use and expose their industrial construction features to retain their former industrial character as an integral part of the new use.

Management: **Management category**
Statutory Instrument

Management name
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further comments: Heritage Inventory sheets are often not comprehensive, and should be regarded as a general guide only. Inventory sheets are based on information available, and often do not include the social history of sites and buildings. Inventory sheets are constantly updated by the City as further information becomes available. An inventory sheet with little information may simply indicate that there has been no building work done to the item recently: it does not mean that items are not significant. Further research is always recommended as part of preparation of development proposals for heritage items, and is necessary in preparation of Heritage Impact Assessments and Conservation Management Plans, so that the significance of heritage items can be fully assessed prior to submitting development applications.

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Criteria a): Containing factories, foundries, workshops and mills from the 1920s to the 1960s, the North Alexandria industrial conservation area represents the inter-war and post-war industrial development of Alexandria from the peak period of Australia's industrialisation during the twentieth century. The concentration of industrial buildings in this area demonstrates the growth of Australian manufacturing during the inter-war and post-war periods. The buildings are historically significant as evidence of the formerly widespread textiles, metals and engineering industries in Alexandria, and the growth of these industries associated with the demands of World War II and new technology of the twentieth century. The buildings demonstrate the mix of smaller-scale factories in Alexandria and how industrial development from this period was particularly concentrated along the Shea's Creek stormwater channel.

[Historical significance]

The North Alexandria industrial area forms part of one of the largest known collections of industrial and warehouse buildings of its kind in Australia, which records City of Sydney's past as one of only two historic industrial heartlands in Australia. This collection of buildings provides evidence of Australia's twentieth century transformation through industrialisation when Sydney became one of the largest industrialised cities in the South Pacific.

Criteria b): The area has associations with the twentieth-century development of a number of industries including the Bentex Weaving Mills, Mail Exchange, Industrial Welding, Gibson Battle, Continental Cabinet, Chapman & Edwards, East Bros, Replicast Products and Quality Patterns.

[Historical association significance]

Criteria c): The area represents a good example of a cohesive group of smaller-scale factories from the inter-war and post-war periods. The simple geometric building forms, heavy masonry construction, stepped parapet walls and the multi-paned timber or steel windows found in this area demonstrate typical architectural features of the inter-war and post-war periods. The restrained building design and ornamentation reflects the materials and labour shortages during and following World War II.

[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

The construction of the buildings represent early to mid-twentieth century industrial building techniques, employing repeated modular forms and steel and timber structures to cover large spans, and sawtooth roofs with side lantern windows to light large internal spaces. Vehicular openings integrated into the facades, generally from the rear lane, indicate how many of these buildings were constructed during a period when motorised vehicles became more widespread, and both an integral part and product of manufacturing.

The buildings in this area make important contributions to the streetscapes of three roads and three rear lanes. The streetscapes of both roads and lanes have a distinct character derived from the consistent period of the buildings, the dominant brick materials and sawtooth roofs profiles and stepped parapets repeated along the street. The predominant single or two-storey scale of high-roofed factories, modular building forms, robust materials and continuous street walls formed by buildings constructed to the street and side boundaries, add to the unity and industrial character of the streets.

Buildings constructed along the edge of Shea's Creek stormwater channel and the alignment of streets with this channel reflects the historical connection between the development of this precinct and the 1903 construction of the channel. The small allotments and planning of the street incorporating rear lanes demonstrates an earlier form of subdivision pattern for residential housing when privy lanes were needed, developed as an industrial precinct. While contributing to the character of the wide main streets, mature street tree plantings demonstrate later additions to the area.

Some later buildings or alterations have been introduced into the area and buildings converted to new or non-industrial uses. However, the area overall is remarkable for its surviving degree of integrity, with few significant alterations from its original 1920s-1960s construction.

Criteria d): Social significance requires further study to ascertain its value for the local community. As a precinct that collectively employed a large workforce, in particular for the Bentex Weaving Mills and Mail Exchange, it can be anticipated that the area may hold value to the community of former workers.

[Social/Cultural significance]

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Criteria e):
[Research
significance]

Criteria f): The precinct is rare in the local area for the consistency and cohesiveness of its inter-war and post-war industrial buildings located together in a distinct precinct with few incursions.
[Rarity]

Criteria g): The area represents an example of a cohesive group of smaller-scale factories from the inter-war and post-war periods.
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity: The area has a good level of integrity

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Caption: Balaclava Lane: north end at junction with unnamed lane behind McEvoy Street

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Caption: Balaclava Lane: north end, looking south

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Caption: Balaclava Lane: south end, looking north

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Caption: Unnamed lane behind McEvoy Street: north side

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Caption: Stokes Avenue: north end at junction with unnamed lane behind McEvoy Street

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Caption: McCauley Street: north end, east side

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Caption: McCauley Street: south end, west side

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Caption: Hiles Street: south end, east side, viewed from across the channel

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Caption: Hiles Street: east side

