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Dear Chief Executive

QLD Heritage Register Application - Coorparoo Bowls Club - 32 Riddings Street, Coorparoo

We act for Bowls Queensland as registered owner of the Coorparoo Bowls Club site at 32 Riddings Street, Coorparoo.

In response to the Application for entry of the Coorparoo Bowls Club in the Queensland Heritage Register as a State Heritage Place, the owners of the Coorparoo Bowls Club submit that the Bowls Club is not suitable for entry in the Queensland Heritage Register as it is not of state-level cultural significance and does not satisfy any of the cultural heritage criteria contained within section 35 of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

Our client relies upon the report enclosed prepared by Mr Malcolm Elilot of Vault Heritage Consulting Pty Ltd which assesses the significance of the Coorparoo Bowls Club against the criteria relevant to the application relating to the Queensland Heritage Register. The report submits that the Coorparoo Bowls Club does not satisfy the criteria as summarised below:

- In relation to criterion A, the Coorparoo Bowls Club is not important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history. At its highest, the place is one example of many of the broader development of suburban bowls clubs across Queensland. The report records that the club commenced in 1930, well after earlier bowls clubs had been established, and does not identify any basis on which this particular club can be said to have had a strong or influential role in shaping a broader historical pattern. It is, at best, representative in a general sense, which is not sufficient to satisfy this criterion.
- In relation to criterion B, the place does not demonstrate rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of Queensland's cultural heritage. The report identifies a fundamental issue with the nomination, namely that the claim as to the relative earliness of the club is not borne out by the material. More broadly, the existence of numerous comparable bowls clubs undermines any suggestion of rarity. In any event, the place cannot satisfy the necessary threshold of intactness or integrity. The report records that the clubhouse has been subject to multiple phases of alteration and expansion between 1957 and 1977, with the result that the extant building is a composite structure which has been progressively modified over time.
- In relation to criterion D, while the place may still be described as a bowls club in the ordinary sense, that does not establish State significance. The report accepts that the site reflects the typical arrangement of such facilities, but also explains why that is not enough. The place is not an intact or particularly early example of the class, nor is it rare or exceptional. Rather, it is a modified and

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unexceptional example, with original elements having been diluted by successive additions and alterations.

- In relation to criterion G, it may be accepted that the club has a longstanding association with its local community. However, the relevant question is whether that association rises to the level of State cultural heritage significance. The report makes the point that many bowls clubs across Queensland have performed a similar community function. That does not of itself justify State listing. Any relevant social value is local in character and does not meet the threshold. It must also be accepted that the ongoing relationship with the local community has not manifested in sufficient community support for the venue to continue to operate as a vibrant and well-utilised venue.

It is also relevant that the place is already recognised at a local level. The report records that the Coorparoo Bowls Club is included in the Brisbane City Council Heritage Register. That local recognition does not elevate the place to one of State significance. Rather, it confirms the Council's view that the place is appropriately characterised as having local heritage value only.

In those circumstances, the better view is that the Coorparoo Bowls Club is at best a place of local significance, but not a place of State cultural heritage significance. It is not rare, not intact, not especially early, and not exceptional nor is it shown to have made a strong or influential contribution to the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history.

Accordingly, the recommendation should be that the Coorparoo Bowls Club is not to be entered in the Queensland Heritage Register.

We look forward to your advices as to the proposed recommendation.

Yours faithfully


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Coorparoo Bowls Club

32 Riddings Street, Coorparoo

Evaluation of *QHR* Heritage nomination (*QHR* 650288)

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Cover image: A recent elevated panoramic satellite image – taken on 7 July 2025 - with the boundaries of the subject site; the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* located at 32 Riddings Street, Coorparoo, highlighted and illustrating the surrounding site context.
(Source: Nearmap)

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1 Introduction

1.1 Executive summary

This Evaluation of the *QHR* Heritage nomination has been prepared to support a submission made in response to the recent public nomination for a proposed State heritage listing of the sport and recreational facility known as the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* that is situated at No. 32 Riddings Street, Coorparoo.

This document has been commissioned by the present asset owner of the subject site, the sporting association known as Bowls Queensland. It is noted that the recent notification by the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (the Department) – on behalf of the *Queensland Heritage Council* – of the current public heritage nomination in relation to the subject site allows for a written submission to be made by the site owner in order to provide feedback on the suggested Statements of Significance within the heritage nomination document and/or to raise any other matter considered relevant to the forthcoming consideration by the *Queensland Heritage Council* of the proposed State heritage listing.

The purpose of this Evaluation of the *QHR* Heritage nomination is to document the history of the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site and the progressive development of the sport and recreation facilities within same over the years. Having due regard for that historical context, this Evaluation will critically assess the suggested basis of cultural heritage significance that is presently being attributed to this site – by the nominating party - in relation to the longstanding land use of the subject site for sport and recreational activity by the local community within Coorparoo at this Club, which has been active since the Club opening in 1930. It is considered that there are several aspects of the attributed heritage significance suggested in the public heritage nomination that appear to be ill-founded in addition to some other concerns for the current asset owner, Bowls Queensland, regarding the implications of the proposed heritage listing on the future operational functionality of the subject site going forward.

1.2 Scope of this Evaluation of the *QHR* Heritage nomination

This document provides a critical evaluation of the *QHR* Heritage nomination recently lodged by Mr. Ron Baker OAM of the Coorparoo and Districts Heritage Group in relation to the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site. The scope of this heritage evaluation will include:

- The identification of the subject site and its present status under the planning scheme of the relevant local planning authority; Brisbane City Council;
- An outline of the history of the subject site and its progressive development as a facility for sport and recreational activities for the local community since 1930;
- An overview of the series of prior planning applications over the years that have resulted in the progressive modification and/or expansion of Clubhouse facilities from the late-1950s onwards;
- Analysis of the existing configuration of the array of buildings extant within the subject site and its associated constituent sporting facilities extant on the periphery of same;
- A critical evaluation of the basis of cultural heritage significance presently asserted in relation to this site under the public nomination document recently lodged with the Department for consideration by the *Queensland Heritage Council*; and
- Demonstration that the State cultural heritage significance presently asserted in relation to both this site and its constituent Clubhouse building, by the public nominator within the submitted nomination material, is not well-founded and consequently the subject site does not actually warrant inclusion of the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* in the *Queensland Heritage Register*.

1.3 The subject site

The subject site at 32 Riddings Street, Coorparoo comprises a two-lot landholding within the inner eastern suburb of Coorparoo. It is further noted that the subject site comprises properties with the real property description of Lot 56 on SL 4245 as well as Lot 1 on Registered Plan No 107835 (an adjoining landholding formally identified as 17A Wakefield Street, Coorparoo), which collectively comprises a total site area of 6,080m².

The subject site is situated within a predominantly residential precinct of Coorparoo that is located in-between the major traffic throughfare leading eastwards along Old Cleveland Road - to the south of the subject site - and the Cleveland railway corridor and constituent Coorparoo Railway Station – situated to the north.

It is also noted that the subject site has three different street frontages, and each street frontage presents a distinctly different viewer's perspective of the constituent sport and recreational facilities and the associated Clubhouse building extant within this site. The primary frontage of the subject site is actually along Harries Road, the secondary street frontage in Riddings Street (to the north) technically provides the formal street address for this site (at No. 32) while the tertiary site frontage that is extant within Wakefield Street allows the whole site and its Clubhouse building to be readily observed "in the round" as one approaches the property along that street frontage while travelling in a south-westerly direction.

The subject site is presently mapped within the SR2 *Sport and recreation (District)* zone under Brisbane City Council's planning scheme, *City Plan 2014* (refer to **Figure 3** below), which entirely aligns with the longstanding sport and recreational land use presently operational within the subject site – for a lawn bowls club – and which has operated on this site for almost a century.

From the current satellite image – shown at **Figure 1** (below), it is evident that the subject site is presently improved by the pair of lawn bowls rinks (greens), a large Clubhouse building and a series of smaller ancillary buildings / structures located on the periphery of the Clubhouse structure.

It is noted that the original extent of the Clubhouse building (circa 1930s) has been progressively expanded and/or appended over the years; as evidenced by the series of post-WWII building approvals that have been granted by Brisbane City Council in relation to this sport and recreational facility and documented on the historical Council building approval record card shown at **Figures 5 & 6** included in the following **Section 1.4** of this Evaluation document. This historical building approval record serves to indicate the respective phases of subsequent redevelopment that have been progressively approved by Council for this site in November 1957, November 1961, June 1968 and January 1977 respectively.



Figure 1: Current satellite image – taken on 12 March 2026 - with the boundaries of the subject site; the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* located at 32 Riddings Street, Coorparoo, highlighted at image centre. Note the somewhat mixed site context surrounding the subject site, which essentially varies from an array of traditional character houses that is still extant along one perimeter road frontage (in Riddings Street – across the top of this image) to a series of contemporary apartment buildings ranging in scale from low-medium to high density scale that are now proximate to and/or opposite the other site boundaries. (Source: Nearmap)



Figure 2: A recent elevated panoramic satellite image – taken on 7 July 2025 - with the boundaries of the subject site; the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* located at 32 Riddings Street, Coorparoo, highlighted at image left. This elevated view of the *Club's* facilities once again indicates the somewhat mixed site context surrounding this site, which essentially varies from a row of traditional character houses that is still extant along one road frontage (within Riddings Street – at top of image) to a series of contemporary apartment buildings ranging from the low-medium to high density scale that are now situated proximate to other site boundaries. (Source: Nearmap)

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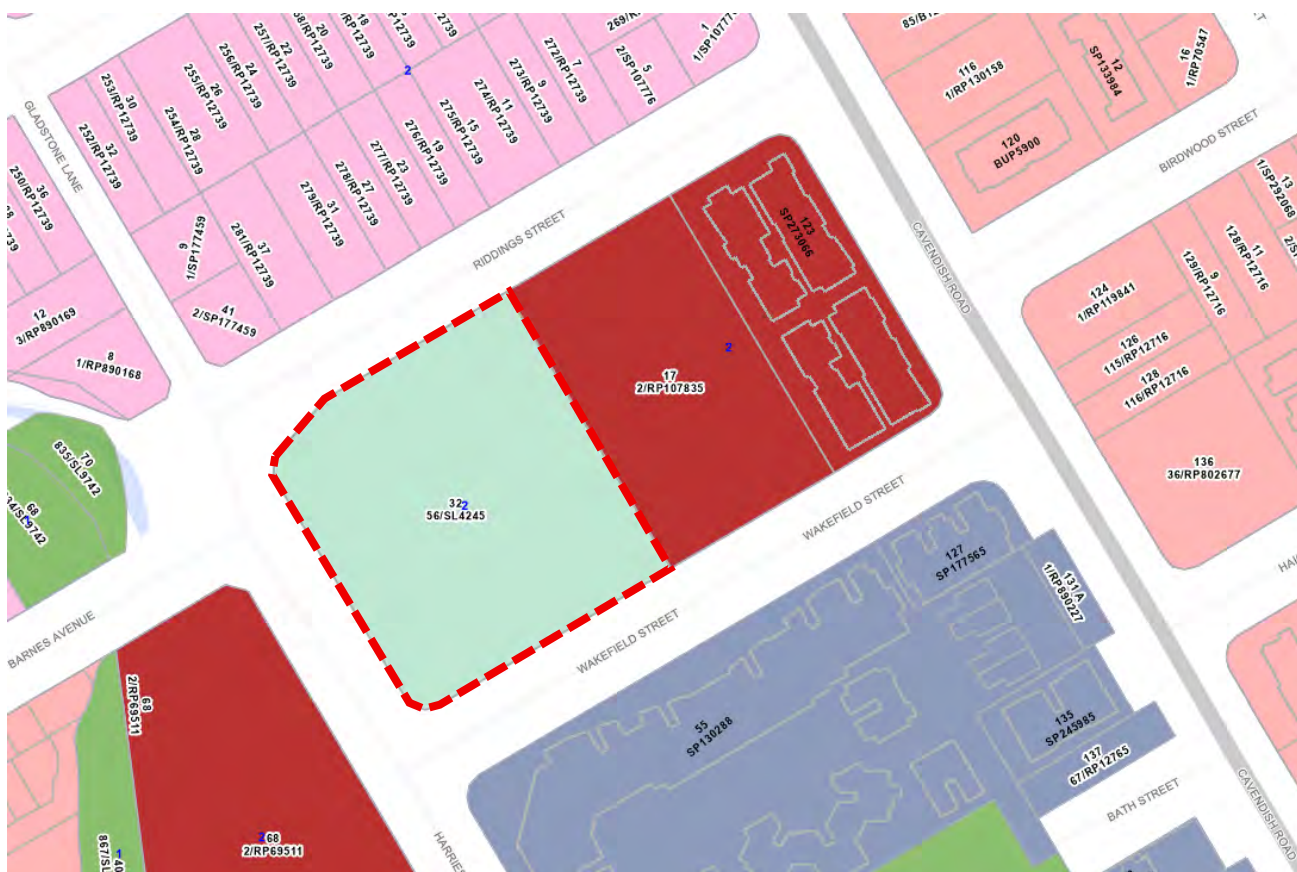


Figure 3: Current land use zone mapping for part of the Coorparoo area with the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site at image centre with highlighted boundaries. It is noted that this site is presently mapped in the **SR2 Sport and Recreation (District)** zone – indicated with pale green shading – while the surrounding land uses include a broad range of residential and/or mixed use zones including the **HDR2 High density residential (up to 15 Storeys)** zone – refer to red shaded areas, the **DC2 District Centre (Corridor)** zone – refer to blue/gray shading, the **LMR2 Low-medium density residential (2 or 3 storey mix)** zone – refer to salmon-coloured shading at image right, the **CR2 Character residential (Infill housing)** zone – refer to pink shading at top of image - as well as an adjoining pocket of **OS Open Space** zone opposite – refer to dark green shading in lower left corner. (Source: BCC City Plan 2014 Interactive mapping)

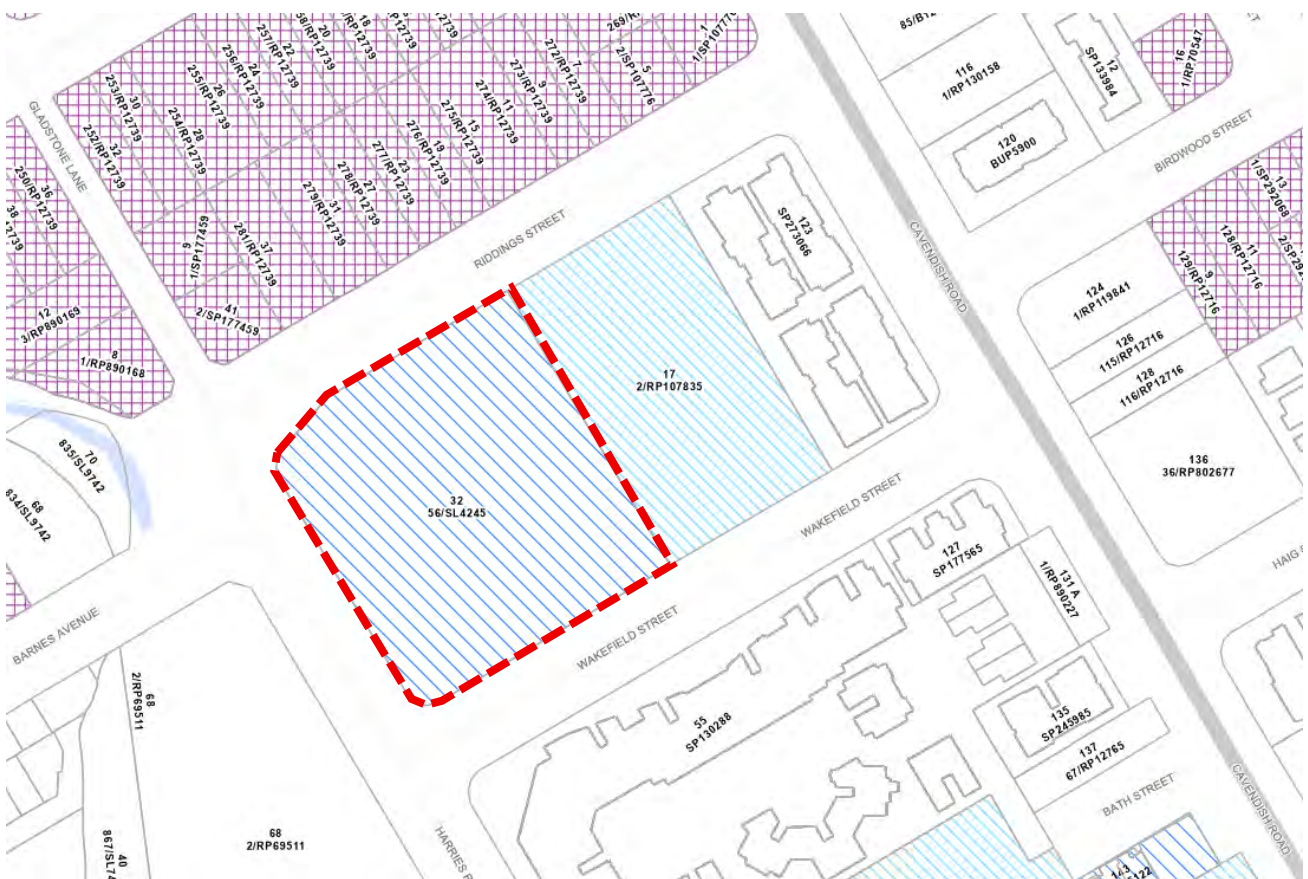


Figure 4: The mapping of the *Heritage overlay* (refer to light blue stripes) and the *Traditional building character overlay* (refer to purple cross-hatching) for part of the Coorparoo area with the boundaries of the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site highlighted at image centre. Note that the subject site itself is effectively almost an “island” landholding – with road frontages to three (3) of the four (4) site boundaries - as well as the elongated building footprints mapped for the array of nearby multi-unit dwelling development that is now extant both to the east and south of the subject site. (Source: BCC City Plan 2014 Interactive mapping)

1.4 Prior development application history of the subject site

It is noted that the subject site at 32 Riddings Street, Coorparoo has previously been the focus of a series of historical planning applications made with the relevant local government authority; Brisbane City Council, from the late 1950s up until the late 1970s. This array of development applications; four (4) in total, were lodged sequentially by the Club’s then-administration seeking building approval to progressively expand and/or enhance the original Clubhouse facilities established within the subject site. This array of post-WWII development applications, which are documented on the historical Brisbane City Council building approval record card for the subject site and is shown at **Figures 5 & 6** (following), includes the following:

- **Application No. 8343EA:** In September 1957, the Club lodged a building application with Council for “Alter Club H’s’e” (alterations to the Clubhouse). The building approval for these changes to the extant Clubhouse building were subsequently approved by Council on 26 November 1957 – refer to **Figures 5 & 6** (following).
- **Application No. 6449-61:** This proposal for further building work to the Club’s facilities was lodged with Council on 7 November 1961. The scope of work for this proposal was “Add. Toilets” (an addition of toilet facilities) and was subsequently approved by Council on 13 November 1961 – refer to **Figure 6** (following).

