HUNTER WATER SECTION s170 REGISTER



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Newcastle West 2 Wastewater Pumping Station

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ITEM DETAILS			
Item Name	Newcastle West 2 Wastewater Pumpi	ng Station	
Other / Former Names	Newcastle 3 Wastewater Pumping Sta	ation	
	Newcastle No. 3 (National Park) Sewa	ge Pumping Station	
NSW SHI No.	3630058		
GID	254310		
Plant No.	SS-NCW-002-PS1		
Local Government Area	Newcastle		
Lot and DP	Lot 1 DP 713238		
Address	118 Parkway Avenue, Newcastle Wes	t NSW 2302	
Curtilage	The curtilage of this asset is defined by its legal allotment boundaries (defined by the relevant Lot and DP).		



View of the Pump Station from Parkway Avenue



Asset location and curtilage (red boundary) (refer to Figure 1 for additional detail)



HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Current Use	Wastewater pumping station
Former Use	N/A
Designer / Builder	Public Works Department
Historical Notes	The Public Works Department constructed the Newcastle sewerage scheme in accordance with Joseph Davis' drawings. Gravitation disposed of sewage from high areas of the city and pumping cleared sewage from low areas. The Newcastle West 2 Wastewater Pumping Station was referred to as the Newcastle No. 3 (National Park) Sewage Pumping Station when constructed.

HERITAGE STATUS		
Listing Details	S170 Heritage and Conservation Register	
	Local heritage listing	
	State heritage listing	
Conservation Management Plan	□ N/A	
Heritage Asset Action Plan	□ N/A	
Aboriginal Sites Registered within the Site	No sites were registered in or within 50 metres of the relevant Lot and DP as at 19 September 2022.	
Historical Archaeological Potential	Not assessed.	

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

Level of Significance	Local	
Statement of Significance	Newcastle West 2 Wastewater Pumping Station is a good example of a well-detailed local wastewater pumping station. Constructed in timber, the building has a "cottage-like" appearance and the use of timber in municipal infrastructure is increasingly rare. The structure is well situated within a local park and has a high degree of integrity despite its age, including retained internal detailing.	
NSW SHR Criteria	a) Historical	
	b) Associative	
	🔀 c) Aesthetic / Technical	
	d) Social	
	e) Research Potential (yield new information)	
	🔀 f) Rare	
	🔀 g) Representative	
Significant Elements	Overall scale, form and design of the Station.	
	 External materiality including façade treatment, roof form and tiles, and windows (including sill and joinery). 	
	 Internal features such as panelled wall sheeting, cornices and skirtings, vents and the battened ceiling. 	



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DESCRIPTION	(i)
Setting	The Pump Station is situated within open, grassed parkland (National Park) adjacent to Parkway Avenue.
External Appearance	A timber framed, painted weather board building installed over a raised concrete drywell. The roof is gabled and Marseille tiled, with non-original gutters and downpipes. There is original double hung sash windows to the east and west sides of the building, which are covered by an intrusive wire mesh. The door is timber sheeted, with a fibrous cement board at the base. The paintwork is inconsistent, likely due to sporadic painting events associated with graffiti.
Internal Appearance	Internally the building is largely original, with concrete floors, half-height timber panelled walls and decorative skirtings and cornices. Original vents remain, and the simple batten ceiling is also original. Equipment within the building appears largely new.
Overall Condition	Good.
Moveable Heritage Objects	None identified.

MANAGEMENT		
Approval and Assessment Requirements	Minor or inconsequential impacts: Anything other than routine repair and maintenance must be discussed with the Environment Team to determine the level of heritage assessment required.	
	More than minor or inconsequential impacts: As above. Additionally, consultation with the relevant local council is required.	
	Demolition or removal from the register requires consultation with Heritage NSW and archival recording.	
General / Ongoing Management	 Changes within the defined curtilage should be preceded by the appropriate level of heritage assessment and approval. Advice and/or confirmation should be sought from the Environment Team prior to undertaking any works. 	
	Maintain overall form, shape and scale of the building.	
	 Changes to fabric may be supportable if no feasible alternative is available to ensure ongoing operation and/or safety. 	
	Replacement/removal of redundant or failing elements or equipment is acceptable.	
	 Removal or replacement of non-significant elements (such as rainwater goods, window coverings, recent pit covers and safety railings, etc) is supportable. Any replacements must be appropriate/sympathetic. 	
Priority Conservation Works	 Assess timber rot and repair and/or rectify drainage as necessary. 	
	Replace missing glazing.	
	 Re-paint painted surfaces for consistency of appearance and to protect timber elements (both internal and external). 	
	 Assess concrete condition and rectify drainage and repair as necessary. 	



KEY IMAGES



Image 1: View of the Pump Station facing southeast

Image 2: View of the front (northern) elevation of the Pump Station



Image 3: View of the Pump Station facing southwest



Image 4: View of an original window with later wire mesh added and graffiti to wall



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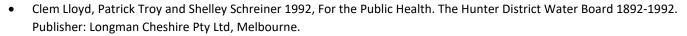


Image 5: Internal view within Pump Station showing original features and new equipment

Image 6: Internal view showing concrete flooring, skirtings, wall lining and condition issues

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