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Caption: Hiles Lane: south end, west side

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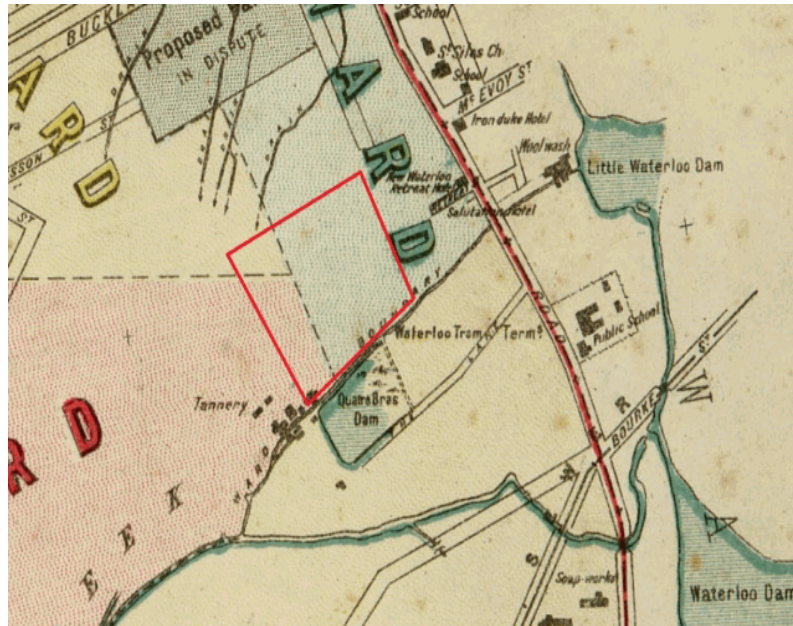
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Caption: 1885-1890 map of the area with red box indicating approximate location of the area

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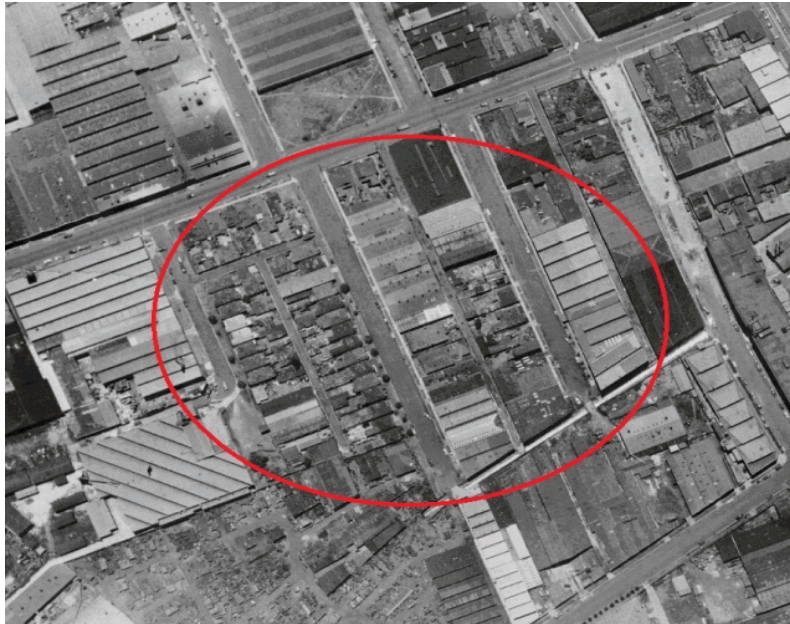
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Caption: 1949 aerial showing the sawtooth-roofed factories and some earlier houses in the area at this time

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Caption: 1956 detail sheet showing part of area circled and industries at this time

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Caption: Bentex Mills on Hiles Street in 1951 viewed from south end before street trees were planted

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Caption: Bentex Mills in Hiles Street in 1951 viewed from north end before street trees were planted

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Caption: Bentex Mills interiors in 1945

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Caption: 1956 exterior of the mail exchange plant on Hiles Street

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Caption: 1957 industry on Hiles Street as a major mail sorting plant for the Post Master General

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Caption: 1956 industry on Hiles Street as a major mail sorting plant for the Post Master General