- **Application No. 2988-68:** Another proposal for further building work to the Club’s facilities was lodged with Council on 27 May 1968 and incorporated “Alt. to Club H’se.” (alterations to the Club House). This building application was approved by Council on 7 June 1968 and involved building work to the value of \$16,000 at that time – refer to **Figure 6** (following).
- **Application No. 5708-76:** A further proposal for building work to the Club’s facilities was lodged with Council on 3 September 1976 and incorporated “Alts. & Exts. to Clubhouse.” (alterations and extensions to the Club House). This building application was approved by Council on 19 January 1977 and involved building work to the value of \$50,000 at that time – refer to **Figure 6** (following).

HARRIES RD + RIDDINGS + WAKEFIELD									
BLK.	SUB.	RESUB.	SUB.	ALLOT.	SECT.	PAR.	PARISH	RATE ADRESS. NO.	
	19/25 41/47	11	2	A		56	Burinda	2366	
AREA	PCHS.	SUBDIVISION FILE	C. OF A. ISSUED. / /		CERTIFICATE OF ALIGNMENT NO.		DATE / /		DRAINAGE CERTIFICATE ISSUED
		5782 m ²	/ /						/ /
<p>1982/57 Permission granted to carry out alterations other than fire resisting materials @ 2495)</p> <p>REFER TO FILE 223/60/RJ 275/X10 WHEN B/A IS LODGED</p>									
RECORD OF SITE APPLICATIONS									
DATE	FILE NO.	MINUTE NO.	DATE	A OR D	DETAIL	APPLICANT	REMARKS		
1-57	1904	57060	3-10-57	A	ADD. TO CLUB HOUSE	COORPAROO B.C.	ERECT PART OF A BUILDING.		
		UPPN		RPD		CARDS			
		32 - A 8518		19					
APPLICATION FOR SEPTIC TANK: DATE MINUTE NO. A OR D. REMARKS									
DATE MINUTE NO. A OR D. REMARKS									
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Figure 5: The front side of the Council historical building approval record card for the subject site, which is referenced by its three (3) street frontages – in Harries Road, Riddings and Wakefield Streets - at the top of this image. It is noted that the Council building application approval that was granted in October 1957 (refer to arrowed date) references both “Add. To Club House” and “Erect Part of a Building” as the scope of building work approved by Council at that time. (Source: Brisbane City Archives)

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SURVEY AND RECORD OF BUILDINGS					
Rd 1639					
BUILDING APPLICATIONS					
NUMBER	8343E	6449-61	2988-68	5708-76	
DATE	16.9.57	7.11.61	27.5.68	3/9/76	
NATURE	ALTER CLUB H'SE	ADD. TOILETS	ALT TO CLUB H'SE	ALTS & EXTS TO CLUB H'SE	
OWNER	Coorparoo Bowls Club	Coorparoo Bowls Club	Coorparoo Bowls Club	Coorparoo Bowls Club	
BUILDER	?				
ISSUED	26.11.57	13.11.61	7/6/68	19.1.77	
CANCELLED					
AMENDED					
AREA	400	38	\$16000.00	122M ² \$50,000	
ORDERS FOR REPAIR, DEMOLITION, DRAINAGE, ETC.					
ADMIN. BD. MINUTE	DATE	FILE NO.	ISSUED	REQUIREMENT	SATISFIED

Figure 6: The rear side of the historical Council building approval record card for the subject site, which includes references to the series of post-WWII building approvals progressively granted by Council for further building work to the Club's facilities and that incorporated "Alter Club House" (approved in November 1957), "Add. Toilets" (approved in November 1961), "Alt. to Club H'se" (approved in June 1968) and finally "Alts. & Exts. to Club H'se" (approved in January 1977) as the respective scope of building work approved by Council on each of those documented instances. (Source: Brisbane City Archives)

There will also be a pictorial documentation of the evolution of the progressive development of the Clubhouse building of the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* over the years incorporated in **Section 2.1** of this Heritage Evaluation that will seek to illustrate the nature and extent of the progressive expansion of the Club's facilities on site within an expanded / modified built form over the years.

2 Understanding the Site history

2.1 Brief history of the subject site

In order to place some historical context around the proposed *QHR* heritage nomination of the subject site and the corresponding basis of cultural heritage significance presently being attributed to the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site by the nominating party for the current public heritage nomination; it is considered appropriate to provide a brief overview of the origins of the subject site, its sport and recreational use over the years as well as the corresponding modification and/or expansion of the Club's original facilities in order to service its patrons during the same period. The following pictorial chronology of the subject site and its constituent Clubhouse facilities – at **Figures 7 – 24** inclusive – will collectively serve to document the progressive intensification of sport and recreational facilities on this site and the manner in which the co-located Clubhouse facilities have also changed over the years in order to maintain or enhance the operational functions of the Club at this location.

It is noted that the subject site was established as a sport and recreational facility for the local community of Coorparoo during 1930. The impetus for the establishment of this bowls club came from an alliance of local residents who had met during the preceding October at the *Coorparoo School of Arts* in order to plan for the creation of a bowls club to service this locality. A suitable parcel of land was subsequently purchased at the corner of Harries Road and Riddings Street in Coorparoo from a Mr. Harries; who was the owner of an eponymously named land estate in that location. The site purchased comprised a total area of one acre and sixty-four perches (approx. 5,666m²) and the construction of the first green took place soon after; with the bowling green initially encircled by a wire fence. The building application for the construction of a Clubhouse building was subsequently approved by Brisbane City Council in July 1930.

An extract from a historical aerial photograph of the Coorparoo area – taken on 20 April 1936 – shown at **Figure 8** (following) – serves to illustrate the general site layout that was initially established, the original extent of the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* building itself, a small greenkeeper's shed extant beside same as well as two (2) lawn bowling rinks located forward of these buildings.

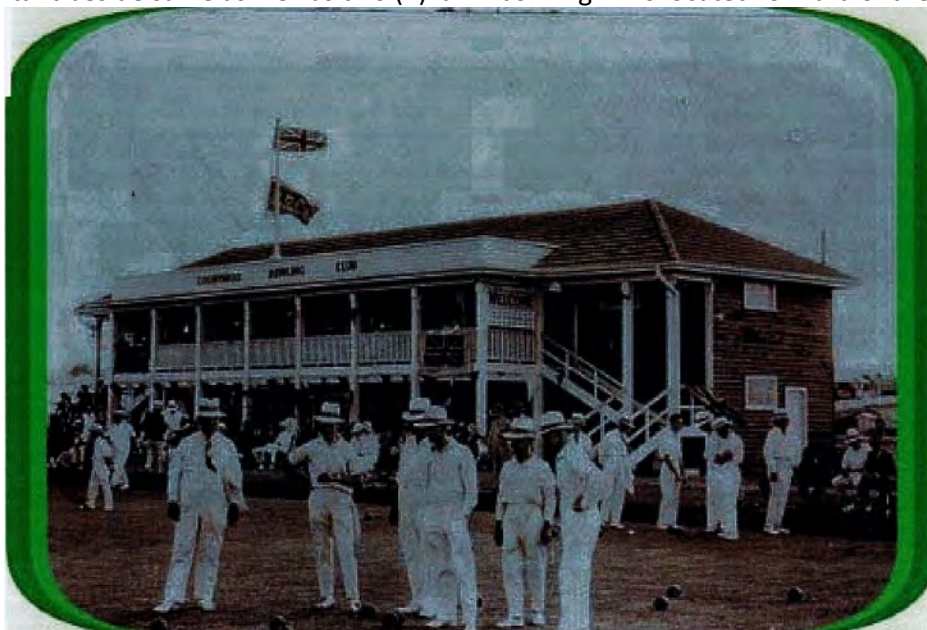


Figure 7: Historical photograph of a lawn bowls tournament being held at the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* – date unknown – showing the original / early configuration of the Clubhouse building at that time with the open verandah deck clearly visible at first floor level. (Source: coorparoobowlsclub.com.au)



Figure 8: Historical aerial photograph of the Coorparoo area taken on 20 April 1936 documenting the original (circa 1930s) configuration of the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* building set beside the two lawn bowls rinks. The boundaries of the subject site at that time have been highlighted (i.e. prior to the corner truncation of Riddings Street & Harries Road occurring). (Source: Q Imagery)

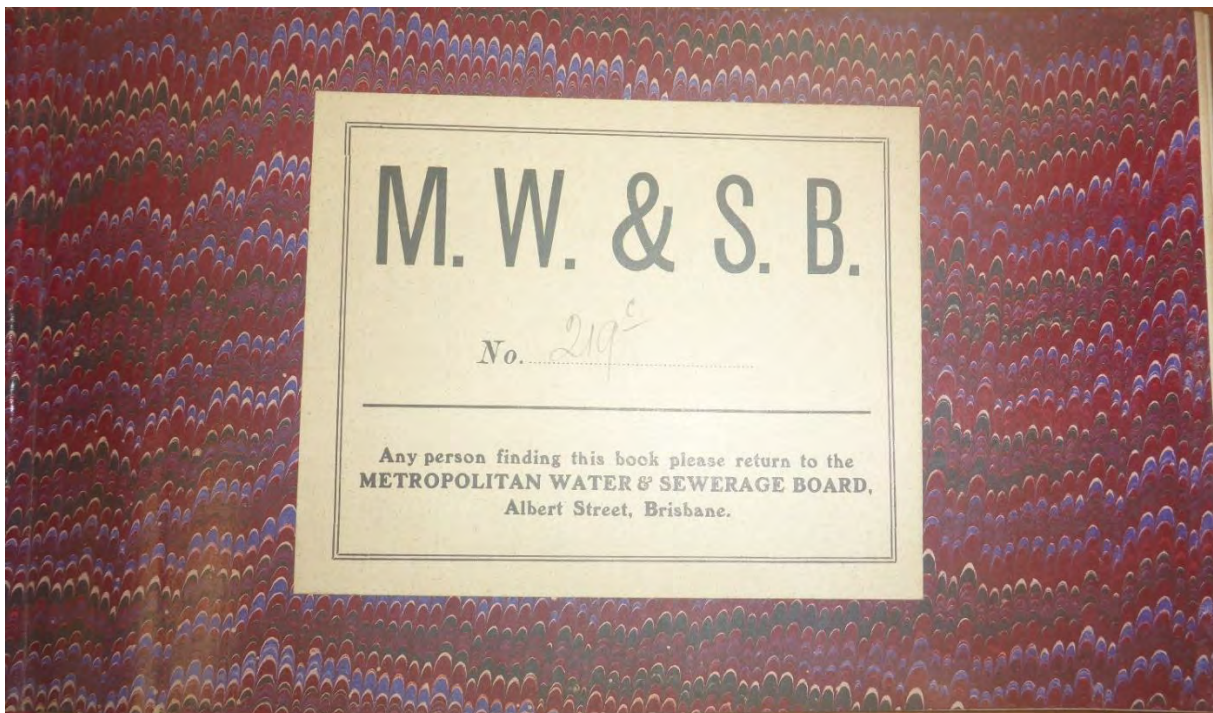


Figure 9: The cover page from the historical Metropolitan Water & Sewerage Board (MW&SB) field survey book No. 219C, which documents the field survey work undertaken across the Coorparoo area during the compilation / preparation of what ultimately became the Brisbane City Council Detail Plan No. 417 – shown following at **Figures 13 & 14**. (Source: BCC City Archives)

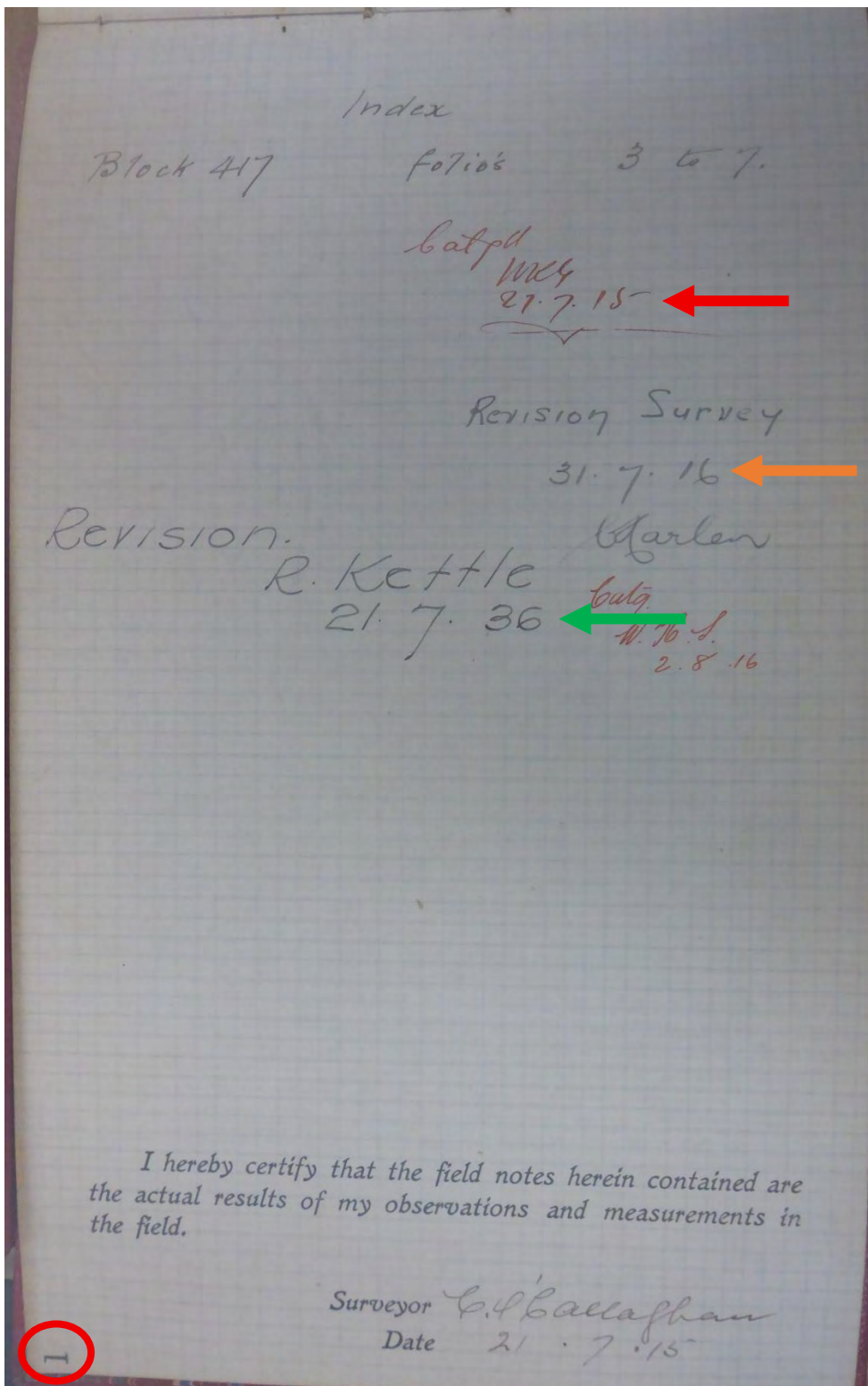


Figure 10: Folio (Page) 1 – circled in bottom left corner - from the historical Metropolitan Water & Sewerage Board (MW&SB) field survey book No. 219C, which shows the survey dates when the field survey work was completed within the designated study area for this survey volume within suburban Coorparoo. It is noted that the initial phase of survey work for this particular volume was completed circa July 1915 (see red arrowed date), was subsequently updated midway through the following year (see orange arrowed date) and revised again sometime later; during July 1936 (see green arrowed date), which was just subsequent to the date that the circa April 1936 aerial photo shown at **Figure 7** (above) was taken. (Source: BCC City Archives)

