

8.3. MM03: Further investigation and interim heritage protection for 82-88 and 108 Parraween Street, Cremorne

At the Extraordinary Meeting held on 7 November 2022 Council resolved to issue an Interim Heritage Order in respect of No's 50, 52, 54, 56, 70, 72, 78, 80 Parraween Street, Cremorne. That Interim Heritage Order was gazetted on 11 November 2022.

However, since the Extraordinary Meeting, I have received numerous submissions from residents requesting that Council also urgently act to protect the properties at 82-88 and 108 Parraween Street, Cremorne.

The Heritage Assessment Report on Parraween Street and the Hayden Orpheum Picture Palae, Cremorne prepared by Lucas, Stapleton, Johnson & Partners dated October 2022 included the following recommendation:

“Recommendation for Further Research

As a result of the research undertaken in the preparation of this report, it is noted that Nos. 82 to 88 and 108 Parraween Street, all free-standing Federation cottages, may have some research potential in relation to Helier Harbutt (and his brother Percy) who were highly successful local building contractors.

The Harbutt Brothers are known to have been associated with the development of Ryecroft Hall, 17 Shellcove Road, Neutral Bay, and Arundel', Moruben Street, Mosman (demolished?), as well as numerous other residences throughout Cremorne, Willoughby, and Mosman. Helier was one of the founding directors of The Northern Suburbs Brick Co. Ltd and he may have had some association with noted Sydney architect James Peddle. The Harbutt family operated from a building located at the intersection of Military Road, MacPherson and Parraween Streets, Cremorne known as the Harbutt Building (demolished). However, the location and existence of many of the buildings constructed and potentially designed by Helier Harbutt is undetermined at this stage.

It is recommended that further research be undertaken to identify the extent of surviving buildings credited to Helier Harbutt to provide a better understanding of the involvement of the Harbutt Brothers on the early 20th century development of the North Sydney Council LGA.” (see page 165 of the Heritage Assessment Report; page 163 of 184 of the Council Report)

Given that:

- i. There are Complying Development Certificate applications for **demolition** of the cottages at 82-88 Parraween Street, Cremorne dated 4 November 2022 currently with Beyond Certification (Private Accredited Certifier);
- ii. There is a 14 day pre-approval period upon receipt of the CDC application. That period expires on 18 November 2022;

- iii. Once a CDC is approved, the applicant must only provide seven days' notice before demolition works are permitted to begin; and
- iv. The Interim Heritage Order gazetted on 11 November 2022 does not apply to those properties

it is very clear that these properties are under imminent threat of demolition and destruction.

I therefore recommend:

1.THAT Council urgently issue an Interim Heritage Order in respect of Nos. 82-88 and 108 Parraween Street, Cremorne.

2.THAT Council undertake further research on the properties at 82-88 and 108 Parraween Street, Cremorne to identify the extent of surviving buildings credited to Helier Harbutt to provide a better understanding of the involvement of the Harbutt Brothers on the early 20th century development of the North Sydney Council LGA as recommended at page 145 (163 of 185) of the Heritage Assessment Report prepared by Lucas, Stapleton, Johnson & Partners dated October 2022.

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