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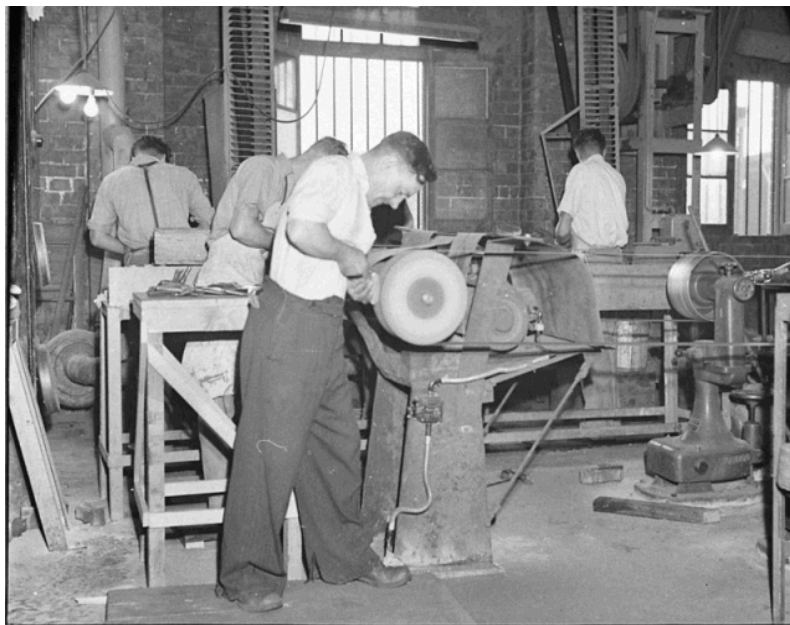
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Caption: East Bros factory in 1949, showing the manufacture of golf clubs, at 52 McCauley Street

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Caption: Location and boundary of the conservation area

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Address: William Street (refer to map)

Planning: Sydney South

Suburb/nearest town: Beaconsfield, Alexandria 2015

Local govt area: Sydney

Parish: Alexandria

State: NSW

County: Cumberland

Other/former names: Webster and Lumsden, Webster & Lumsden, White Elevators, Oliver Manufacturing, Oberon Pty Ltd, Graham Units Pty Ltd

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area:

Curtilage/boundary: As described in Sydney Local Environmental Plan

Item type: Conservation Area

Group: Manufacturing and Processing

Category:

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Light industrial, commercial, studio and other mixed uses

Former uses: Factory, foundry, workshop, shop

Assessed significance:

Endorsed significance:

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Statement of significance: Containing factories, foundries, workshops and shops from the late 1930s to the 1960s, the William Street industrial conservation area represents the World War II and post-war industrial development of Beaconsfield and Alexandria from the peak period of Australia's industrialisation during the twentieth century. The concentration of industrial buildings in this area built during World War II demonstrates the growth of Australian manufacturing during this period, especially for machinery and metals. The buildings in the area are historically significant as evidence of the formerly widespread foundry and engineering industries in southern Sydney, and the growth of these industries associated with the demands of World War II and new technology of the twentieth century for machinery, elevators and vehicles.

The area has associations with the twentieth century development of a number of industrial companies, in particular three main manufacturers including the iron pattern makers and foundry of Webster & Lumsden, the elevator manufacturer, White Elevators, and the brass foundry of Oliver Manufacturing.

Aesthetically, the area represents a good example of a cohesive group of smaller-scale factories from the World War II and post-war periods. The simple geometric building forms, heavy masonry construction, stepped parapet walls and the multi-paned steel and timber windows found in this area demonstrate typical architectural features of the World War II and post-war periods. The restrained building design and ornamentation reflects the materials and labour shortages during and following World War II.

The construction of the buildings represent early to mid-twentieth century industrial building techniques, employing repeated modular forms and steel and timber structures to cover large spans, and sawtooth roofs with side lantern windows to light large internal spaces. Vehicular openings integrated into the facades indicate how many of these buildings were constructed during a period when motorised vehicles became more widespread, and both an integral part and product of manufacturing.

The buildings in this area make important contributions to the streetscapes of south William Street and its two rear lanes. The streetscapes of all three roads have a distinct character derived from the consistent period of the buildings, the dominant brick materials, sawtooth roof profiles and stepped parapets repeated along the street. The predominant single or two-storey scale of high-roofed factories, modular building forms, robust materials and continuous street walls formed by buildings constructed to the street and side boundaries add to the unity and industrial character of the streets.

The small allotments and planning of the street incorporating rear lanes demonstrates an earlier form of subdivision pattern for residential housing when privy lanes were needed, developed as an industrial precinct.

The area overall is remarkable for its surviving degree of integrity, with few significant alterations from its original 1930s-1960s construction.

The William Street industrial area forms part of one of the largest known collections of industrial and warehouse buildings of its kind in Australia, which records City of Sydney's past as one of only two historic industrial heartlands in Australia. This collection of buildings provides evidence of Australia's twentieth century transformation through industrialisation when Sydney became one of the largest industrialised cities in the South Pacific.

The area is of local heritage significance in terms of its historical, aesthetic and representative values.

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Historical notes of provenance:

Early development of the locality:

This site forms part of the land of the Gadigal people, the traditional custodians of land within the City of Sydney council boundaries. For information about the Aboriginal history of the local area see the City's Barani website: <http://www.sydneybarani.com.au/>

The land forms part of the 1904 Beaconsfield Estate subdivision, which was advertised as the 'working man's model township'. The subdivision was bound by Botany Road, Beaconsfield and Reserve Streets and William Lane. Most allotments within the subdivision had a depth of 100 feet (30.48 metres) and a street frontage of 20 feet (6 metres). These properties were originally offered for 30 year leases.