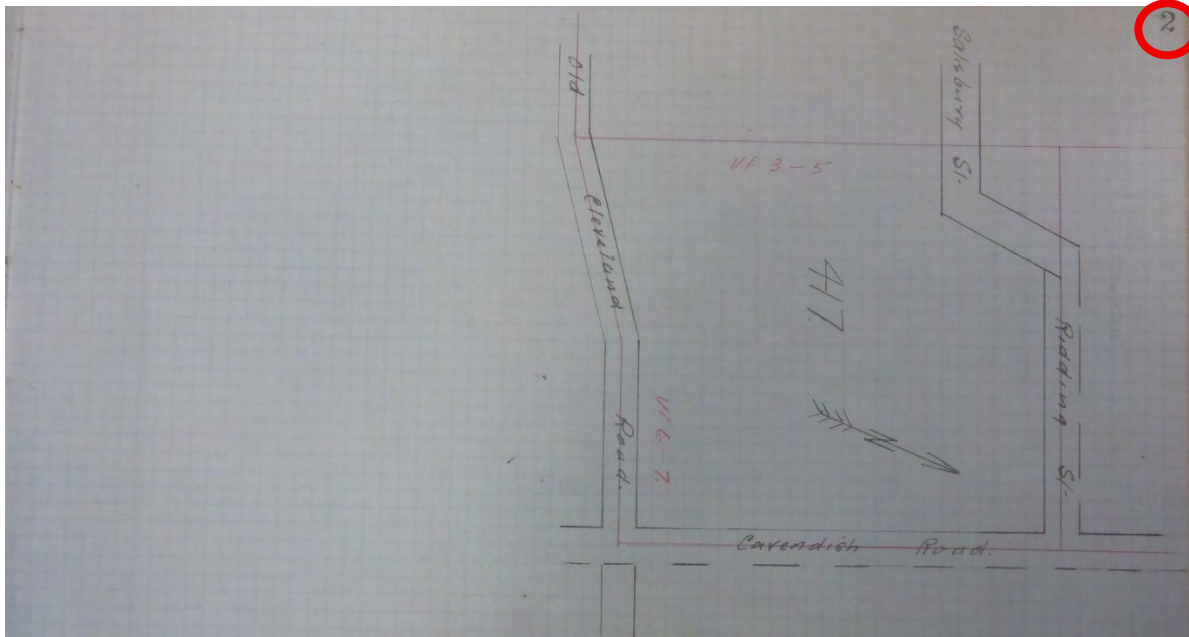


Figure 11: The survey area map from the historical Metropolitan Water & Sewerage Board (MW&SB) field survey book No. 219C – Folio No. 2 (circled at image top right), which documents the area of the Coorparoo locality that was surveyed for this particular volume. It is noted that the field survey area documented within this volume was bounded by Old Cleveland Road, Cavendish Road and Riddings Street to the south, east and north of the subject site respectively. It is also noted that, at the time this field survey work commenced (circa 1915 / 16), the road reserve and street alignment for Harries Road itself was still yet to be established. (Source: BCC City Archives)

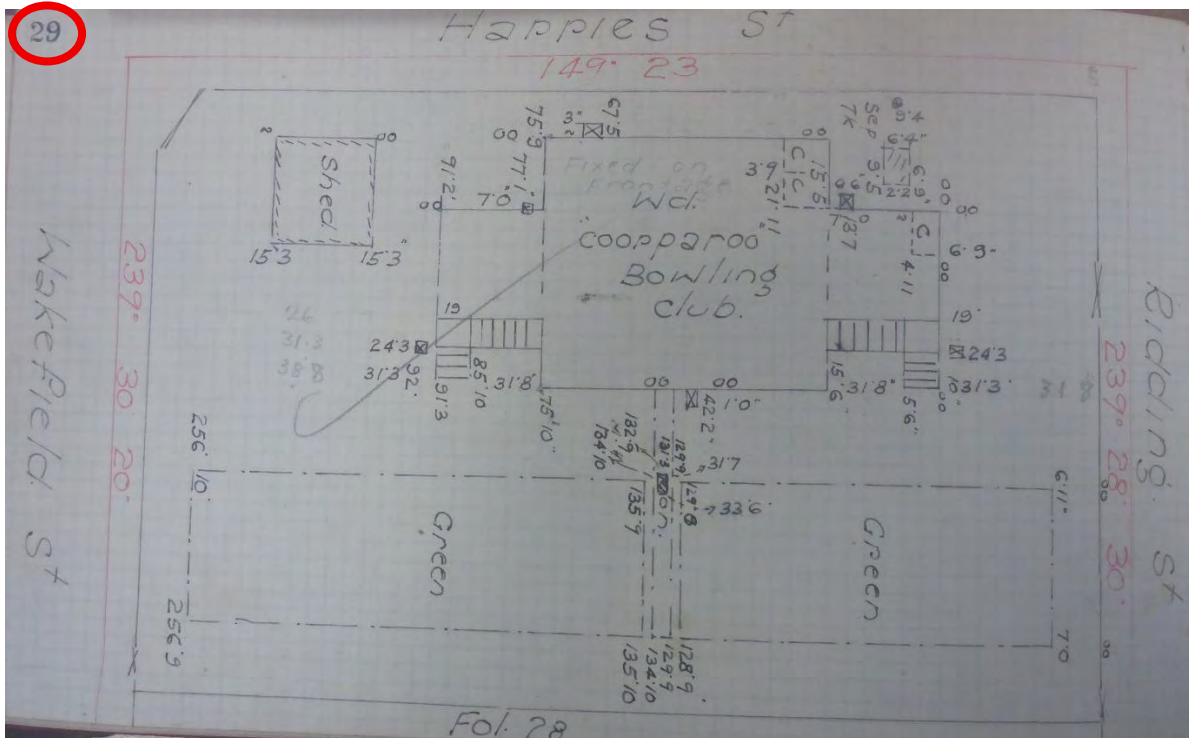


Figure 12: Folio 29 (circled at image top left corner) from the historical Metropolitan Water & Sewerage Board (MW&SB) field survey book No. 219C, which documents the original / early configuration of the Clubhouse building of the “Coorparoo Bowling Club” (sic) documented during the circa 1936/37 update of that field survey area. It is noted that the building footprint of the Clubhouse was documented as a symmetrical arrangement with a larger central core with smaller projecting structures at either end of same and incorporating external staircases providing alternative access points into the building from its opposite ends. A small, square greenkeeper’s shed – visible at image top left corner and situated proximate to the Harries Road site boundary - is also documented off at the south-western corner of the Clubhouse building. (Source: BCC City Archives)

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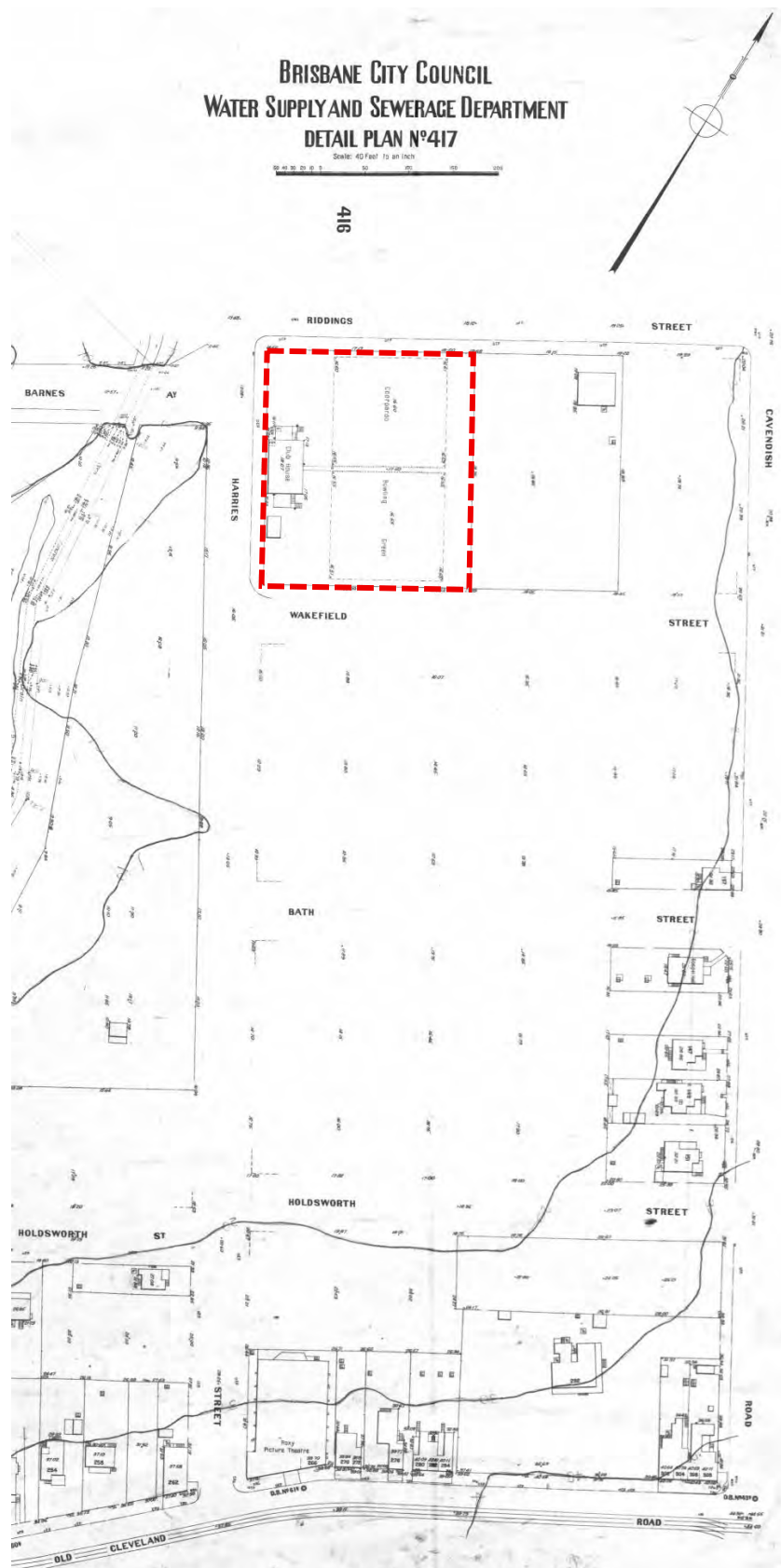


Figure 13: The Brisbane City Council Detail Plan No. 417 (dated July 1936) with the boundaries of the subject site highlighted. It is noted that the overall landholding of the bowls club appeared to extend well beyond the Clubhouse (then in its original configuration & extent) and the two bowls rinks situated forward of same at this time. (Source: BCC City Archives)

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Figure 14: A more detailed extract from the Brisbane City Council Detail Plan No. 417 (circa July 1936) with the original boundaries of the subject site highlighted. It is reiterated that the subject site was improved by the original extent of the Club House building and an ancillary greenkeeper's shed adjoining at this time; as per the field survey sketch shown at Figure 12. (Source: BCC City Archives)

Detail Plan No. 417					
No.	Officer.	Commenced.	Completed.	Remarks.	
Framework Book	Staff Survey				
Construction Book	9 ^A B. O'Ballaghan				
Frontage Book	182 ^B B. O'Ballaghan	19.7.15	20.7.15	←	
Detail Book	219 ^C B. O'Ballaghan	20.7.15	21.7.15	←	
Level Book	478 ^A H. Higginbottom	20.4.15	21.9.15	←	
Plotted	E. Long	1.2.16	2.2.16		
Drawn	E. Long	2.2.16	3.2.16	←	
Examined					
Signed					
Entered Strong Room					
Amended Field Book	182 ^B 219 ^C C. Harlan		31.7.16	No Revision Levels required Revision Survey.	
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Lithographs Received	W.H. Smith	30.7.45			

Figure 15: An extracted page from the BCC Works Department Detail Plan Register Book No. 2 documenting the field survey work undertaken during the preparation of Detail Plan No. 417 (number circled at image top left corner). It is noted that this Detail Plan was compiled from an initial field survey expedition undertaken during July / September 1915 (arrowed), subsequently compiled into the plotted Detail Plan No. 417 early in the following year (1916) before ultimately being updated between July 1936 & February 1937 – also arrowed, which would have effectively documented the original site configuration and the corresponding original / early building footprint of the Coorparoo Bowls Club Clubhouse within same at that time. (Source: BCC City Archives)



Figure 16: Historical photograph of the Coorparoo area taken on 31 May 1946 with the boundaries of the subject site highlighted. By this time, the Clubhouse building had been appended with a larger ancillary structure located immediately to the south of same; presumably the greenkeeper's shed (arrowed) as well as other site infrastructure (pathways, gates etc.) that had also been established subsequent to the 1936 aerial photo (shown previously at **Figure 8** - above) having been captured. (Source: BCC City Plan 2014 Interactive mapping)



Figure 17: Historical photograph of the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* and its constituent cohort of members at that time – taken in 1954 during the 25th anniversary celebrations for the Club. Some of the post-WWII additions made to the Clubhouse building, such as the enclosing of the upper-level verandah, are clearly in place at this time. (Source: coorparoobowlsclub.com.au)

2.2 Subsequent alterations & additions made to the Clubhouse and/or site

As noted previously on the historical Council building approval record card shown previously at **Figures 5 & 6** (above) in **Section 1.4** of this Heritage Evaluation, it is noted that the original Clubhouse building has undergone at least four (4) distinct phases of subsequent redevelopment during the period 1957 to 1977 and consequently is a substantially different building to that originally constructed on the subject site during the early 1930s to service the fledgling bowls club organization.

In order to document the nature and extent of this array of subsequent phases of building development undertaken, the following series of historical aerial photographs – **Figures 18 – 24** inclusive – have been compiled for reference purposes.



