



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES - ASSESSMENT DOCUMENTATION

11. ASSESSMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The criteria adopted by the Heritage Council in November, 1996 have been used to determine the cultural heritage significance of the place.

11.1 AESTHETIC VALUE *

Lemnos Hospital is a particularly fine example of a hospital complex constructed during the inter-war period, employing the style and landscape design of the period's domestic architecture. The aesthetic quality of the hospital environment represents the high standard of care accorded to the special medical needs of the returned servicemen from World War One. (Criterion 1.1)

Lemnos Hospital is of aesthetic significance for the quality of the design of the buildings, interior spaces and external landscaped areas. The buildings and landscaped areas are of an informal design, typical of the inter-war period in Australia, which was influenced by the tradition of English domestic architecture and landscape design. (Criterion 1.2)

The landscape setting of the hospital, in particular the Aleppo pine tree, contributes to the quality of the local environment. (Criterion 1.3)

The buildings that comprise *Lemnos Hospital* are located within a precinct of health related buildings, known as the Selby-Lemnos Complex, which has been developed in the area around the hospital since the 1960s. The aesthetic qualities of the areas of remnant indigenous landscape, introduced landscape, buildings, associated structures and service areas contribute to the setting of the wider complex. The Administration Block and associated landscape wings, in particular, form a focus of the hospital complex and are a landmark within the area generally. (Criterion 1.3)

The overall setting of *Lemnos Hospital*, including the buildings and landscaped areas, has aesthetic significance as an example of the informal English landscape design tradition which helps to create a residential, rather than institutional, ambience for the place. The components of the original hospital complex, including the original buildings, landscape areas and boundary plantings, form an integrated whole. (Criterion 1.4)

* For consistency, all references to architectural style are taken from Apperly, Richard; Irving, Robert and Reynolds, Peter *A Pictorial Guide to Identifying Australian Architecture: Styles and Terms from 1788 to the Present*, Angus & Robertson, North Ryde, 1989.

11. 2. HISTORIC VALUE

Lemnos Hospital illustrates the development of the treatment of mental health in Western Australia. The hospital is significant in the context of other mental institutions in the State, including Claremont Mental Hospital and Heathcote Hospital; the latter was built on similar lines to *Lemnos Hospital*. (Criterion 2.1)

Lemnos Hospital is highly significant as a mental hospital specifically built to service the needs of returned servicemen suffering from mental illness, shell shock, as a result of World War One - up until this time the men were treated in general hospitals or mental institutions. (Criterion 2.2)

Lemnos Hospital represents the policy of providing a high standard of accommodation for ex-servicemen. Site elements such as landscaped areas represent the nature of this care. (Criterion 2.2)

The Aleppo pine tree (*Pinus halepensis*), believed to have been grown from a seed from the trees on the island of Lemnos, is a reminder of the origins of the hospital and is a tribute to those who served during World War One. (Criterion 2.2)

Lemnos Hospital is of historic significance for its associations with those involved with the place since its inception in 1926. These include various health officials, hospital staff and patients. Members of the R.S.L. and the Board of Visitors of the hospital are of particular significance. (Criterion 2.3)

Individuals associated with the development of the hospital include Mr W.B. Hardwick, Chief Architect of the Public Works Department, Dr J.T. Anderson, Inspector General for the Insane at the time of the inception of the hospital, and Dr James Bentley, subsequent Inspector General for the Insane, who had served with the AIF and who was probably responsible for naming the hospital after the island in the Middle East which was used as an evacuation point for injured troops. (Criterion 2.3)

Lemnos Hospital is a particularly fine example of a hospital constructed during the inter-war period using the style and landscape design typical of domestic architecture of the period. (Criterion 2.4)

11. 3. SCIENTIFIC VALUE

The remnant indigenous vegetation has some scientific significance as an example of pre-development vegetation of the site and its surrounding area. (Criterion 3.1)

Lemnos Hospital is of scientific significance for its representation of the latest approach to care for the mentally ill in Western Australia in the 1920s. (Criterion 3.2)

11. 4. SOCIAL VALUE

Lemnos Hospital is of social significance to members of the R.S.L. who have been associated with the establishment and development of the hospital. The hospital is a visual representation of their efforts in lobbying for a facility for returned servicemen suffering from mental illness. (Criterion 4.1)

Lemnos Hospital is highly valued by the patients and their families, hospital staff and members of the community who have been associated with the place throughout its history. (Criterion 4.1)

The Aleppo pine tree (*Pinus halepensis*), through its connection with places and events associated with World War One, is a poignant reminder of the origins and purpose of the hospital. The names of the various buildings that comprise *Lemnos Hospital* also reflect the origins of the place. (Criterion 4.1)

12. DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE

12. 1. RARITY

Lemnos Hospital is a rare example of a hospital designed to care for ex-servicemen from World War One. It exhibits a very high quality of design in terms of buildings and landscaped areas and which remains relatively intact. (Criterion 5.1)

12. 2 REPRESENTATIVENESS

Lemnos Hospital, together with *Edward Millen Home* ('Hillview') in East Victoria Park, represents the development of State policy with regard to the provision of high standard mental health facilities for ex-servicemen. (Criterion 6.2)

12. 3 CONDITION

Lemnos Hospital is in good condition.

12. 4 INTEGRITY

Lemnos Hospital has a high degree of integrity. In 1998, the original intention remains intact.

12. 5 AUTHENTICITY

Lemnos Hospital has a high degree of authenticity.

13. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

Attached are key sections of the supporting evidence prepared by Heritage and Conservation Professionals, 'Lemnos Hospital Shenton Park Heritage Assessment', (prepared for the Health Department of Western Australia, November 1997).

13.1 DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

For a discussion of the documentary evidence refer to Heritage and Conservation Professionals, 'Lemnos Hospital Shenton Park Heritage Assessment', (prepared for the Health Department of Western Australia, November 1997).

13.2 PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

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13.3 REFERENCES

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13.4 FURTHER RESEARCH

The incidence of this type of purpose built institution, established to service the needs of returned servicemen, warrants further investigation.