By the time Beaconsfield was subdivided for housing, the area already contained a number of industries including Goodlet's brickworks, the Hastings Hotel and the Brick and Drain Pipe factory. Goodlet's brickworks was established in the 1850s. By 1877 the brickworks covered 5 acres (20234 square metres) including a one-acre (4047 square metres) quarry approximately 50 feet (15.24 metres) deep.

In 1904, an observer described Beaconsfield as amongst the dreariest parts of Sydney because of the remaining sand hills. At the time, the heavy traffic cut up the, as yet, unmade roads and the country aspects still survived.

While some workers housing was constructed in the suburb, Beaconsfield remained predominantly industrial.

(Whitaker, 2002, p. 98)

Industrial history:

As one of only two major centres for historic Australian industry during the period when industry was centred in cities, Sydney's industrial development is part of the national history of industrialisation. Australia's industrialisation formed part of the 'second industrial revolution' which began during the mid-nineteenth century. This second revolution was driven by major technological innovations including the invention of the internal combustion engine and the assembly line, development of electricity, the construction of canals, railways and electric-power lines.

Sydney's twentieth century industrial development records when and how Sydney became one of the largest industrialised cities in the South Pacific and the diversification of Australia's economy beyond primary industry. Together with Melbourne, Sydney's twentieth century industrial boom expanded Australia's economy from the 'sheep's back' to the 'industry stack' or from primary production to manufacturing. By 1947 more Australians were working in city industries than in farms or mines.

Sydney's industrial development not only impacted on the national economy. Twentieth-century industry in Sydney also played a major role in developing Australia's self-sufficiency, growth, urbanisation, society and its contribution to the war effort for World War II. Sydney's industrial development has affected the lives of many Australians directly and indirectly, whether through the number of workers employed, goods and technology produced, the prosperity it engendered, or the social change and urban environments it generated.

Area history:

The William Street industrial conservation area, located to the south of Collins Street, was mostly developed for foundries, engineering machinery and elevators during the second world war from 1939-1945. Some post-war buildings or extensions were constructed during the 1950s and 1960s.

This area was auctioned by Raine and Horne as the first subdivision of the Beaconsfield Estate on 6 February 1904 (Plan 2554(L), LPI). The land was then subdivided for residential use. The lots did not appear to sell at this time.

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William Street and Lane were likely named after King William IV, in a similar manner to other north-west streets and rear lanes in the subdivision named after British royalty, including Queens Street and Lane and Victoria Street and Lane.

The whole estate was converted to Torrens Title when the certificate of title was issued on 30 May 1905 (CT 1610 f 198).

This part of William Street remained largely undeveloped at this time. A few factories were located on surrounding land including a soap and candle factory to the south on Beaconsfield Street, and a glass works to the west fronting O'Riordan Street.

The demands of the second world war led to the construction of a number of factories on this street. The valuation lists for William Street show a number of factories were newly constructed during the war years and immediately beforehand.

Large sections of the subject block were developed for single owners including the west side of William Street from No. 29 to 39, and the east side from No. 8 to 18. At the southern end of the street, No. 20-22 was owned and developed separately, as were the two lots on the west side now known as No. 41 and No. 43-45.

By March 1939, a new brick and iron factory, with a corrugated fibro roof, had been built on the west Collins Street corner for Edwin Webster and William Lumsden, pattern makers (Valuer-General, Valuation List, Alexandria, SRNSW 19/8588, No 653). The land of Webster & Lumsden is shown in the later 1956 detail sheet extending across most of the block to the south, incorporating the four adjoining buildings from No. 29 to 39 William Street.

By March 1939, a new brick factory, with a corrugated fibro roof, had been built on the eastern corner of Collins Street for Anne Waschall (Valuer-General, Valuation List, Alexandria, SRNSW 19/8588, No 652 superseded). An early photo, estimated to date from 1935, shows the former building in this location at 8 William Street, for White Elevators, with its main frontage to Collins Street. The White Elevators land is shown in the later 1956 detail sheet as extending south for most of the block to Queens Lane.

By March 1941, a brick factory with a corrugated fibro roof plus a factory of galvanised iron walls and roof was constructed on the west side owned by Gustav Ramin, contractor (Valuer-General, Valuation List, Alexandria, SRNSW 19/8588, No 654). This brick building may have comprised one of the three surviving gabled buildings at No. 35, 37 or 39. The iron building may have formed one of the three smaller single-storey buildings previously located at No. 41-45 shown in the later 1943 aerial photo.

By 1942, a brick factory and offices, with a corrugated fibro roof, had been built on the east side on lots 16-17 and part of lot 18, for Oberon Pty Ltd by 23 June 1942 (Valuer-General, Valuation List, Alexandria, SRNSW 19/8588, No 649). This likely includes the front elevation, part of the sawtooth roofs and side wall of the building currently located at 20-22 William Street. The subsequent survey of 1950 shows this site in use for Oliver Manufacturing Co Pty Ltd, brass founders.

