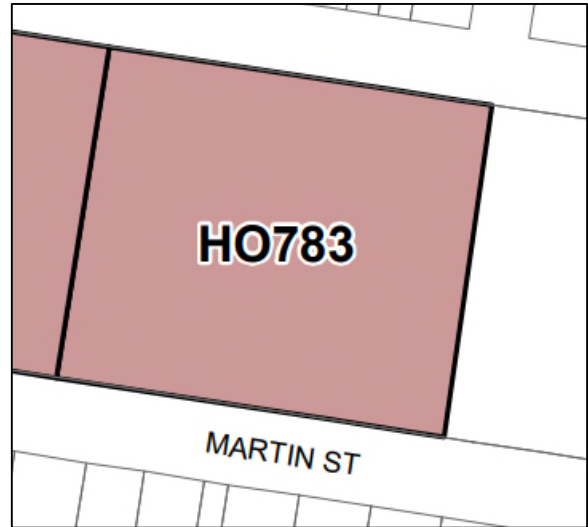


Statement of Significance: Beaumaris Bowls Club - 1 Martin Street, Beaumaris, November 2020

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What is Significant?

The Beaumaris Bowls Club, comprising a building and landscape constructed c.1955-1958, is significant.

The following features are significant:

- The Beaumaris Bowls Club pavilion;
- The recreation elements in the form of the two bowling greens;
- The Ross-Soden memorial gate facing Bodley Street, marking a formal entrance to the greens;
- The front door to the pavilion, donated from the local house 'The Point' around the period of construction;

Additions to the Martin Street frontage constructed in 1985 are contributory to the site. Landscaping around the site, including concrete edged garden beds, are also contributory.

How is it significant?

The Beaumaris Bowls Club is of local historical and social significance to the City of Bayside.

Why is it significant?

The Beaumaris Bowls Club is historically significant as a community facility for public recreation in the City of Bayside. The place demonstrates the major period of suburban growth in Beaumaris that occurred following World War II. The formation of the club in 1955, and construction of the pavilion in 1958, coincides with this prominent rise in population following the opening up of the area for extensive residential development. The purchase of private land for public recreation purposes, used as a bowls club, by the local council (then the City of Sandringham) demonstrates the growing recognition of the importance of providing the local population with community and recreational

spaces. The Beaumaris Bowls Club is demonstrative of the modest, in terms of scale and materials, and functional kinds of community buildings built for public recreation during the post-war period. The Victorian entry doors were integrated into the building early in its history in 1959, a year after the Club's construction, donated to the Club from a local Victorian era mansion, 'The Point' that was demolished around this time. (Criterion A)

The Beaumaris Bowls Club is significant for its strong and ongoing associations with the Beaumaris community. The site has played an ongoing role in both the recreational and social life of the local community since 1955, when the site was first cleared of tea tree and the bowling greens were established. The Beaumaris Bowls Club had formed by early 1955 and had enrolled over 70 members by early 1956. The pavilion has continuously served the club since its construction in 1958. (Criterion G)

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