Figure 18: Historical aerial photograph of the Coorparoo area taken on 12 June 1961 focussing upon the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site and showing the surrounding street grid of Cavendish and Harries Roads, Riddings and Wakefield Streets at its perimeter. By this date, the 1957 additions to the Clubhouse had been carried out, which had resulted in the enclosure of the peripheral verandah spaces at the front of the building that originally overlooked the bowls greens. (Source: *Q Imagery*)



Figure 19: Historical aerial photograph of the Coorparoo area - taken on 16 August 1964 - focussing upon the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site and showing the surrounding street grid of Cavendish and Harries Roads, Riddings and Wakefield Streets at its perimeter.
(Source: *Q Imagery*)

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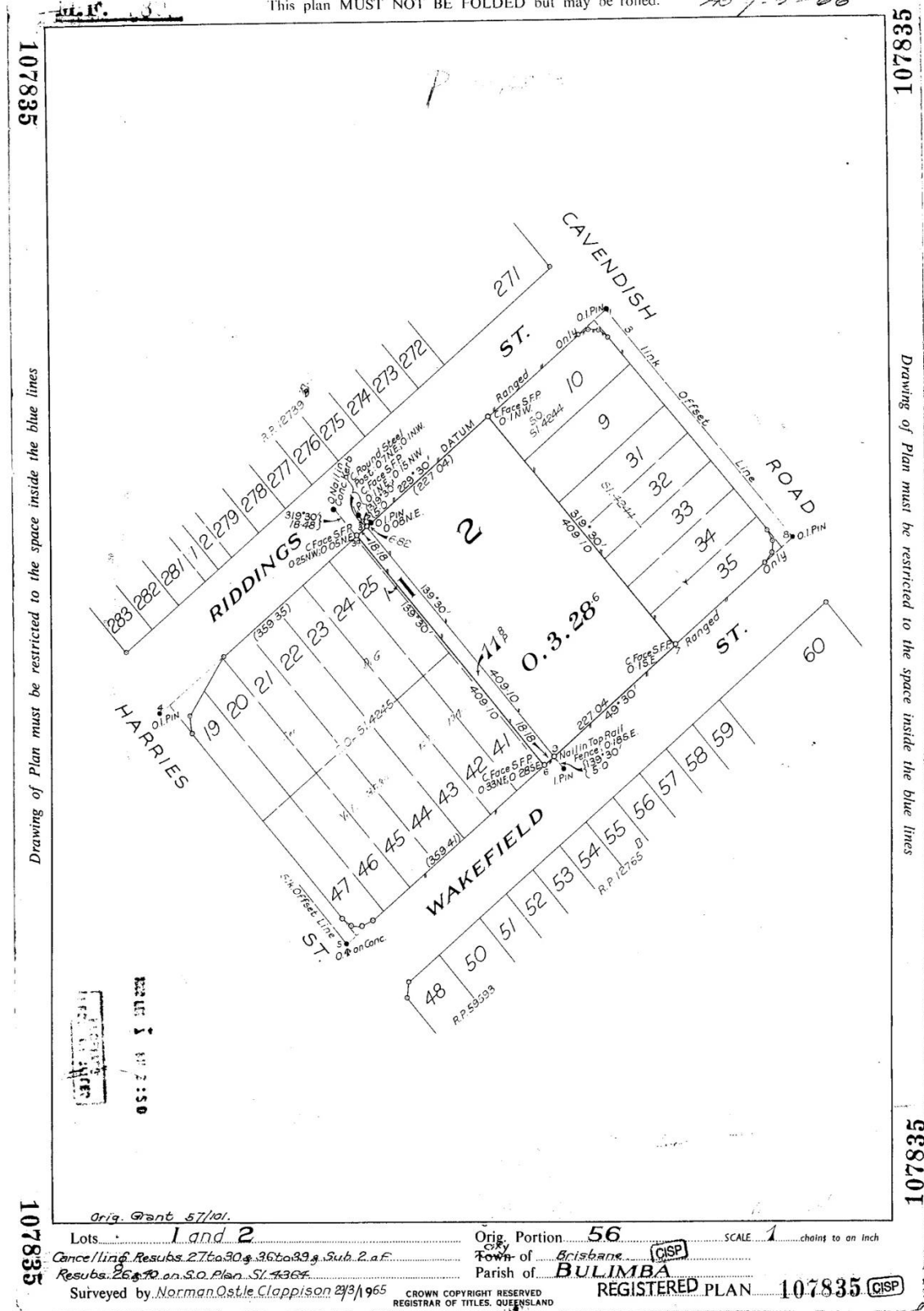


Figure 20: Registered Plan No. 107835, which indicates the array of individual lots that collectively comprised the amalgamated landholding upon which the Coorparoo Bowls Club was established and prior to the amalgamation of all of these individual land parcels into the single lot landholding that comprises the subject site today. This Registered Plan was formally registered in May 1966. (Source: DNRME Land Titles Office)

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SURVEY OF Lots 1 and 2

County of Stanley Parish of BULIMBA

City of Brisbane To the Depth of Resubs. 27 to 30 & 36 to 39 & Sub 2 of Resubs. 26 & 40 of Sub. H of Resub. 2 of Sub. A on S.O. plan SL4364

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As Proprietor of this land, I agree to this Plan of subdivision, and dedicate the new roads shown hereon to public use

For and on behalf of The Commonwealth of Australia:
 Signature of Proprietor [Signature]
 Principal Legal Officer, Proscriptions and Property Section, Deputy Crown Solicitor's Office, Queensland, Delegate of the Attorney-General
 Witness [Signature]
 An Officer of the Attorney-General's Department

The Council of the Brisbane City Council certifies that all the requirements of this Council, the Local Government Acts of 1936 to 1955 and also ~~the City of Brisbane Act of 1960~~ the City of Brisbane Town Planning Act of 1964 and all ordinances thereunder have been complied with and approves this plan of subdivision subject to lot 1 being amalgamated with Resubs. 19-25 & 41-47 & Sub. H of Resub. 26-40

Dated this 27th day of May 1966

[Signature]
 Chairman or Mayor
 Town or Shire Clerk

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Particulars entered in Register Book
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the 2 day of June 1966 at 9.45am

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 REGISTRAR OF TITLES

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 Crown Solicitor

Figure 21: The second page of Registered Plan No. 107835, which serves to document the formal registration of this Plan involving the amalgamated landholding upon which the Coorparoo Bowls Club was established. This Registered Plan was certified by Brisbane City Council on 27 May 1966 – see highlighted stamp. (Source: DNRME Land Titles Office)



Figure 22: Historical aerial photograph of the Coorparoo area taken on 29 January 1974 – during the 1974 Brisbane River flood event - and focussing upon the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site. It is evident that some localized inundation had occurred immediately to the east of the subject site and effectively cutting off Harries Road at the intersection with Riddings Street – visible at image far left. (Source: Q Imagery)

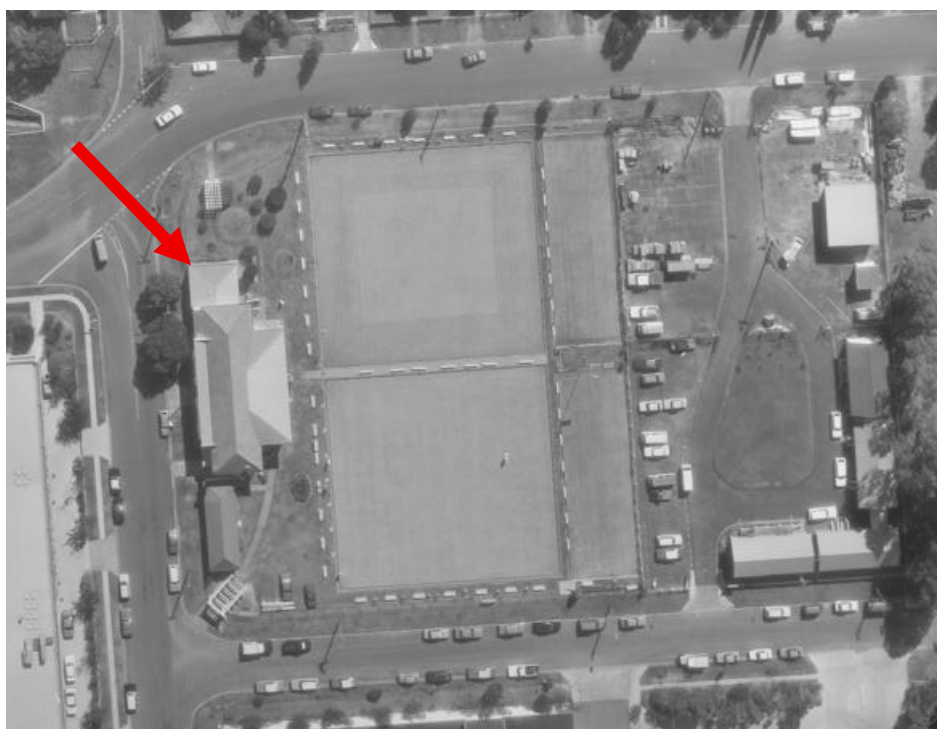


Figure 23: Historical aerial photograph of the Coorparoo area taken on 6 July 1984 focussing upon the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site. By this date, the late-1970s additions made to the Clubhouse building are readily apparent beneath the large, hipped roof form projecting forward of the central core of the original / early section of the building. The Clubhouse had also been extended in a northerly direction with a single level addition (arrowed) that is now visible to the north of the main roof form. (Source: Q Imagery)



Figure 24: Historical aerial photograph of the Coorparoo area taken on 13 June 1999 focussing upon the subject site. This aerial image serves to document the extant configuration of site facilities just prior to the inclusion of the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site onto Council's Local Heritage Register, which was established within Brisbane's *City Plan 2000* planning scheme. (Source: Q Imagery)

2.3 Statements of Significance for Local heritage listing of *Coorparoo Bowls Club*

The current Brisbane City Council local heritage citation relevant to the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site contains the following Statements of Significance for this locally significant, sport and recreation facility in Coorparoo established during the Interwar era:

Criterion A - The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the city's or local area's history: *"as an intact interwar bowls club that was founded by several prominent Coorparoo residents including W.L. Nicklin."*

Criterion G - The place has a strong or special association with the life or work of a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons: *"as a sporting facility built for and by the Coorparoo community during the Great Depression."*

These Statements of Significance were drafted by Council in June 2009 – in preparation for the consideration of the proposed local heritage listing for this site - and the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site was subsequently added to the Brisbane City Council Heritage Register on 1 January 2011.

2.4 Brisbane City Council *Heritage Register Database* Entry for the Subject Site

The entry for the subject site within the Brisbane City Council *Heritage Register Database* is set out below at **Figure 25** and the full heritage citation is included at **Appendix 6.1** for reference purposes.

The screenshot shows the Brisbane City Council Local Heritage Places website. The main header includes 'Local Heritage Places' and navigation links for 'Heritage Places', 'Nominate a place', 'About', and 'Contact us'. The central image shows the Coorparoo Bowls Club building and green. To the right, a sidebar lists details: ADDRESS (At 32 Riddings Street, Coorparoo, Queensland 4151), TYPE OF PLACE (Club house, Sportsground), PERIOD (Interwar 1919-1939), and STYLE (Bungalow). Below the image is a blue banner with the title 'Coorparoo Bowls Club' and a 'Download Citation (PDF, 69.08 KB)' button. A vertical menu on the right side of the banner lists 'History', 'Statement of significance', 'References', and 'Back to top'. Below the image, a paragraph of text describes the club's history: 'The Coorparoo Bowls Club is a fine example of an interwar sporting facility built wholly for and by the Coorparoo community. The first green was laid in 1930 closely followed by the building of the clubhouse. The timber clubhouse was designed by Brisbane architect Maurice James Guthrie and built by Coorparoo builder W. Ewart. The second green was laid in 1931. The Coorparoo Bowls Club has continuously served the Coorparoo sporting and social community since 1930.' Below this text are three columns of metadata: 'LOT PLAN' (L56_S14245; L1_RP107835), 'KEY DATES' (Local Heritage Place Since: 1 January 2011; Date of Citation: June 2009), 'CRITERION FOR LISTING' ((A) Historical; (G) Social), 'CONSTRUCTION' (Roof: Tile; Walls: Timber), 'PEOPLE/ASSOCIATIONS' (Maurice James Guthrie (Architect); W. Ewart (Builder)), and 'INTERACTIVE MAPPING' (City Plan Interactive Mapping).

Figure 25: The current entry for the Local Heritage Place; the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* situated at 32 Riddings Street, Coorparoo, which has been extracted from Brisbane City Council’s *Heritage Register Database*. (Source: BCC website)

2.5 Draft Statements of Significance for QHR heritage nomination

It is noted that the recent public heritage nomination document lodged in relation to the subject site contains the following proposed draft Statements of Significance for the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site:

Criterion A: The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland’s history:

From the beginning of the 20th century, lawn bowls was a prominent sport in Queensland. Bowls clubs were established throughout the length and breadth of the state. They were located in suburban Brisbane, all major cities and towns with a population in excess of 200, farming districts and sugar regions. The Coorparoo Bowls Club, built in 1930 is representative of the development and expansion of this popular sport in Queensland. It was typical of clubs built in Queensland with two rinks and an adjacent club house. The planning of bowls club varied little throughout the state and Coorparoo is typical of most clubs built even through to the 1990s.

Criterion B – the place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of Queensland’s cultural heritage:

Coorparoo Bowls Club was the 19th club established in Queensland. Due to the closure or major redevelopment of many clubs built prior World War II, the Coorparoo Bowls Club is a rare example of early bowls club in Queensland with its original club house, greens, and green-keepers shed intact.

Criterion D: The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class or classes of cultural place:

As a type of place, bowls clubs have altered little since the 1880s. They comprise one or two greens, a club house and greenkeeper’s shed. The Coorparoo Bowls Club is a typical example of this type of place.

Criterion G – the place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons:

Coorparoo Bowls Club has, for over 95 years, been a community hub for bowlers and the local community. It is a special place where people of all ages, genders and cultures interact. It has been one of the key places for community interaction and gathering in the Coorparoo district.

3 Evaluation of proposed State heritage listing

3.1 Methodology

In order to undertake an evaluation of the proposed State heritage listing of the Coorparoo Bowls Club site, it is considered appropriate to examine a number of aspects of the subject site and the nominated array of constituent sport and recreational facilities extant within the subject site as well as critically analyzing the basis of cultural heritage significance being attributed to same through the public nomination document. In order to proceed in a logical progression, this heritage evaluation will comprise the following components:

- The identification of key elements of the subject building – Exterior;
- The identification of key elements of the subject building – Interior;
- Review of the draft Statements of Significance prepared for the *QHR* nomination for the subject building / site;
- Comparison with other lawn bowling clubs within Brisbane that are presently heritage listed by Brisbane City Council;
- Comparison with other locally or State significant heritage places from within the sport and recreation site typology; and
- Summary of key findings.

3.2 Identification of key elements of the subject site - Exterior

The following series of site photographs (**Figures 26 – 42** inclusive), together with the StreetView image at **Figure 43** and the satellite image at **Figure 44**, collectively serve to identify the key elements of the subject *Bowls Club* site, its constituent Clubhouse building and associated ancillary structures that are the focus of the current heritage nomination, together with a review of the extant contextual setting of the subject site itself located at the intersection between Riddings and Wakefield Streets together with Harries Road in suburban Coorparoo.



Figure 26: The main pedestrian entrance gate into the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site, which is located at the intersection of Riddings Street and Harries Road. This contemporary, steel-framed entrance gateway has replaced an entrance arbour structure that was previously in this location. The peak of the Clubhouse’s hipped roof form is visible in the background at image top. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 27: An oblique view of the presentation of the Coorparoo Bowls Club building towards the Harries Road street frontage of the subject site. The view of the Clubhouse building serves to indicate the progressive expansion of the original built form of this building over the years. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 28: The reverse oblique view looking across the Harries Road elevation of the Clubhouse building at the Coorparoo Bowls Club site; as viewed from the Riddings Street end of Harries Road. The ground level brick addition to the north of the original building and completed as the final phase of Clubhouse expansion (circa late-1970s) is visible in the foreground of this photograph (visible at image left). (Source: VAULT)

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Figure 29: A more detailed view of the circa late-1970s brick addition that was constructed at the northern end of the Clubhouse building during the late 1970s. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 30: The Harries Road street elevation of the Clubhouse building also incorporates a two-storey, weatherboard-clad exterior wall, which incorporates a small loading dock facility – at image left - within same in order to facilitate the loading / unloading of food and beverage supplies. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 31: At the north-eastern corner of the Clubhouse building, the transition between the timber weatherboard clad and tile-roofed core of the original Clubhouse building – visible in the background at image centre – and the concrete-framed and fully glazed, double storey extension that is now extant forward of same. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 32: A profile / elevational view of the same north-eastern corner of the Clubhouse building, which serves to illustrate the original extent of this building – visible to the right of the red dotted line – and indicates the forward addition made to same during the late 1970s – visible to the left of the red dotted line. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 33: A detail view of the front (north-eastern) corner of the circa late-1970s forward addition indicating the in-situ concrete frame that comprises the “bones” of that later forward addition. This view also indicates the face brickwork spandrel panels and aluminium-framed fenestration that infills the concrete frame in order to enclose the ground level of this later addition. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 34: Another detail view of the front (north-eastern) corner of the circa late-1970s forward addition indicating its in-situ concrete frame, face brickwork spandrel panels and aluminium-framed fenestration that infills this concrete frame in order to enclose the ground level within this later addition. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 35: A broader oblique view of the double storey, forward addition made to the original Clubhouse building during the late 1970s; once again as viewed from the north-east. This view illustrates the visual prominence of the contemporary additions relative to the sport and recreational activities extant on the bowls greens and the beer garden area adjoining same – visible in the foreground of this image. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 36: A detailed view of the timber staircase extant at the northern end of the Clubhouse building, which provides access up to the upper level of the Clubhouse and is one of the original / early elements of this building. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 37: A ground level view of the single storey addition that was constructed at the northern end of the Clubhouse building during the late 1970s / early 1980s. The inboard elevation of this structure is timber weatherboard clad – to match the adjoining Clubhouse exterior - however the balance of the exterior walls are constructed in face brickwork – visible at image far right. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 38: The view looking north across the front edge of the two lawn bowls rinks – shown at image right – and indicating the double storey, concrete framed and fully glazed forward addition that was made to the original Clubhouse during the late 1970s – visible at image far left. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 39: A profile view of the southern end of the Clubhouse building of the Coorparoo Bowls Club site, which clearly indicates the original extent of this building (i.e. timber clad, hipped roof etc. – visible at image left) and contrasts same with the late-1970s forward addition that has significantly expanded the Club’s hospitality offering across both level of the building. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 40: The view across the northern lawn bowls rink / green looking north-east towards the Riddings Street streetscape and the row of traditional character residences extant along the opposite side of that streetscape - in image background. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 41: The view across the southern lawn bowls rink / green looking south-east towards the Wakefield Street streetscape – visible in the background at image right - and indicating the array of contemporary, low-medium density residential development that now flanks the subject site immediately to the east (visible in the background at image left) and along the opposite side of Wakefield Street – visible at image far right. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 42: An exterior view of the ancillary structure located to the south of the Clubhouse building, which is presently utilized for the storage of the greenkeeper’s equipment and supplies. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 43: A recent StreetView image – taken in June 2022 – showing the south-western corner of the subject site extant at the intersection of Harries Road (visible at image left) and Wakefield Street (visible at image right). At image centre is the sole vehicular point of entry into the subject site, which comprises a driveway cross-over and an adjoining concrete carpark apron. This vehicular entrance has replaced the other pedestrian arbour structure that previously occupied this street corner in earlier times.
(Source: Google Maps)