The 1943 aerial photograph records the industrial buildings constructed on William Street by this time, including the existing buildings on the western side of the street at No. 29, 31-33 and No. 35. The buildings at No. 31-33 were then contained under three small gabled roofs, with a small yard, before the current sawtooth roof was constructed. The 1943 aerial records that the two gabled buildings at No. 37-39 appear to be under construction at this time, showing the constructed external walls and no roof. Further to the south, the 1943 aerial shows this land was occupied by three smaller buildings before the current buildings were constructed.

On the eastern side of the street, the 1943 aerial records the former White Elevators building constructed on the Collins Street corner at No. 8. Only one small outbuilding is shown occupying the otherwise undeveloped land of No. 10-18 at this time. Both these buildings on the White Elevators site were replaced by subsequent development, likely in 1988 when demolition was proposed. The 1943 aerial also shows the construction of part

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of the existing building at No. 20-22 on the Queens Lane corner. The building at this time had curved corners on the street façade, contained wholly under three sawtooth roofs, before subsequent extensions.

By March 1945, a weatherboard and iron workshop owned by Kenneth Patrick Russell had been constructed on the west side of William Street. A new brick factory with a tile roof had also been constructed on the western corner site owned by Oscar Harvey & Co Pty Ltd on the land now known as No. 45 William Street (Valuer-General, Valuation List, Alexandria, SRNSW 19/8588, No 65, 657). These buildings possibly comprised part of the three earlier buildings at No. 41, 43 and 45 William Street shown in the 1943 aerial photo and subsequent 1950 and 1956 surveys.

The 1945 Workplace Survey indicates the number of industrial sites and the size of their work forces including:

Oliver Manufacturing Co Pty Ltd, Brass foundry & engineers, 41 employees
Russell, K P, Prefabricated huts, 20 employees
Webster & Lumsden, Foundry, 20 employees
G S Ramin (cnr Collins & William Sts), Galvanising, 4 employees (possibly outside the area)

(Workplace Survey, SRNSW 7/6847)

The 1947 business directory only listed two of these workplaces on William Street including:

Oliver Manufacturing Co Pty Ltd, Brass finishers and founders;
Webster & Lumsden, iron founders

(Wise, Directory, 1947, p 195-200)

The 1949 aerial photo records few changes to the buildings shown in the 1943 aerial. The only changes are the addition of two gable roofs to No. 37-39 and a slightly larger small outbuilding at No. 10-18 behind the main building fronting Collins Street.

The 1950 Civic Survey records that all buildings constructed at this time on William Street were single-storey. The survey also documents that the western side of the street was occupied by Graham Units Pty Ltd from No. 29-39, and the eastern side by White Elevators Pty Ltd from the Collins Street corner from No. 8-18. The buildings to the south of Graham Units at No. 41, 43 and 45 are recorded in this 1950 survey with the same building footprints as the 1943 aerial photo.

On the east side of William Street, the 1950 survey records that Oliver Manufacturing Company Pty Ltd, brass founders, were located on the Queens Lane corner at No. 20-22 (Civic Survey, 1950, Alexandria East sheet, NSCA). No. 20-22 is shown at this time as a single-storey building with the building footprint matching the 1943 aerial before subsequent extensions.

In 1953-5, Webster and Lumsden submitted three applications proposing to replace roofs over the existing foundry building on the west side of William Street. Two of the proposed works were valued at 6,000 and 20,000 pounds (William Street Alexandria, Planning Street Cards). These applications were likely for the current triple sawtooth roof over No. 31-33 which differed to the roof forms shown in the earlier 1943 and 1949 aerals.

In 1953, White Elevators applied on 15 October to extend the existing engineering workshop at No. 8-18 William Street (8-18 William Street, Planning Street Cards, NSCA). This likely included the construction of the current large sawtooth factory at No. 10-18 because surviving physical evidence indicates these buildings were once connected before the building at No. 8 was redeveloped in 1988. Available historic aerial photographs and surveys show the building was not constructed by 1950, appears to be constructed by 1956 and was clearly built by 1975 when it was shown in the aerial photograph of this year.

In 1955, Oberon Pty Ltd proposed additions to its factory at No. 20-22 William Street with works valued at

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£6,500 on 28 November (20-22 William Street, Planning Street Cards, NSCA). This likely included the extensions shown in the 1956 survey.

By 1956, the Building Surveyor's sheet records that Webster & Lumsden continued to occupy western William Street at No. 29-39. White Elevators Pty Ltd still occupied eastern William Street at No. 8-18 (Building Surveyor's sheet, 1956, Sheet 23, NSCA). Unlike the 1950 survey, this 1956 survey provides no building footprint for White Elevators, other than the single lot boundary for No. 8-18. This may indicate that the larger factory building was constructed by this time and extended over the full lot boundary.

The 1956 survey also records the building footprints, but not the industry name or use at the south end of William Street. This includes the three smaller buildings at No. 41, 43 and 45 still shown as they were in the 1943 and 1950 survey.

