



North Sydney Heritage Leaflet

GETTING STARTED: Maps and Plans

What do we hold?

The North Sydney Heritage Centre houses a comprehensive research collection of maps and plans documenting North Sydney's social and cultural heritage with a particular focus on the natural and built environments. Maps and plans can be found in the David Earle Local Studies Collection and the North Sydney Municipal Council Archives.

Range of maps in the David Earle Local Studies Collection include:

- Aerial
- Topographical
- Street and road
- Tourist
- Engineering
- Nautical
- Architectural
- Electoral
- Transport
- Infrastructure e.g. sewerage, electricity
- Subdivisions/Estates
- Parish
- M.W.S.D.B. Detail Sheets 1890s
- Block Plan Sheets 1930s, 1995, 1997

The North Sydney Municipal Council Archives holds several map/plan collections:

- NSMCA 91/5 Building Application Files 1909-1921, 1924-1929 (contains block plans showing footprints of buildings proposed)
- Building Application Plans 1930-1949 (incomplete set)
- Subdivision Plan Books
- Warringah Expressway Plan Books
- Road and street survey plans

Locating maps and plans

The Map Files (LH REF MF) and Subdivision Plans (LH REF SP) are arranged numerically and stored in locked cabinets in the archives room adjacent to the North Sydney Heritage Centre. Check the *Local Studies Card Index* and the *Library Catalogue (webcat)* to locate maps and plans of the North Sydney Council area.

The card index closed at the end of 2002. Items added to the collection since 2002 are listed on the computer catalogue (webcat). **Be sure to check both the card index and computer catalogue.**

The 1930-1949 Building Application Plans are available to search and view via the Council homepage at www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au. Choose *Heritage Databases* from the *Library* drop down menu and then select **Building North Sydney**.

The 1909-1913 Building Application Files are indexed in the Local Studies Card index.

Paper copies of the 1890s, 1930s, 1977 and 1987 block plan series are located on the shelves below the card index in the North Sydney Heritage Centre.

Other maps/plans series in the North Sydney Municipal Council Archives are listed in the Accession Register. Ask at the Information Desk in the North Sydney Heritage Centre.

Library catalogue

Approximately 1000 maps and plans (including 450 subdivision plans) for the North Sydney Council area are listed on the Library catalogue. From the top menu select 'Digital History' > 'Maps/Plans'.

- Use a **word or phrase (keyword)** search using the name of the street, location, suburb, or building
- Search by **subject**. Type in the subject
- Subdivision and estate plans are all listed on the Library catalogue. **Search by name of estate or street name or suburb.**

(Make a note of the call number in the detail tab of the record and ask at the Information Desk in the North Sydney Heritage Centre)

Local Studies Card Index

A lot of maps can be sourced using the old card index. Please consult the following sections of the Local Studies Card Index:

- **Subject Index A-Z** Search by subject name e.g. *St. Leonards Park*
- **Address Index**. Search by street name and number e.g. *Miller Street No. 200*
- **Building Applications 1909-1913**. Search by street name and street number/lot number e.g. *Fifth Avenue Lot 19*.

(Make a note of details in the Location, File/Vol etc and Item columns and ask at the Information Desk in the North Sydney Heritage Centre)

Access and handling of material

For access to maps at call numbers **LH REF SP** and **LH REF MF** please ask at the Information Desk in the North Sydney Heritage Centre 1-5pm Monday to Saturday or at the Information Desk on the ground floor outside these times.

For access to maps that are part of the North Sydney Council Archives please visit the North Sydney Heritage Centre during regular rostered hours or arrange an appointment with Historical Services staff on 99368400.

The subdivision plan collection, 1890s Metropolitan Water Sewerage and Drainage Board Details Sheet Series and 1930s North Sydney Block Plan Sheet Series are microfilmed and copies can be made from the microfilm or aperture card.

Copies of other maps such as the various block plan series are available on open access in the North Sydney Heritage Centre area below the card index.

Copying

Material in the map collection is for reference use only and cannot be borrowed. Photocopies and scans can be made only with the permission of the Historical Services Staff. A photocopier is located in the North Sydney Heritage Centre. Users must have a library card or copy card loaded with credit to make photocopies.

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