

# Finding Glebe Stuff on the Internet

## Development Applications

Look under the main heading, 'Development', then Development applications – DAs on exhibition. This takes you to a map of the Council area with development applications marked by a small flag. You can go to information about the DA by clicking on the flag. Alternatively, you can go to a listing below the map. You can filter the listing by suburb. By default, the list shows 'All suburbs'. To see just Glebe and/or Forest Lodge you need to first deselect 'All suburbs' (click on the check box) and then select just the suburb you need.

One further hint is that the most useful document, the Statement of Environmental Effects, is referred to as 'SEE'. The Heritage Impact Statement may also be important, and yes, that is called 'HIS'.

## Heritage Listing

Residents often wonder whether a particular building is 'heritage listed'. Firstly, what do we mean by 'heritage listed'? The most comprehensive listing refers to 'items of environmental heritage' which are listed on the local environmental plan (LEP) and managed by the local council. Local councils are required to identify items of local heritage significance in a heritage schedule, under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. About 20,000 individual items are listed from across the state. There are also a much smaller number of items identified as having State heritage significance.

The place to find this listing is the webpage of the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, under 'Topics' – Heritage. (Not really self-evident, is it? Topics?).

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/heritage>

There is some useful information on this page, but the section we want is 'Search for Heritage', and our final destination is State Heritage Inventory. You might be distracted by State Heritage Register, but that lists only the more limited number of State significant items. The Inventory lists all heritage items (including those on the Register). Once you find the page I suggest you bookmark it!

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/heritagesearch.aspx>

When using the search facility on this page, the fewer criteria you enter the greater your chance of getting a result. Frankly, the search criteria are peculiar. For example, if you enter Glebe Point Rd as the street name (as well as suburb and LGA) you will get no results. Only if you enter 'Glebe Point' (no 'Road') will you get a list. So, easiest to search for the suburb, Glebe or Forest Lodge, and LGA of Sydney. This will give you 11 items from the State Register and 208 local items for Glebe, or 27 local items for Forest Lodge. By clicking on the individual item you reach the actual listing, where you find the really useful information, including the Statement of Significance, Description, History, Recommended Management and more.

This naturally leads to more questions, such as: 'What does a heritage listing mean for the owner?' And, 'What about conservation areas?' We will see what we can find online to answer these questions in future articles.

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