On the east side of the street, the 1956 survey records the extension of the building at No. 20-22. This survey records that the two northern sawtooth roofs had been extended to the rear lane. This addition was likely the result of the 1955 application noted above. White Elevators continued to own the building until at least 1975 when they lodged an application for minor works, to erect a radio mast (William Street, Planning Street Cards).

Application records also document the construction of two factories at the south end of the west side of this street in the late 1950s and 1960s. Nick Moraitis applied on 16 September 1959 to erect a building for selling produce at 41 William Street (41 William Street, Planning Street Cards, NSCA).

R G Stuart applied on 14 August 1964 to erect a factory on the site of 43-5 William Street worth £32,000 for an unspecified use. However a later application in 1983 from Jackson Products applied to use the buildings for manufacturing fabrics (43-5 William Street, Planning Street Cards, NSCA).

In 1963, on 18 July it was proposed to rezone the street as Industrial Class A instead of Residential Class C under the City of Sydney Planning scheme. Records of this proposal noted that residential premises had been used for industrial purposes without authorisation (William Street, Planning Street Cards, NSCA).

A number of buildings in the area were subsequently converted for use as car repairs.

Summary by address – west side from corner of Collins Street:

No. 29:

Built 1939 for Webster & Lumsden, pattern makers and iron foundry, with south roof possibly replaced in 1953.

No. 31-33:

External walls built early 1940s, likely also for Webster & Lumsden, originally contained under three gable roofs with an internal yard, later changed to three sawtooth roofs possibly in 1953-5.

No. 35:

Built by 1943, likely also for Webster & Lumsden.

No. 37-39:

Built as a pair in 1943-1949, likely also for Webster & Lumsden.

No. 41:

Built 1959 for Nick Moraitis to sell produce.

No. 43-45:

Built in 1964 as a factory for R G Stuart, later used for manufacturing fabrics.

Summary by address – east side from corner of Collins Street:

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No. 10-18:

Factory likely built in 1953 as an extension to former building fronting Collins Street for White Elevators at No. 8 (No. 8 was later demolished in circa 1988).

No. 20-22:

Factory and offices built in 1942 for Oberon Pty Ltd, also identified in records as Oliver Manufacturing Co Pty Ltd, brass foundry, finishers & engineers, and extended in 1955 by Oberon Pty Ltd.

Themes: National theme

3. Economy

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State theme

Industry

Commerce

Local theme

Factories

Warehouses

Designer: Various

Builder: Various

Year started: 1939

Year completed: 1964

Circa: Yes

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Physical description: The William Street industrial conservation area is located on the boundary between Alexandria and Beaconsfield in an industrial precinct on the western edge of Beaconsfield, east of O'Riordan Street, bound by Collins Street to the north and Beaconsfield Street to the south. While the west side of William Street and William Lane are located in the suburb of Alexandria, the street pattern of the area is more closely associated with the suburb of Beaconsfield.

The area comprises the southern end of William Street and the two rear lanes of William Lane and Queens Lane laid out in a grid pattern of relatively small lots, originally subdivided for residential use.

The buildings in the area comprise smaller-scale industrial building from the World War II and post-war periods lining both sides of William Street, dating from 1939-1960s. The older buildings in the area are located at the north end of the west side on the street (No. 29-39) and No. 20-22 on the east side, constructed in the 1930s and 1940s. No. 41 and No. 10-18 were constructed during the 1950s. The latest building is located on the corner of Beaconsfield Street at No. 43-45.

The buildings in the area are predominantly single-storey on the western side of William Street and two-storey on the eastern side, all with the high floor-to-ceiling heights typical of factories. The exception to the single-storey scale on the west side of the street is at the south end at No. 43-45 which contains a second-storey on the corner. Buildings are uniformly constructed of brick walls, some painted, exposed steel or timber structures, and mostly sawtooth or gabled roofs with corrugated metal cladding. Some roof profiles are exposed or project beyond the parapet, but most are concealed behind parapet walls.

The design of these buildings, including their simple geometric building forms, heavy masonry construction, stepped parapet walls and multi-paned steel and timber windows, demonstrate typical architectural features of the World War II and post-war periods. Buildings designs are typically simple and robust, reflecting the modular building forms, with restrained ornament limited to the relief or polychromatic brickwork and parapet wall, as is typical for industrial buildings of this period. The restrained building design also reflects the materials and labour shortages during and following World War II. The curved corners and horizontal emphasis of the building at No. 20-22 are characteristic of the inter-war functionalist style, even though constructed during the war.

The construction of the buildings represent early to mid-twentieth century industrial building techniques, employing repeated modular forms and steel and timber structures to cover large spans, and sawtooth roofs with side lantern windows to light large internal spaces. Vehicular openings integrated into the facades indicate how many of these buildings were constructed during a period when motorised vehicles became more widespread, and both an integral part and product of manufacturing.