Figure 44: Current satellite image – taken on 12 March 2026 – which has been marked-up / colour-coded in order to indicate the various built form elements extant within the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site and their respective construction era within the various phases of post-WWII redevelopment that has taken place on this site over the years. The remnant portion of the original Clubhouse building (beneath the tiled and hipped roof form) is indicated within the red dashed linework while the series of subsequent additions and/or building expansions on the periphery of that original building core have been indicated within yellow, green and light blue dashed outlines respectively. This marked-up satellite image serves to indicate the progressive encapsulation of the original Clubhouse building within a consecutive series of later phases of construction on-site. (Source: Nearmap)

3.3 Identification of key elements of the subject site - Interior

The following series of photographs (**Figures 45 – 67** inclusive) serve to illustrate the current configuration of the key interior spaces extant within the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* Clubhouse building and demonstrate the respective phases of contemporary site redevelopment during the post-WWII era that are readily identifiable in the extant spatial configuration, construction and detailing of the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* Clubhouse building in the present day.



Figure 45: An interior view within the upper level of the Clubhouse building showing the rear / inboard section of that building, which is comprised of the original / early section of this Club facility. The narrow gauge, dark timber floorboards and the batted fibro ceiling of the original building is clearly visible within this interior view. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 46: Another interior view within the upper level of the Clubhouse building again showing the rear section of that building where the skillion-roofed annexe projection (towards the Harries Road frontage) incorporates both an elevated floor platform and a lower ceiling height. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 47: The reverse interior view within the upper level of the Clubhouse building showing the commercial kitchen / servery installation extant within the rear / inboard section of that building. Once again, the narrow gauge, dark timber floorboards and the batted fibro ceiling of the original building is clearly visible within this interior view. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 48: A more detailed view of the commercial kitchen / servery installation extant within the rear / inboard section of that Clubhouse building. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 49: An interior view showing the transition on the upper level of the Clubhouse building between the original extent of this building – visible at image centre and left (with dark-coloured floorboards showing) and the contemporary addition made to same during the late-1970s – visible at image right (with light-coloured floorboards). (Source: VAULT)



Figure 50: Another interior view showing the contemporary addition made to the upper level of the Clubhouse building, which can be clearly detected by reference to the concrete frame of the later addition – visible at each side of this image – as well as the change in the colour / profile of the floorboards visible between the respective phases of building development. (Source: VAULT)

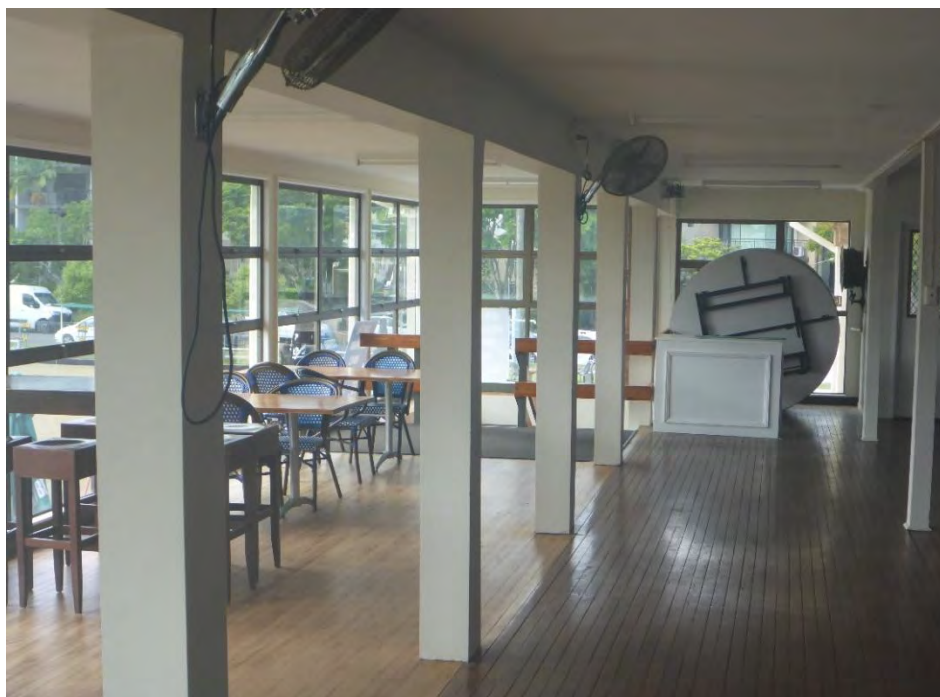


Figure 51: The reverse interior view showing the contemporary addition made to the upper level of the Clubhouse building, which is readily identifiable at image left and can be detected by reference to its concrete frame – visible at image centre – as well as the change in the colour / profile of the floorboards visible between the respective phases of building development. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 52: A more detailed view of one of the structural columns extant at the intersection between the original extent of the Clubhouse building – visible at image left – and the contemporary addition made to same during the late-1970s – visible at image right. The doubling up of the structural columns (i.e. original and contemporary) at the transition point between respective phases of development is clearly visible at the centre of this image. (Source: VAULT)

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Figure 53: A detailed view of the transition in the timber flooring at the threshold between the original extant of the Clubhouse building – refer to dark coloured timber floorboards at image right – and the timber flooring within the contemporary addition forward of same – refer to light-coloured timber floorboards at image left. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 54: As is often the case within community-based club facilities, the interior walls of the Clubhouse building are adorned with a series of historical photographs and honour board installations that collectively serve to commemorate key events, prominent individuals etc. that have played key parts in the establishment, development and/or operations of the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* through the years. Here is a mounted photograph showing the cohort of founding members of this Club assembled in front of the Clubhouse building (then with an open verandah deck on the upper level) circa 1929 / 1930. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 55: An early honour board installation listing the series of Club Presidents for the Coorparoo Ladies Bowling Club from the establishment of the Club in 1930 up until 1950. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 56: Another early honour board installation listing the series of Club Presidents for the Coorparoo Ladies Bowling Club for the period from the early 1950s up until the early 1990s. This honour board also lists as array of life members of the Club and the respective years when those respective Life Memberships were bestowed. (Source: VAULT)

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YEAR	SINGLES	PAIRS	TRIPLES	FOURS
1973	MS H FAIRHALL	MS C MORGAN	MS J HOARE	MS W WELDR
1974	MS H FAIRHALL	MS D NOBLE	MS H LIND	MS V MCCARTHY
1975	MS C MORGAN	MS E JOHNS	MS J HOARE	MS W WELDR
1976	MS C MORGAN	MS J CARROLL	MS H DICKSON	MS J CARROLL
1977	MS C MORGAN	MS D CUNNINGTON	MS M BATSTONE	MS J GENNON
1978	MS J HOARE	MS D CUNNINGTON	MS M BATSTONE	MS D CUNNINGTON
1979	MS C MORGAN	MS W WELDR	MS M BATSTONE	MS D CUNNINGTON
1980	MS D CUNNINGTON	MS M BATSTONE	MS M BATSTONE	MS J HOARE
1981	MS D CUNNINGTON	MS E SUDANE	MS M BATSTONE	MS J MONTEITH
1982	MS D NOBLE	MS D CUNNINGTON	MS M BATSTONE	MS D CUNNINGTON
1983	MS D CUNNINGTON	MS C MORGAN	MS C WINER	MS D CUNNINGTON
1984	MS D CUNNINGTON	MS D CUNNINGTON	MS M BATSTONE	MS D CUNNINGTON
1985	MS C MORGAN	MS D CUNNINGTON	MS M BATSTONE	MS D CUNNINGTON
1986	MS D CUNNINGTON	MS D CUNNINGTON	MS M MILNE	MS D CUNNINGTON
1987	MS D CUNNINGTON	MS D CUNNINGTON	MS A MONAGHAN	MS D CUNNINGTON
1988	MS D CUNNINGTON	MS D CUNNINGTON	MS A MONAGHAN	MS D CUNNINGTON
1989	MS D CUNNINGTON	MS D PISSANOS	MS M BATSTONE	MS D CUNNINGTON
1990	MS D PISSANOS	MS C MORGAN	MS M BATSTONE	MS D PISSANOS
1991	MS D CUNNINGTON	MS D PISSANOS	MS D DIGGS	MS D CUNNINGTON
1992	MS C MORGAN	MS D PISSANOS	MS D PISCHE	MS D CUNNINGTON
1993	MS M KING	MS D PISSANOS	MS L WALLISTER	MS M KING
1994	MS C MORGAN	MS D PISSANOS	MS M KING	MS N GOEBEL
1995	MS C MORGAN	MS D PISSANOS	MS F BINNE	MS L WALSTER
1996	MS C MORGAN	MS J CUSHWAY	MS N GOEBEL	MS J CUSHWAY
1997	MS C MORGAN	MS D PISSANOS	MS V SCOTT	MS D PISSANOS
1998	MS L WALSTER	MS B MURNANE	MS V SCOTT	MS D PISSANOS
1999	MS C MORGAN	MS D PISSANOS	MS J FOURRO	MS D PISSANOS
2000	MS D LEHMANN	MS D PISSANOS	MS V SCOTT	MS D PISSANOS
2001	MS C MORGAN	MS M KING	MS D LEHMANN	MS D DIGGS
2002	MS C MORGAN	MS C GOWDIE	MS M KING	MS E MVEY
2003	MS L WALSTER	MS J DAVIES	MS S HEWITT	MS N GOEBEL

Figure 57: Another of the array of early honour board installations related to the Coorparoo Ladies Bowling Club that serves to document the respective Club champions through various formats of the game of lawn bowls (i.e. singles / doubles / triples and/or fours) for the period from the early 1970s up until the early 2000s. (Source: VAULT)

1929-31	MS W WAROSS	1953	MS P. LUXTON.
1931-32	MS W WAROSS	1954	MS J. GENNON.
1932-33	MS J. DEMAINE.	1955	MS J. GENNON.
1933-34	MS W WAROSS.	1956	MS J. DEMAINE.
1934-35	MS J. M'NIVEN.	1957	MS J. DEMAINE.
1935-36	MS A. J. CARTER	1958	MS J. GENNON.
1936-37	MS F. FROST.	1959	MS J. GENNON.
1937-38	MS A. J. CARTER	1960	MS P. LUXTON.
1938-39	MS A. WILSON.	1961	MS J. GENNON.
1939-40	MS J. SMITH.	1962	MS I. S. CUMMING
1940-41	MS J. CRANLEY.	1963	MS E. A. FERGUSON
1941-42	MS A. J. CARTER	1964	MS R. NOBLE
1943	MS A. J. CARTER	1965	MS R. NOBLE
1944	MS A. J. CARTER	1966	MS R. NOBLE
1945	MS J. CRANLEY	1967	MS R. NOBLE
1946	MS P. LUXTON	1968	MS E. M. SWAN
1947	MS A. J. CARTER	1969	MS C. MORGAN
1948	MS P. LUXTON	1970	MS L. M. C. KIM
1949	MS E. HAIMES	1971	MS D. NOBLE
1950	MS A. J. CARTER	1972	MS C. MORGAN
1951	MS A. J. CARTER		

Figure 58: A further example of an honour board listing the respective Club Champions for the Coorparoo Ladies Bowling Club from the period 1929-32 up until 1972. (Source: VAULT)

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Figure 59: The internal access staircase connecting the upper and lower levels of the Clubhouse building are situated at the north-eastern corner of the building and appear representative of the late-1970s construction period of their origin. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 60: An interior view of the lower section of this internal access staircase showing the point of access with the ground level of the Clubhouse building. Once again, the circa late-1970s origins of this internal structure are readily apparent. (Source: VAULT)

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Figure 61: Interior view of the bar installation that is extant within the ground level of Clubhouse building, which incorporates the same face brickwork as is evident in the exterior construction of the circa late-1970s building additions. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 62: The ground level bar installation is also appended with an adjacent kitchenette / washdown installation to its rear. (Source: VAULT)

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Figure 63: The ground level of the Clubhouse building also incorporates a commercial kitchen area and associated servery for the provision of food service on this level of the building. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 64: An interior view of the row of concrete columns that align with the original extent of the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* building and support the upper level of same. The subsequent forward addition and associated enclosure of this ground level space still reveals the original form and detailing of this masonry support structure – visible at the base of the column. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 65: An interior view through the ground level of the Clubhouse looking through from within what was the original extent of the building – in image foreground – into the circa 1970s forward addition – visible at mid-range – and beyond to the exterior terrace and bowling greens beyond. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 66: Interior view showing the section of the ground level addition to the Clubhouse that has been cordoned off as a viewing enclosure for the Club selectors to observe the performance of individual bowlers during matches. (Source: VAULT)



Figure 67: Interior view showing a section of the rear of the ground level of the Clubhouse building, which integrates bathroom and private Club spaces within same. The low ceiling height inherent within this section of the building is once again readily apparent. (Source: VAULT)

3.4 Review of draft Statements of Significance for the subject building / site

In order to critically evaluate the validity (or otherwise) of the Statements of Significance included in the public nomination to the *Queensland Heritage Register* for the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site, it is quite instructive to assess these suggested cultural heritage criteria against the relevant Queensland Government guideline; *Assessing cultural heritage significance – Using the cultural heritage criteria* (published by the Department of Environment & Heritage Protection – now Department of Environment, Tourism, Science & Innovation; August 2013)

The following commentary seeks to evaluate the draft heritage criteria suggested to substantiate the proposed local heritage listing of the subject site against the relevant threshold indicators applicable to those specific categories of cultural heritage significance:

Criterion A: The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland’s history:

“From the beginning of the 20th century, lawn bowls was a prominent sport in Queensland. Bowls clubs were established throughout the length and breadth of the state. They were located in suburban Brisbane, all major cities and towns with a population in excess of 200, farming districts and sugar regions.

*The **Coorparoo Bowls Club**, built in 1930 is representative of the development and expansion of this popular sport in Queensland. It was typical of clubs built in Queensland with two rinks and an adjacent club house. The planning of bowls club varied little throughout the state and Coorparoo is typical of most clubs built even through to the 1990s.*

It is noted that the threshold indicators for cultural heritage significance in relation to **Criterion A** include:

- *Earliness;*
- *Representativeness;*
- *Regional importance;*
- *Distinctiveness / exceptionality; and*
- *Rarity.*

In response to the threshold indicators relevant to **Criterion A**, it is noted that the public nominator has specifically omitted any reference to the *Earliness* of the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site and instead sought to focus solely on the *Representativeness* indicated by a combination of the Clubhouse building; albeit far from original in terms of its current construction, extent or detailing, and the adjacent lawn bowling rinks. It is considered that, if the basic configuration of a lawn bowls clubhouse and a couple of adjoining bowling greens was considered to be “*representative of the development and expansion of this popular sport in Queensland;*” as has been asserted by the nominating party, then almost every lawn bowls club facility across Queensland comprising a clubhouse building and a couple of adjacent lawn bowling greens could potentially be added to the *Queensland Heritage Register* as a “job lot.”

