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**Ku-ring-gai heritage protection given a major boost**

Heritage conservation in Ku-ring-gai has received a major boost with the NSW Government endorsing 37 new Heritage Conservation Areas across the council area.

Under a new local environmental plan (LEP) approved by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure key areas of Killara, Lindfield, Roseville, Gordon, Wahroonga, Pymble, Turramurra and Warrawee will be given added protection.

The LEP, developed by Ku-ring-gai Council, also maps and strengthens planning protections for important biodiversity assets and the area’s vital creeks and waterways.

The department’s Director-General, Sam Haddad, said the Government recognised the importance of Ku-ring-gai’s natural and built environment.

“There is no doubt that heritage plays a big part in what makes Ku-ring-gai such an attractive and appealing place to live,” Mr Haddad said.

“Under this approved plan, 37 historic precincts – including many featuring highly-valued Federation and inter-war homes – will enjoy new conservation controls.

“The LEP represents a strategic approach to identifying heritage areas, rather than heritage issues being relegated to an afterthought once a development application is lodged.

“The approval of this LEP shows that the NSW Government strongly supports heritage protection where it is properly planned.

“We intend to continue this approach in the new planning system.

“Importantly, the new Ku-ring-gai heritage controls complement work done by the council to identify growth opportunities in and around the area’s town centres – showing that heritage and growth can go side by side.”

Ku-ring-gai Council has already finalised a new town centres LEP to accommodate the area’s expected future growth in suitable precincts around existing transport hubs.


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