Buildings are constructed to the full extent of the land parcels with no setbacks from the street, lanes or side boundaries. Facades consequently form continuous street walls of stepped or gabled parapet walls or sawtooth roofs, interrupted only by regularly-placed windows and vehicular openings.

The area overall has a high degree of surviving integrity, with a distinctively industrial character and few significant alterations from its original 1930s-1960s construction.

Category: Precinct. Period: World War II and post-war (1939-1960s). Storeys: One or two. Construction: Brick walls, steel or timber structure and corrugated metal or fibro roof cladding. Windows: Steel or timber multi-paned. Roofs: Sawtooth, gabled or hipped, some partly concealed by parapet walls.

Physical condition level: Good

Physical condition:
Archaeological potential level: Not assessed

Archaeological potential Detail:

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Modification dates: Timeline of known dates for changes to the area:

6 February 1904

Auction by Raine and Horne of the first subdivision of the Beaconsfield Estate

30 May 1905

Certificate of title issued for whole estate after conversion to Torrens Title

1939

New brick and iron factory built on the west side at the Collins Street corner for Edwin Webster and William Lumsden, pattern makers

1941

New brick factory with a corrugated fibro roof and a factory of galvanised iron walls and roof built on the west side, owned by Gustav Ramin, contractor

1942

New brick factory and offices, with a corrugated fibro roof, built on the east on for Oberon Pty Ltd, later known as 20-22 William Street

1943

Aerial photograph records buildings constructed on the street by this time.

1945

Workplace Survey listed businesses in William Street

1949

Aerial photograph records buildings constructed on the street by this time, relatively unchanged from 1943 aerial

1950

Civic Survey sheet showed industries on the street

15 October 1953

White Elevators Pty Ltd apply to extend the existing factory at 8-18 William Street

1953

Three application for new roofs to existing foundry building for Webster & Lumsden.

28 November 1955

Application by Oberon Pty Ltd to make additions to factory worth £6,500 at 20-22 William Street

1956

Building Surveyors sheet showed industries on the street

16 September 1959

Application to erect building at 41 William Street to sell produce by N Moraitis

18 July 1963

Proposal to rezone as Industrial Class A instead of Residential Class C under planning scheme

14 August 1964

Application by R G Stuart to erect factory on site of 43-5 William Street worth £32,000

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18 June 1983

Jackson Products applied to use No. 43-45 for manufacturing and storing fabrics

6 April 1988

Finn & McKinlay applied to demolish office and plant factory and erect new office at a cost of \$150,000, likely relating to No.8 outside of the conservation area

Recommended management: Maintain the integrity of the area, including its buildings, subdivision pattern, streetscapes and laneways.

A Heritage Assessment and Heritage Impact Statement should be prepared when works are proposed, excluding minor works.

Maintain the sawtooth, hipped or gabled roofs, architectural detailing of facades, stepped parapets, brick finishes and steel and timber windows of buildings in the area.

Do not paint or render unpainted brick walls. Where possible, remove paint of formerly exposed brick walls.

New development should maintain and reinforce the industrial character and historic pattern of industrial development in the area, such as the brick materials, building setbacks and stepped parapet or sawtooth roof skylines.

Ensure new uses for buildings in the area will re-use and expose their industrial construction features to retain their former industrial character as an integral part of the new use.

Management: **Management category**
Statutory Instrument

Management name
List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further comments: Heritage Inventory sheets are often not comprehensive, and should be regarded as a general guide only. Inventory sheets are based on information available, and often do not include the social history of sites and buildings. Inventory sheets are constantly updated by the City as further information becomes available. An inventory sheet with little information may simply indicate that there has been no building work done to the item recently: it does not mean that items are not significant. Further research is always recommended as part of preparation of development proposals for heritage items, and is necessary in preparation of Heritage Impact Assessments and Conservation Management

Criteria a): [Historical significance] Containing factories, foundries, workshops and shops from the late 1930s to the 1960s, the William Street industrial conservation area represents the World War II and post-war industrial development of Beaconsfield and Alexandria from the peak period of Australia's industrialisation during the twentieth century. The concentration of industrial buildings in this area built during World War II demonstrates the growth of Australian manufacturing during this period, especially for machinery and metals. The buildings in the area are historically significant as evidence of the formerly widespread foundry and engineering industries in southern Sydney, and the growth of these industries associated with the demands of World War II and new technology of the twentieth century for machinery, elevators and vehicles

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Criteria b): [Historical association significance] The area has associations with the twentieth century development of a number of industrial companies, in particular three main manufacturers including the iron pattern makers and foundry of Webster & Lumsden, the elevator manufacturer, White Elevators, and the brass foundry of Oliver Manufacturing.

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Criteria c): The area represents a good example of a cohesive group of smaller-scale factories from the World War II and post-war periods. The simple geometric building forms, heavy masonry construction, stepped parapet walls and the multi-paned steel and timber windows found in this area demonstrate typical architectural features of the World War II and post-war periods. The restrained building design and ornamentation reflects the materials and labour shortages during and following World War II.