Moving back to the question of the *Earliness* of the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* within the State of Queensland, it is notable that the public nominator’s submission itself incorporates a comprehensive Table outlining a chronological listing of various bowls clubs within Queensland – ranging from Club locations such as the *Booroodabin Bowling Club* (established 1888 and still operational today), in regional locations like Maryborough and Toowoomba (established around the turn of the 20th century) as well as elsewhere in Brisbane; such as the *New Farm Bowls Club* (established in 1907) and/or the *Yeronga Bowls Club* and *Ascot Bowls Club*; both established during the Federation period immediately prior up to the commencement of WWI. As there are numerous examples of other lawn bowls clubs that are situated elsewhere in Queensland that clearly pre-date the establishment of the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* by, at least, a couple of decades and – in the case of the *Booroodabin Bowling Club*; by more than forty (40) years – it is considered self-evident that any claim made by the public nominator that the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site might display the heritage attribute of *Earliness* is quite obviously ill-founded.

Another aspect of this suggested basis of significance relates to the perceived distinctiveness or exceptionality of the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site and its facilities. Once again, it is considered that the extant site configuration and array of extant building improvements within same, while clearly well-maintained for lawn bowls activities and associates *Club* operations, are quite a way off from being objectively deemed either as particularly distinctive or exceptional of their type.

In the absence of a broader range of referential publications regarding the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site, comparative examples and/or associated information regarding the establishment of lawn bowls clubs across Queensland during either the Late-Victorian or Federation eras, the public nominator’s assertion that the subject site meets the threshold of significance in relation to *Earliness* appears to be entirely ill-founded.

In response to any question around the potential for the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site to be considered as displaying *Regional importance*, it is acknowledged that the subject site is one of six (6) different lawn bowling facilities across the Brisbane City Council jurisdiction that is presently included on that Council’s Local Heritage Register; having been identified as a Local Heritage Place in January 2011. However, the inclusion of any property within the Local Heritage Register of one of the broader

array of local government authorities extant within Southeast Queensland is not considered to automatically elevate the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site to being of regional importance.

In this regard, it is generally accepted that Queensland is comprised of nine (9) different regions; of which Southeast Queensland is one. Southeast Queensland itself can be further disaggregated into north, south and west areas. It is considered that the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site would fall within Southeast Queensland North region which essentially takes in the four (4) local government areas of Brisbane City Council, City of Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast Regional Council, and Noosa Shire Council.

The *City of Moreton Bay Planning Scheme Policy - Heritage and Landscape Character* currently lists sites, objects and buildings of significant historical and cultural value for that particular local government area in **Schedule 1** of that document. It is acknowledged that some of the *Heritage and Landscape Character*-listed items within the City of Moreton Bay jurisdiction are also currently included on the *Queensland Heritage Register*. However, it is further noted that, at the time of writing, there are no bowls clubs that have actually been included in **Schedule 1** of that *Policy*.

The *Sunshine Coast Regional Council Planning Scheme Policy for Heritage and Character Areas Overlay Code* contains the statements of significance for the various local heritage places included in **Appendix SC6.10A** - dated 24 August 2020. There does not appear to be any bowls clubs listed within that Appendix at this time. Similarly, the *Noosa Shire Council Heritage Overlay Code* contains **Table 8.2.7.3.2 – Local Heritage Places** that incorporates a list of all locally significant sites and none of the sites presently included in the *Noosa Shire Council* heritage list are identified as bowls clubs.

Having due regard for the apparent absence of any other heritage-listed bowls clubs from across Southeast Queensland; apart from those identified by Brisbane City Council (as outlined in greater detail within the following **Section 3.5** of this Evaluation), it is difficult to understand how a set of Clubhouse facilities as obviously altered, modified and appended as those now extant at the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site might be considered to be somehow representative of typical lawn bowls establishments across this region.

In response to the heritage attribute of *Rarity* triggered under this Criterion, it is noted that the public nominator has listed the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* as one example of more than seventy (70) lawn bowls clubs that were individually established across various parts of Queensland up until the commencement of WWII in 1939. As many of the bowls clubs included within that chronological listing of the nomination document continue to be extant and still operational in the present day, it is difficult to conclude that the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site could reasonably be asserted to being a particularly rare example of this type of sport and recreational facility located in Queensland.

Criterion B – the place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of Queensland’s cultural heritage:

“Coorparoo Bowls Club was the nineteenth (19th) club established in Queensland. Due to the closure or major redevelopment of many clubs built prior World War II, the Coorparoo Bowls Club is a rare example of early bowls club in Queensland with its original club house, greens, and green-keepers shed intact.”

It is noted that the threshold indicators for cultural heritage significance in relation to **Criterion B** include the illustration and/or exemplification of:

- *Intactness / Integrity; and*
- *Distinctiveness.*

Before undertaking an assessment of the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site against the relevant heritage threshold indicators relevant to **Criterion B**, it is considered that the basic assertion that has been made by the public nominator in relation to this particular Criterion – as outlined in their draft Statement of Significance commentary in relation to **Criterion B** – is factually incorrect in and of itself. It is noted that the public nominator’s draft Criterion declared that the Coorparoo Bowls Club “*was the nineteenth (19th) club established in Queensland.*” – see **Criterion B** transcript above.

This assertion is somewhat difficult to reconcile with the chronological listing of bowls clubs in Queensland (and their respective establishment dates) included within the public nominator’s own submission that actually lists the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* as the forty-fifth (45th) bowls club established in Queensland – refer to the supporting heritage document lodged with the public nomination.

Moving past the factual inconsistency inherent in the public nominator’s own assertions in relation to this particular Criterion, it is considered appropriate to also review the subject site in relation to the question of *Intactness / Integrity* posed in relation to this Criterion. In response to that threshold indicator of *Intactness / Integrity*, it should be noted the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site has been the subject of, at least, four (4) separate phases of contemporary building work – each approved by Brisbane City Council across the two decades between November 1957 and January 1977 – that collectively has established the extant version of the Clubhouse building; both internally and externally, that has been progressively amended and/or appended in a substantial manner over that period. Consequently, it is considered that the subject Clubhouse building could not logically satisfy the heritage threshold of significance in relation to *Intactness / Integrity* through any objective evaluation of the current configuration of and/or improvements upon the subject site.

Criterion D – the place is important in demonstrating the principal characters of a particular class of cultural places.

*“As a type of place, bowls clubs have altered little since the 1880s. They comprise one or two greens, a club house and greenkeeper’s shed. The **Coorparoo Bowls Club** is a typical example of this type of place.”*

It is noted that the threshold indicators for cultural heritage significance in relation to **Criterion D** include the illustration and/or exemplification of:

- *Intactness / Integrity;*
- *Earliness;*
- *Rarity / uncommonness; and*
- *Exceptionality.*

In response to the threshold indicator of *Intactness / Integrity*, that specific aspect of the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site has already been addressed in detail in the response to the previous heritage criterion; **Criterion B** – outlined above. It is reiterated that it is acknowledged that the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site has been the subject of, at least, four (4) separate phases of contemporary building work – each approved by Brisbane City Council across the two decades between November 1957 and January 1977 – that collectively has established the extant version of the Clubhouse building; both internally and externally, that has been progressively amended and/or appended over the years. Consequently, it is considered reasonable to conclude noted that the Clubhouse building within the subject site could not possibly satisfy the threshold of significance in relation to either *Intactness* and/or *Integrity*.

In response to the significance threshold indicator of *Earliness* relevant to **Criterion D** - and as noted in the preceding commentary in response to **Criterion A** (outlined above), it is considered that the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site; established in 1930 and some four decades after the early bowls clubs

established within Queensland had commenced their respective activities, immediately fails to meet the threshold of significance in relation to *Earliness*.

In response to the significance threshold indicator of *Rarity / uncommonness*, it is considered that the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site and its constituent Clubhouse building is by no means a rare example of this particular type of sport and recreation facility. This assertion is readily borne out by the chronological list of bowls clubs within Queensland that has been incorporated into the public nomination document and includes around seventy-seven (77) examples of this type of sporting establishment extant across Queensland. Consequently, it is considered that the subject site substantially fails to meet the threshold of significance in relation to *Rarity* and/or *uncommonness*.

In response to the final significance threshold indicator for this Criterion of *Exceptionality*, it is reiterated that the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site, while well-maintained and operationally functional as an operational sport and recreational facility, is not considered to be especially exceptional in relation to its general design, layout, constituent materiality and/or detailing. While it is acknowledged that the subject Clubhouse building does still comprise certain elements, materials and details reflective of its circa 1930 construction and corresponding original configuration, these attributes are also considered to be both relatively generic across a broad range of other lawn bowls clubhouse buildings that were constructed during the Interwar period across both Brisbane and Queensland more broadly and that are not presently heritage listed at either local or State significance level. Further to this, it is noted that whatever original elements of the circa 1930s Clubhouse building remain are now somewhat encapsulated beneath a dense veneer of overtly contemporary additions that now dominate the primary (greenside) elevation of the subject Clubhouse building in the present day – refer to **Figures 32, 35, 38 & 39** within **Section 3.2** of this Heritage Evaluation. Consequently, it is considered that the subject building fails to meet the threshold of significance in relation to *Exceptionality*.

In addition to the evaluation of the draft Statements of Significance against the respective threshold of significance indicators applicable to **Criterion D**, it is further noted that the last sentence provided in the public nomination relative to this Criterion seeks to reference the typicality of the subject bowls club site and associated Clubhouse as being some type of defining attribute. As previously noted in the response to **Criterion A** (above), if the standard / typical site configuration of a pair of lawn bowling greens and an associated Clubhouse building was considered to be the only qualifying requirement for the inclusion of any lawn bowling establishment onto the *Queensland Heritage Register*, it would follow that virtually every lawn bowls facility within the State of Queensland could potentially be deemed worthy of a State heritage listing, as is currently proposed in the public nomination for the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site, which is considered more likely to diminish, rather than elevate, the cultural heritage significance of this specific type of recreational establishment.

Criterion G: The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.

“Coorparoo Bowls Club has, for over 95 years, been a community hub for bowlers and the local community. It is a special place where people of all ages, genders and cultures interact. It has been one of the key places for community interaction and gathering in the Coorparoo district.”

It is noted that the threshold indicators for cultural heritage significance in relation to **Criterion G** include:

- *Length of association;*
- *Demonstrated extent and degree of community association; and*
- *Significant former association.*

In response to the threshold indicator of *Length of Association*, it is acknowledged that the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* has maintained continuous operations since the *Club* was established in 1930 – a period of ninety-five (95) years. While such an extended period of active operation by the *Club* is certainly admirable, the almost century of sport and recreational operations on this site is somewhat dwarfed by the length of operations for several of the other lawn bowls clubs also included within the public nominator’s chronological list of lawn bowls clubs in Queensland. For example; the *Booroodabin Bowling Club* that was established in 1888 and still operational today - almost one-hundred and forty (140) years later - but is not currently included on either the Local Heritage Register of Brisbane City Council or the *Queensland Heritage Register*. Drawing upon the length of association aspect of this particular heritage Criterion, and based upon the public nominator’s own chronological listing of bowls clubs in Queensland, it would appear that there are more than forty (40) other lawn bowls club sites extant elsewhere across Queensland that were established prior to the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* commencing operations and therefore all of these earlier bowls clubs would also potentially meet and/or exceed this specific heritage threshold before the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site even needed to be taken into consideration for State heritage listing.

Similarly, in response to the threshold indicator of *Demonstrated extent and degree of community association*, it is acknowledged that a majority of lawn bowls clubs across Queensland have always operated – and most continue to operate - as a sort of informal community hub or meeting place for their constituent communities across a large number of locations across Queensland. Once again; if the nexus between the establishment of individual bowls clubs and their respective local communities was the basic threshold for inclusion of a sport and recreation site onto the *Queensland Heritage Register*, there would be a large number of lawn bowls establishments from across this State that would immediately warrant the corresponding inclusion of all of those sites onto the *Register*. The same Criterion could also be immediately applied to a wide range of other sports-related, community-based establishments (i.e. football, cricket or tennis clubs to just start that potential candidate list) in a similar manner, which would certainly bolster the number of entries within the *Queensland Heritage Register* if applied equitably across the broad range of sporting activity groups and their respective recreational facilities. Consequently, it is considered that the application of this particular threshold indicator is not especially helpful to the current heritage evaluation of the subject site and its constituent Clubhouse building.

In response to the threshold indicator of *Significant former association*, it is acknowledged that Local Heritage Citation for the subject site, prepared by Brisbane City Council in order to support its extant local heritage listing of this site, does reference a local businessman; W.L. (Bill) Nicklin - a local timber merchant, who was instrumental in the establishment of the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* and actually provided funds for the construction of the original Clubhouse building. It is further noted that Mr. Nicklin was also the owner of an elegant, late Victorian era residence known as “*Linwood*”, which is located at 75 Shakespeare Street in Coorparoo, and that this circa 1898 house has also been identified as a Local Heritage Place by Brisbane City Council. Despite the shared connection to Bill Nicklin, it is interesting that the corresponding local heritage citation prepared by Brisbane City Council for the “*Linwood*” residence does not actually make reference to any direct historical link between Mr. Nicklin and the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site or its operations.

Notwithstanding this *significant former association* to a prominent local businessman from the Coorparoo area during the Interwar period (i.e. Mr. Nicklin), which is also amply referenced in the public nomination documentation, it does not immediately follow that the recognition of this former association of a local business identity from the Coorparoo area to the nominated *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site readily aligns with State heritage significance in and of itself.

It is unclear from the nomination submission how or why an acknowledged historical connection to a successful timber merchant from a suburb of Brisbane might somehow be of State significance to the rest of Queensland. Consequently, it is considered that the subject site also fails to meet the threshold of State cultural heritage significance in relation to the *Significant former association* asserted in relation to Mr. W.L (Bill) Nicklin.

3.5 Comparison with other Local Heritage Places with sport & recreational origins

The following series of heritage places already identified by Brisbane City Council as Local Heritage Places and currently attributed with corresponding local cultural heritage significance has been compiled in order to inform a comparative study with the suggested sport and recreational attributes of the subject site and building outlined in public heritage nomination document. For ease of reference, corresponding images extracted from Council's *Local Heritage Places online* portal have been provided for each of these comparative sites for the Department's information and/or consideration by the *Queensland Heritage Council* – refer to **Figures 67 – 72** following.

The comparative sites selected for this Section include the following array of Local Heritage Places representative of a comparable sport and recreation land use form that are each situated within the Brisbane City Council jurisdiction:

- *Booroodabin Bowls Club*; 126 Breakfast Creek Road, Newstead
Heritage listed since October 2000 - refer to **Figure 67**;
- *Yeronga Bowls Club*; 171 School Road, Yeronga
Heritage listed since January 2004 - refer to **Figure 68**;
- *Musgrave Park & South Brisbane Bowls Club*; Heritage listed since October 2000 - refer to **Figure 69**;
- *Windsor Park (includes Bowls Club, Croquet Club & Aerodrome)*; Heritage listed since January 2004 - refer to **Figure 70**;
- *Balmoral Park (includes Scout & Guides halls, Bowls Club & AA Battery)*; Heritage listed since January 2004 - refer to **Figure 71**; and
- *(Former) Limbless Soldiers' Bowling Club*; Heritage listed since October 2000 - refer to **Figure 72**.

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The former Booroodabin Bowling Club, now Booroodabin Bowls Club, was formed in 1893 following the amalgamation of the Brisbane Bowling Club (formed 1879) and the Breakfast Creek Bowling Club (formed 1888). The Hon B.D. Moorehead became the first club president and Lord Lamington the first patron. The club was originally a gentleman's club with membership restricted to doctors, solicitors and other gentlemen of high social standing within the community. J.W. Carey, the first greenkeeper, designed the original wooden clubhouse. It was later replaced by a larger 1915 wooden building designed by Richard Gailey. Though the core of the building remains, it has been altered and extended over time. This included in the 1920s and then the 1950s when the front of the building was covered with a brick facade.

LOT PLAN
 L503_SLS658

KEY DATES
 Local Heritage Place Since —
 30 October 2000
 Date of Citation — June 2011

CRITERION FOR LISTING
 (A) Historical; (G) Social

INTERACTIVE MAPPING
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CONSTRUCTION
 Roof: Corrugated iron;
 Walls: Face brick

PEOPLE/ASSOCIATIONS
 B.C.M Wrightman -
 extension (Architect);
 H. Hill - Clubhouse (Builder);
 N. Arthur and C. Walker -
 extension (Builder);
 Richard Gailey - Clubhouse (Architect)

Figure 67: The entry in the BCC *Local Heritage Places* online portal for the *Booroodabin Bowls Club* site located at 126 Breakfast Creek Road, Newstead. This sports and recreational facility was heritage listed by Brisbane City Council in October 2000. (Source: Brisbane City Council *Heritage Places* online)

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Yeronga Bowls Club

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ADDRESSES
 At 171 School Road, Yeronga, Queensland 4104; At 11 Querrin Street, Yeronga, Queensland 4104

TYPE OF PLACE
 Club house, Sportsground

PERIOD
 Federation 1890-1914, World War I 1914-1918

STYLE
 Arts and Crafts, Bungalow

Yeronga Bowls Club

- History
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The Yeronga Bowls Club, formed in 1912, and opened in 1913, is a fine example of a Brisbane sporting, leisure and social facility that has operated continuously on the same site for over 90 years. The original club shed, which was opened in 1913, and the club pavilion, which opened two years later, have undergone a number of additions, extensions and alterations over the years to meet the changing needs of the club and its members. The club has also been used as a venue for hosting interstate teams, its 75th Diamond Jubilee and many sporting achievements over the years.