**[Aesthetic/
Technical
significance]**

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Criteria d): Social significance requires further study to ascertain its value for the local community. As a precinct that collectively employed a reasonable workforce, in particular for White Elevators, Webster and Lumsden and Oliver Manufacturing, it can be anticipated that the area may hold value to the community of former workers.

Criteria e):
**[Research
significance]**

Criteria f): The area is rare in the local area for the consistency and cohesiveness of its World War II and post-war industrial buildings located together in a distinct precinct with little alteration.

[Rarity]

Criteria g): The area represents an example of a cohesive group of smaller-scale factories from the World War II and post-war periods.

[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity: Generally intact

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	Scott Cumming	Chimneys and Change: Post European Environmental Impact in	2004
	Frances Pollon	The book of Sydney suburbs	1996
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	City of Sydney/ City Building Surveyors	City Building Surveyors Detail Sheets	1956

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	City Plan Heritage	City of Sydney Industrial & Warehouse Buildings Heritage	1	2014

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Parcels:	Parcel code	Lot number	Section number	Plan code	Plan number
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Caption: 1904 residential subdivision of William Street and adjoining industries at this time

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Caption: 1950 civic survey showing the industries and buildings within the area recorded at this time

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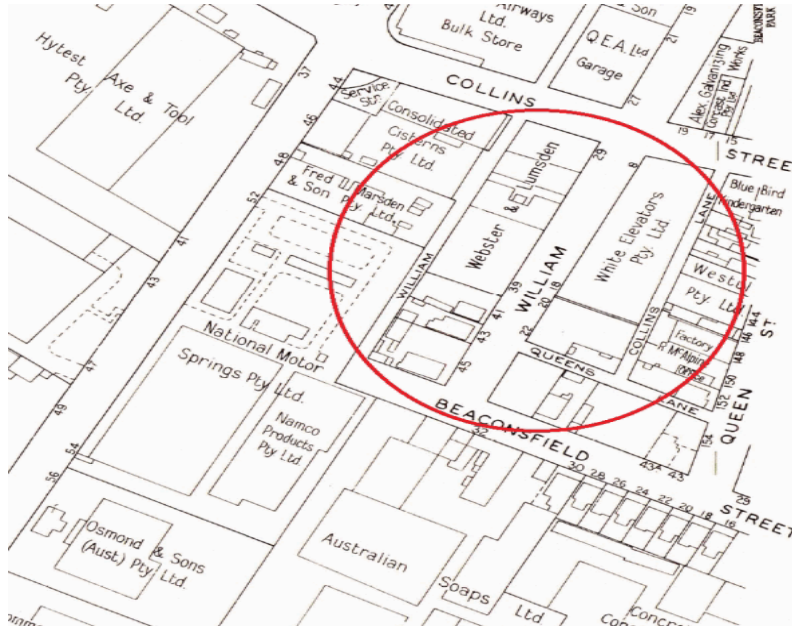
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Caption: 1956 detail sheet showing the area circled and included industries

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Caption: 1943 aerial of the area showing the factories along William Street at this time

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Caption: 1949 aerial of the area showing the factories along William Street at this time

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Caption: Former White Elevators building, circa 1935, looking down east William Street behind

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Caption: West side of William Street in 1953 with No. 29 at centre

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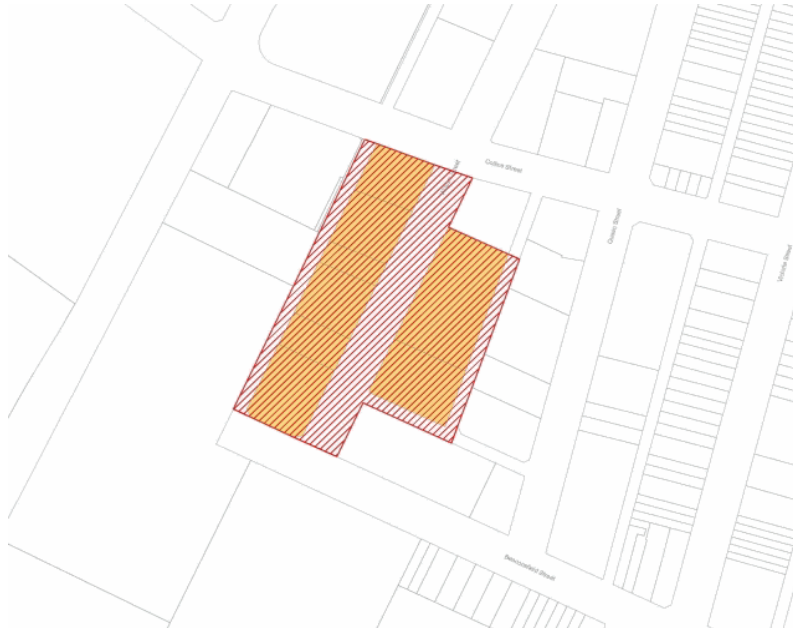
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