LOT PLAN
 L62_RP37744; L63_RP37744;
 L64_RP37744; L65_RP37744;
 more...

KEY DATES
 Local Heritage Place Since —
 1 January 2004
 Date of Citation — October 2003

CRITERION FOR LISTING
 (A) Historical; (D) Representative;
 (H) Historical association

CONSTRUCTION
 Roof: Corrugated iron;
 Walls: Face brick

INTERACTIVE MAPPING
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Figure 68: The entry in the BCC *Local Heritage Places online* portal for the *Yeronga Bowls Club* site located at 171 School Road, Yeronga. This sports and recreational facility was heritage listed by Brisbane City Council in January 2004. (Source: Brisbane City Council *Heritage Places online*)

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Musgrave Park & South Brisbane Bowls Club (former)

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ADDRESSES
 At 91 Cordelia Street, South Brisbane, Queensland 4101

TYPE OF PLACE
 Club house, Park

PERIOD
 Federation 1890-1914

STYLE
 Queenslander

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Gazetted in 1865, Musgrave Park is one of the oldest public parks in Brisbane. By the turn of the century it was host to a number of recreation pursuits including tennis, cricket, croquet, bowls, and football, and also featured a bandstand. In later years it was the scene of Aboriginal protest and host to an Aboriginal Community Arts establishment. The South Brisbane Bowls Club was established in 1901 and a club building was raised soon afterward. The building was continually extended over the following decades, arriving at its present configuration in 1939. The club was patronised by many of Brisbane's leading citizens and, along with Musgrave Park itself, was a focus for middle class leisure activities in South Brisbane. The Club ceased operating in 1987, but the building has been adaptively re-used, now serving as an Aboriginal Community Centre.

LOT PLAN
 L1_SP110638

KEY DATES
 Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000
 Date of Citation — February 2013

CRITERION FOR LISTING
 (A) Historical; (A) Historical;
 (A) Historical; (B) Rainy; (E) Aesthetic;
 (F) Aesthetic; (G) Social; (G) Social;
 (G) Social; (G) Social; (G) Social

CONSTRUCTION
 Roof: Corrugated iron;
 Walls: Timber

INTERACTIVE MAPPING
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PEOPLE/ASSOCIATIONS
 South Brisbane Bowls
 Club (Association)

Figure 69: The entry in the BCC *Local Heritage Places* online portal for the *Musgrave Park & (former) South Brisbane Bowls Club* site located at 91 Cordelia Street, South Brisbane. This combined public parkland / sports and recreational facility was heritage listed by Brisbane City Council in October 2000. (Source: Brisbane City Council *Heritage Places online*)

Established on land set aside for recreational purposes in 1899, Windsor Park has played a longstanding role in the sporting and recreational endeavours of Windsor residents. The establishment of the Windsor Croquet Club in 1915 and the Windsor Bowls Club in 1922 saw the start of an uninterrupted period of community use of the site. Though altered over time to meet the needs of the clubs, the two clubhouses remain as interesting and illustrative examples of early twentieth century Brisbane clubhouse design. The park itself was visited by aircraft in 1920 and 1921 when it was in use as a temporary airfield. Notable flyers F.L. Roberts, Ron Adair, and Bert Hinkler landed their aeroplanes in the park at various times.

LOT PLAN
 L133_RP18577; L134_RP18577;
 L135_RP18577; L136_RP18577;
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KEY DATES
 Local Heritage Place Since —
 1 January 2004
 Date of Citation — April 2011

CRITERION FOR LISTING
 (A) Historical; (B) Rarity;
 (D) Representative;
 (D) Representative;
 (H) Historical association

CONSTRUCTION
 Roof: Corrugated iron;
 Walls: Timber

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PEOPLE/ASSOCIATIONS
 F.L. Roberts, R.S. Adair and H.J.L.
 Hinkler (Association)

Figure 70: The entry in the BCC *Local Heritage Places online* portal for *Windsor Park* site (including the *Windsor Bowls Club*) located at 69 Blackmore Street, Windsor. This sports and recreational facility was heritage listed by Brisbane City Council in January 2004. (Source: Brisbane City Council *Heritage Places online*)

Balmoral Park was gazetted for recreational purposes in 1916. Over the years the reserve has been used for a variety of purposes, supporting the Balmoral Bowls Club, Scouts, and Girl Guides. A memorial avenue of weeping figs was established after World War One and the hilltop played host to an anti-aircraft battery during World War Two. Post war, the park has supported Meals on Wheels, pre-school and Returned Services League purposes. The wooded hilltop has remained largely undisturbed in the centre of the park since it was gazetted.

LOT PLAN
L1_SP286687; L2_CP894302;
L1_CP852759; L2_SP286687

KEY DATES
Local Heritage Place Since —
1 January 2004
Date of Citation — June 2011

CRITERION FOR LISTING
(A) Historical; (E) Aesthetic;
(E) Aesthetic; (G) Social;
(H) Historical association

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Figure 71: The entry in the BCC *Local Heritage Places online* portal for portal for *Balmoral Park* site (including the *Balmoral Bowls Club*) located at 481 Wynnum Road, Morningside. This sports and recreational facility was heritage listed by Brisbane City Council in January 2004. (Source: Brisbane City Council *Heritage Places online*)

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The Limbless Soldiers Bowling Club was officially opened in 1949 by the Queensland branch of the Returned Limbless Sailors and Soldiers Association (RLSSA) to provide recreational facilities for returned disabled servicemen, though the first day of play was in December 1948. In 1946 Brisbane City Council granted a 30-year lease to the RLSSA of the former United States Navy site. In 1948 the RLSSA opened a bowling green and green-keeper's shed adjacent to the former US Navy Officers' Club/Mess, now Riverside Ballroom. Peter Drummond became the founding president. In the early 1950s the clubhouse building, comprising two ex-army huts, was relocated from Camp Columbia, the United States 6th Army headquarters at Wacol during the Second World War. The Limbless Soldiers Bowling Club was later renamed the Merthyr Bowls Club. In 1978 the lease was transferred from the RLSSA to the RSL. The RSL, which continues to lease the land from Council, subleases the facilities to the Merthyr Bowls Club.

ALSO KNOWN AS
 Merthyr Bowls Club

LOT PLAN
 L8_RP42953; L207_RP42953;
 L9_RP42953; L12_RP42953;
 more...

KEY DATES
 Local Heritage Place Since —
 30 October 2000
 Date of Citation — February 2011

CONSTRUCTION
 Roof: Corrugated iron;
 Walls: Timber

PEOPLE/ASSOCIATIONS
 Queensland branch of the Returned
 Limbless Sailors and Soldiers
 Association (Association)

CRITERION FOR LISTING
 (A) Historical; (C) Scientific; (G) Social

INTERACTIVE MAPPING
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Figure 72: The entry in the BCC Local Heritage Places online portal for the (Former) Limbless Soldiers' Bowling Club site located at 60 Oxlade Drive, New Farm. This sports and recreational facility was heritage listed by Brisbane City Council in October 2000. (Source: Brisbane City Council Heritage Places online)

3.6 Summary of key findings

Summarizing the key findings of the preceding heritage evaluation of the proposed State heritage listing of the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site, it is considered reasonable to conclude that:

- The critical review of the suggested Statements of Significance for the subject sport and recreation facility included within the public heritage nomination document indicates that these Statements generally fail to meet the applicable significance threshold indicators for their respective State cultural heritage criteria.
- A comparison with other locally significant heritage places of similar sport and recreation origins has revealed that there are already a number of vastly superior examples of heritage places of this type already identified as locally significant by Brisbane City Council – as well as no similar examples of comparable sporting club sites or facilities that are presently included on the *Queensland Heritage Register*.
- The current public nomination to the *Queensland Heritage Register* does not appear to be well-founded and fails to establish sufficient grounds for inclusion of the subject site in the *Queensland Heritage Register*.

4. Conclusion

4.1 Conclusion

It is concluded that the current proposal to add the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site to the *Queensland Heritage Register* is not well founded.

Consequently it is respectfully requested that the Department of Environment and Science and the *Queensland Heritage Council* give due consideration to a review of the proposed State heritage listing of the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* located at 32 Riddings Street, Coorparoo and, ultimately, recommend the discontinuance of the current State heritage nomination process, which appears to have been initiated by a member of the subject bowls club apparently seeking to impede any future redevelopment of the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* site being undertaken by the new site owner.

It is strongly recommended that the proposed heritage listing of the *Coorparoo Bowls Club* be dismissed on the basis that the public nomination is either ill-founded factually or substantially overstating the architectural attributes of the subject Clubhouse building.

Accordingly, it is suggested that the present proposal to include this site on the *Queensland Heritage Register* should be reviewed by the Department's Heritage officers and the current heritage listing process subsequently discontinued forthwith.

5. Current Local Heritage citation

5.1 Brisbane City Council Local heritage citation for *Coorparoo Bowls Club*



Heritage Citation



Coorparoo Bowls Club

Key details

Addresses	At 32 Riddings Street, Coorparoo, Queensland 4151
Type of place	Club house, Sportsground
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Style	Bungalow
Lot plan	L56_SL4245; L1_RP107835
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2011 Date of Citation — June 2009
Construction	Roof: Tile; Walls: Timber

People/associations Maurice James Guthrie (Architect);
W. Ewart (Builder)

Criterion for listing (A) Historical; (G) Social

The Coorparoo Bowls Club is a fine example of an interwar sporting facility built wholly for and by the Coorparoo community. The first green was laid in 1930 closely followed by the building of the clubhouse. The timber clubhouse was designed by Brisbane architect Maurice James Guthrie and built by Coorparoo builder W. Ewart. The second green was laid in 1931. The Coorparoo Bowls Club has continuously served the Coorparoo sporting and social community since 1930.

History

The initial settlement of the area now known as Coorparoo was relatively slow. Coorparoo land sales occurred from 1856, gradually development occurred with mainly farmers and land speculators purchasing land at these early sales. By 1888, the locality had a population in excess of 2,000 people in over 550 homes. The population growth in the area saw ribbon development along the main transport arteries of Logan Road and Old Cleveland Road; pocket development in areas such as Stones Corner; with the wealthier residents living on the hill tops especially along the Cavendish Road ridgeline.

From the mid 1870s the population of Brisbane increased markedly and a rise in residential settlement began to occur. Brisbane's population had grown to 47, 000 by 1881. It was during the 1880s that the greatest changes to the residential settlement patterns occurred. This was due to several factors including an expanding economy, expansion of infrastructure including extended tram and train services, improved communication systems, and an increase in immigration to Brisbane. By 1891 Brisbane's population had increased to over 100, 000.

By the 1890s, the Stones Corner and Coorparoo area included a socio-economic mix that ranged from farmers to politicians. These included Frederick Brentnall M.L.C., James Stodart M.L.A. and Walter Henry Barnes M.L.A., business men such as Nathaniel Lade, James Hipwood and Reuben Nicklin and important public servants such as Edward Deshon C.M.G., Reginald Mulholland King, James Evan Burstall and T.W. Connah. Coorparoo, while not distant from the city, was a semi-rural area until the 1910s. Then the population began to increase rapidly due to the extension of the tramline to Stones Corner in 1915.

The initial idea for a bowls club in Coorparoo occurred prior to the First World War when Messrs. Smout and Mr. Smith began to form a committee for the creation of a bowls club. Due to the war this became less of a priority for the Coorparoo community. It was not until 1929 that the concept was once again adopted. The first meeting to discuss the possibility of establishing a bowls club in the area was held in September of that year at the Coorparoo School of Arts and was attended by several prominent Coorparoo residents, including W.L. Nicklin and Dr. Betchel. After several smaller meetings at Nicklin's house in Shakespeare Street it was decided that a public meeting was necessary to officially form a club. This was held on the 28 October, 1929 at the School of Arts. From this meeting forty-nine members enrolled with ?1015 being raised as subscriptions. Dr. Betchel was elected as the first club president.

With the revenue raised by community members the next step toward a bowls facility was the purchase of land.

After negotiations with the Harries Estate owner, Mr. Harries, a portion of land totalling one acre and sixty-four perches was purchased at ?810/7/0 on the corner of Harries and Riddings Street, Coorparoo.

In 1930 the construction of the first green occurred, measuring 125ft by 120ft, and this was surrounded by a newly constructed wire fence. In July 1930 the application for the construction of the clubhouse was approved. The design of the timber building was by Maurice James Guthrie, a respected Brisbane architect in the interwar period. If it were not for the generosity of Bill Nicklin the clubhouse may not have been built in so timely a fashion. Bill Nicklin was the son of Reuben Nicklin, a prominent early pioneer in Coorparoo, their family home was 'Langland's', now part of Villanova College. Bill Nicklin, a successful timber merchant, played an important role in the Coorparoo community. An example of this was his advancement of funds for the construction of the clubhouse. By October 1930, at a total cost of ?1455, the clubhouse was completed. The clubhouse was built by W. Ewart, a Coorparoo carpenter. In December 1930 the bowls club was officially opened by President of the Queensland Bowling Association, Mr. George Rees.

As membership numbers grew it became necessary to lay another green and by October 1931 this had been achieved. Within the clubhouse two silky oak honour boards were erected to record the names of past presidents and singles champions. A third honour board was erected in 1938 recording the patrons of the club. The first names placed on this board were Hon. R. M. King and Mr. W. L. Nicklin. The flagstaff was also raised in 1938. In 1940 the two one rink greens were constructed. In 1954 the various greens were named, with a naming ceremony being held on 30 October. The greens were named in honour of members Bill Nicklin, Joe Rees, John Watson and Jack Sibbald.

The front extension was built in 1977 at a cost of \$50,000. The Coorparoo Bowls Club is an important sporting facility in the area and has been since its inception in the interwar period.

Statement of significance

Relevant assessment criteria

This is a place of local heritage significance and meets one or more of the local heritage criteria under the Heritage planning scheme policy of the *Brisbane City Plan 2014*. It is significant because:

Historical

CRITERION A

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the city's or local area's history

as an intact interwar bowls club that was founded by several prominent Coorparoo residents including W.L. Nicklin.

Social

CRITERION G

The place has a strong or special association with the life or work of a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons

as a sporting facility built for and by the Coorparoo community during the Great Depression.

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Note: This citation has been prepared on the basis of evidence available at the time including an external examination of the building. The statement of significance is a summary of the most culturally important aspects of the property based on the available evidence, and may be re-assessed if further information becomes available. The purpose of this citation is to provide an informed evaluation for heritage registration and information. This does not negate the necessity for a thorough conservation study by a qualified practitioner, before any action is taken which may affect its heritage significance.

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Tuesday, 24 March 2026

Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation
Planning and Heritage Branch
GPO Box 2454
Brisbane QLD 4001

By email: heritage@detsi.qld.gov.au

Re: Coorparoo Bowls Club, 32 Riddings Street, Coorparoo – Queensland Heritage Register Application (HRN 650288)

Dear Sir/Madam

The Queensland Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects welcomes the opportunity to comment on the nomination of the Coorparoo Bowls Club for entry in the Queensland Heritage Register.

As the peak professional body representing architects in Queensland, the Institute supports the recognition and conservation of places of cultural heritage significance. Having reviewed the nomination material, the Institute considers that the place warrants serious consideration for entry in the Queensland Heritage Register on the basis of the evidence addressing the relevant cultural heritage criteria.

The reasons for our support are set out below.

Criterion A – the place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history

The Coorparoo Bowls Club demonstrates the development of organised lawn bowls and community-based recreational clubs in Queensland during the early twentieth century. It reflects the important role that such clubs played in suburban social and sporting life, particularly during the interwar period. The place's long and continuous use since 1930 reinforces its ability to illustrate this aspect of Queensland's history. Brisbane City Council's local heritage citation also identifies the place as an intact interwar bowls club with continuous service to the Coorparoo community since 1930.

Criterion B – the place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of Queensland's cultural heritage

Based on the nomination material, the place appears to represent an increasingly uncommon surviving example of a historically established bowls club retaining key elements of its traditional function and setting, including its clubhouse, greens and ancillary structures. Its continued operation and legibility as a bowls club strengthen its significance as a surviving expression of a recreational and community institution that was once far more common across Queensland.

This wording is more cautious than the current draft, which states the place is “one of the few remaining” operational examples.

Criterion D – the place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places

The place demonstrates the principal characteristics of a purpose-built bowls club through the retained relationship between the clubhouse, greens and supporting structures, and through the continued readability of the site as a place designed for organised lawn bowls and associated social activity. The interwar clubhouse, the established sporting layout, and the enduring functional relationship between built form and greens together contribute to its value as a representative example of this class of cultural place. Brisbane’s heritage citation describes the place as a clubhouse and sportsground from the interwar period, with the clubhouse designed by Brisbane architect Maurice James Guthrie and built in 1930.

Criterion G – the place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons

The place appears to have a strong and enduring association with the Coorparoo community and the bowling community through its long history of social and recreational use. The nomination material and local heritage recognition both point to the club’s longstanding role as a valued community facility. Brisbane City Council lists the place locally under Historical and Social criteria and notes that it was built wholly for and by the Coorparoo community.

The Institute notes that the place is already recognised as a local heritage place in Brisbane, where it is identified as a fine example of an interwar sporting facility with continuous community use since 1930. While local heritage status does not determine state significance, it provides relevant context for the present assessment.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. Please contact the Queensland Chapter should any further information be required.

Yours faithfully,



Peter Gardiner
Queensland Chapter President
Australian Institute of Architects

RENEE COFFEY MP
MEMBER FOR GRIFFITH



13 March 2026

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Chief Executive
Planning and Heritage Branch
Department of the Environment, Tourism,
Science, and Innovation
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**Re: Coorparoo & Districts Heritage Group Heritage Application – Coorparoo Bowls Club
Heritage Register Number (HRN) 650288 – Coorparoo Bowls Club**

To Whom It May Concern

I write to support the nomination of the Coorparoo Bowls Club for inclusion on the Queensland Heritage Register.

Established in 1929, the Coorparoo Bowls Club has long been an important part of the local community. Beyond its role as a sporting venue, it provides a welcoming and inclusive space where residents gather, connect and participate in community life. The Club has also maintained a strong community focus, operating without reliance on gaming revenue and fostering a family friendly environment.

The clubhouse itself is of architectural significance. Built in 1930 and designed by renowned architect Maurice Guthrie, the timber, brick and masonry building, with its terracotta tiled roof and surviving original features, is a strong example of inter-war architecture in a suburb where much historic character has been lost.

The Club and its greens also provide valuable open space and social amenity for local residents, contributing to the character and liveability of the area.

For these reasons, I strongly support the nomination of the Coorparoo Bowls Club to the Queensland Heritage Register and trust the application will be considered favourably.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact my office via renee.coffey.mp@aph.gov.au or on **(07) 3397 1674**.

With thanks and best wishes


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Federal Member for Griffith

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Joe KELLY MP STATE MEMBER FOR GREENSLOPES



Tuesday 24th March

Statement of Cultural Heritage Significance **Re: HRN 650288 – Coorparoo Bowls Club**

To the Chief Executive,

I write in support of the heritage listing of Coorparoo Bowls Club (CBC) under the Criterion A, B, D and G.

For more than 95 years, the Club has been an important social and recreational hub for Coorparoo and surrounding districts. It is far more than a sporting venue; it is a welcoming gathering place where friendships are formed, milestones are celebrated, and community connections are strengthened.

In 1930 after much deliberation between founding members and the first 49 enrolled bowlers, prominent architect Maurice Guthrie envisioned a grand design of a Queenslander-esque Pavillion overlooking bowling greens. Despite facing tight economic constraints during the Great Depression, Mr. Guthrie was able to see the realisation of his plans thanks to the raising of funds among foundation members and bowlers and the generous financial support of vice-President Bill Nicklin through a loan.

This layout would become the template design of many other suburban bowls clubs established in Brisbane from the 1940's to 1970's, particularly within the southern suburbs. Importantly the design of the clubhouse would also serve as a reminder of the evolution of Queenslander style Mr. Guthrie's works developed and further evolved with a focus on hosting areas upstairs and an open veranda overlooking the greens. This veranda was eventually enclosed due to significant weather damage in 1946.

Over its long history the club has significantly supported and grown the game of Lawn Bowls in Queensland. Following the construction of 2 additional 1 rink greens in 1940 and extensions to two rink greens in 1963, the CBC became known as an excellent place to take part in lawn bowls but also a place that fosters excellence in the sport. These greens, played on since the 1930's, were considered some of the best in Queensland for decades, hosting many bowling carnivals and championship games.

Winners of such competitions and members of the club were talented bowlers and also prominent figures in Queensland's political, cultural and commercial spheres. Names such as Cyril Hornick, founder of one of Qld's largest commercial building companies, Hornick Constructions, throughout the 1940's – 1960's and to this day; Tom Hiley, Treasurer, Minister for Housing and Deputy Premier between 1957 – 1966; and Joe Box, founder of Box and Co Builders, among others are were active members of the club and are listed on honour boards.

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These greens also helped turn two CBC members into Australian Men's singles champions. J.P. Gordon went on to win the title in 1948 and M.G.S Davey in 1970.

Lastly, I believe the club has provided over 95 years of opportunities for recreation, volunteerism, social interaction and community engagement to generation of the Coorparoo community. People of all ages and backgrounds have come together there, creating a strong sense of belonging and local identity. I have seen this firsthand through many social functions and successful fundraising efforts to local groups including Stepping Stone Club House, the MND and ME Foundation, Parkinson's Qld and more. Its continuity of use over decades demonstrates its enduring importance to the community.

Coorparoo Bowls Club holds deep social value for many members and residents. Preserving it will ensure that this long-standing community connection continues for future generations. I respectfully ask that the Club be entered on the Queensland Heritage Register in recognition of its significant community value.

Yours sincerely



Joe Kelly MP

Member for Greenslopes

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Cr Fiona Cunningham

Councillor for Coorparoo Ward

19 March 2026

Chief Executive
Planning and Heritage Branch
Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science, and Innovation
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BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Chief Executive

Via email: heritage@detsi.qld.gov.au

Re: Submission regarding proposed State Heritage listing – Coorparoo Bowls Club, 32 Riddings Street, Coorparoo

Heritage Reference Number: HRN 650288

I am providing this submission in response to correspondence dated 17 February 2026 regarding the nomination of the Coorparoo Bowls Club at 32 Riddings Street, Coorparoo, for inclusion in the Queensland Heritage Register.

We note that the Coorparoo Bowls Club has been recognised as a Local Heritage Place since 1 January 2011 following identification through the 2008 Eastern Busway Corridor Neighbourhood Plan. The site is included on the Heritage overlay of *Brisbane City Plan 2014* for its historical and social significance.

The attached heritage citation identifies the Coorparoo Bowls Club as an intact interwar sporting facility established by the local community in 1930, with the clubhouse designed by Brisbane architect Maurice James Guthrie and constructed by local builder W. Ewart. The place demonstrates the pattern of suburban development in Coorparoo during the interwar period and has a longstanding association with the sporting and social life of the local community.

The site is currently zoned SR2 – Sport and Recreation (District) under the Brisbane City Plan 2014 and has been owned by Bowls Queensland since 2009.

Council understands that the place was nominated for entry in the Queensland Heritage Register on 3 February 2026. Under the statutory process established by the Queensland



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Heritage Act 1992, the Department is required to assess whether the place satisfies one or more of the cultural heritage criteria for State heritage listing before making a recommendation to the Queensland Heritage Council.

Having regard to the available historical information and the existing local heritage citation, we consider that the site may satisfy the following criteria under the Queensland Heritage Act 1992:

Criterion (d): The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places. It illustrates a way of life that has made a noticeable contribution to the pattern or evolution of Queensland's history and demonstrates a function that has been an important part of the state's history.

Criterion (g): the place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons. It is important to the community as a landmark and has an extensive history as a popular meeting or gathering space.

In particular, the site demonstrates the development of community sporting facilities during Brisbane's interwar suburban expansion and reflects the role of bowls clubs as significant social and recreational institutions which have made a strong contribution to Queensland communities and land-use patterns. The Coorparoo Bowls Club was established through community initiative in 1930 and has historically served as a social and sporting hub for the local community.

We have attached the existing local heritage citation for the Coorparoo Bowls Club to assist with the Department's assessment.

Should the Department require any further information regarding the site's heritage status or planning context, we would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



Cr Fiona Cunningham
Councillor for Coorparoo Ward
Deputy Mayor

CWO-26-0359

Cc: environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Mr Andrew Powell, Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation

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Statement of Cultural Heritage Significance
Re: HRN 650288 – Coorparoo Bowls Club

To the Chief Executive,

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I respectfully ask that the Club be entered on the Queensland Heritage Register in recognition of its significant community value.

Yours sincerely,
Alan Lane-Richardson

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Yours sincerely,
Angela O'Mara

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To the Chief Executive,

I am writing to express my strong support of the heritage listing of Coorparoo Bowls Club under Criterion G - its special association with the community.

Coorparoo Bowls Club will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2029 (hopefully) and has been an important part of the local community as both a social and recreational hub for all of that time. As seen at a recent rally, which was attended by approximately 700 people on a rainy Sunday afternoon, this club is important as it is a great gathering place for the whole community, young and not so young. It is a safe, warm and welcoming place that is unmatched by any other venue in the area.

Numerous family celebrations have been held there over the years and the Barefoot Bowls and weekend live entertainment have provided the community with a special place to share and enjoy.

The mere fact that the Club has existed for so long is a testimony to its importance to the local community. Preserving the Club will ensure that this strong community connection will continue for not only the current members of the community but also for the generations to come.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Coorparoo Bowls Club be entered on the Queensland Heritage Register in recognition of its ongoing significant community value.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Cusack.
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Yours sincerely,
Annette Lillian Fox

Rosemary Shields

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Since moving to Coorparoo in 2022 from the Brisbane Bayside, the Coorparoo Bowls Club has become a meaningful part of my family's life. My father worried that Coorparoo (being an inner city suburb) would lack the family-oriented, village-like community he was used to. Shortly after semi-retiring, he joined the Coorparoo Bowls Club—having never played bowls before—and quickly found a welcoming community, opportunities to volunteer, and a new local support network.

My 11-year-old daughter often joins him at the Club and now knows many of the members and staff by name. When she attended Coorparoo State School, we loved visiting on Sunday afternoons and seeing other school families enjoying the venue. It became clear that the Club serves as a shared community space valued by people of all ages.

We've since celebrated birthdays, hosted family gatherings, enjoyed live music, and played social bowls there. Its location within walking and cycling distance makes it a natural meeting place, and we often pass by on weekends to see friends and neighbours making use of the space.

For more than 95 years, this historic building and sporting venue has played an important role in fostering community connection. Today, it remains an integral part of Coorparoo's social fabric.

I respectfully request that the Coorparoo Bowls Club be entered on the Queensland Heritage Register in recognition of its enduring community value.

Yours sincerely,

Arlette Bouton

Coorparoo Resident

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Yours sincerely,
Ben Lewis

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Yours sincerely,

Brooke Wilson
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

The Chief Executive,
Planning & Heritage Branch,
Department of Environment, Tourism, Science & Innovation,
GPO Box 2454,
Brisbane. QLD. 4001.

Email: heritage@dets.qld.gov.au

Ref: HRN 650288- Coorparoo Bowls Club

I am writing to strongly support heritage protection for the Coorparoo Bowls Club under Criterion G -its special association with the community.

This site should not be lost to the people of Coorparoo. Having been an important part of lifestyle since 1929 when locals contributed by way of debentures to purchase the present site. Such was the success of the sport a temporary club house was mooted as Club funds were low. Mr W L Nicklin favoured a more permanent structure and advanced the necessary funds to have it built and completed in October 1930.

In 1931 another green was added. These two greens are still being utilized every day of the week. One is used for the Community for barefoot bowls, a nursery for future champions. The other is reserved for our current champions who need to play on competition standard grass. Barely a weekend would pass without both greens being at capacity.

In the 1940's "Test Matches" were played there between interstate sides. Several Coorparoo players represented Queensland . The current crop of pennant players are doing the Club proud in local competitions. The current and future champions deserve the opportunities as their forebears.

The Club House would conceivably be the oldest structure of any sporting facility in the area and should be preserved as an important of our heritage. It is the last community club in Coorparoo and doesn't rely on gaming operations. The friendly club staff entice locals and the families to capacity most weekends to enjoy open grassed areas.

I implore your Department to safeguard this unique site for future generations to enjoy.

Yours Sincerely,

Bruce Wallace
3rd Generation Resident

Heritage

From: Cesar Arias [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 24 March 2026 10:50 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Submission re: Coorparoo Bowls Club HRN 650288

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Cesar Arias

Heritage

From: Christine Russell [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 26 March 2026 11:11 AM
To: Heritage
Subject: Statement of Cultural Heritage Significance

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To The Chief Executive

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I have been a member of the Coorparoo Bowls Club for 5 years now. Initially a friend invited me to the club with the intention of convincing me to join along with her. As I live on the north side of Brisbane I was apprehensive as I had to consider the driving back and forth to attend the games and the social activities.

After a few visits and I played a few games of bowls, I was hooked and realised it was a very friendly club and there was a community cohesion amongst fellow bowlers, visitors from other clubs and the people who live in the surrounding areas of Coorparoo. Along the way, a bonus was forming very good and long lasting friendships.

The Club has certainly gone from strength to strength since I have been a member. This has been contributed solely by the enthusiasm of the committee and members wanting the club to function to its potential and continue to prosper for a very long time.

Coorparoo Bowls Club holds deep social value for many members and residents.

I respectfully ask that the Coorparoo Bowls Club be entered on the Queensland Heritage Register and its recognition of its significant community value.

Yours sincerely

Heritage

From: Corrine Emery [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 24 March 2026 4:30 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Submission re: Coorparoo Bowls Club HRN 650288

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Rosemary Shields

From: Dan Perrier [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 16 March 2026 11:49 AM
To: Heritage
Subject: 650288 Coorparoo Bowls Club Crit G

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Hi There

Just sending a quick note to support the application of Coorparoo bowls club against its redevelopment.

With so many Bowls clubs being overtaken by redevelopment I wish to strongly urge you to reconsider this, as once it is done it can never be replaced. The Coorparoo bowls club has a strong following and is a hub for the local community which demonstrates its strong association with said community and aspects of Queensland's cultural heritage. (Crit. G)

Many bowling clubs across Australia have closed in recent decades, particularly in major cities where redevelopment pressures are strongest. Short term gain for one developer vs long term pain and loss for a community.

The bowls club retains its greens together with the clubhouse, beer garden and supporting facilities that allow the club to continue operating in its traditional form. It is a place for many people to gather and find companionship and support and get outdoors with mates, much better than sitting at home one would say !! The old characteristics of the club give it a great vibe and the community really supports it, from normal weekly bowls day, to barefoot bowls, to social events, beer garden and food truck days to local bands weddings, events etc

For this reason, the place represents an increasingly rare example of a traditional suburban bowls club landscape which cannot be replaced. A development provides no long term benefit to the community. The bowls club is a very special place to those that call it their local green, or enjoy a beer or wine in its premises or beer garden. If I can steal a quote from that great Australian movie The Castle "It's the constitution, it's mabo, it's justice, it's law, it's the vibe". He later summarises his argument by simply saying , "No, that's it, it's the vibe!" Yes Coorparoo bowls club has a great vibe and plays an incredibly important and multifaceted role in the community, so don't kill it and most importantly don't kill the vibe that a lot of people day to day depend on.

Regards

Dan Perrier



Heritage

From: David Cusack [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 6 March 2026 10:27 AM
To: Heritage
Subject: Heritage Register Number (HRN) 650288 – Coorparoo Bowls Club

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Dear Chief Executive,

I am writing to you to express my full support for the heritage listing for the Coorparoo Bowls Club under Criterion G - its special association with the community.

I have only been a member of the club for two years but it is clear to me how important it is to the local community. With the proliferation of high-rise apartment buildings in Coorparoo there is no community social meeting place besides the Club in the area. It represents one of the very few green space in the suburb.

The Club is popular with all ages - from young families to retirees and the elderly. It is not unusual to see children running on the barefoot bowls rink while their parents play beside them. On Sundays, there is live music which attracts a large crowd enjoying a quiet drink and good food.

The 95 year old club house itself is a fine example of early 20th century bowls clubs with both banquette style seating as well as high benches. The upstairs area is made available to community groups for meetings and practice. The Brisbane Ukulele Music Society is a regular user of this area.

It is essential that the Club is preserved for not only the generations that currently make use of it but for the generations to come.

I ask that the Club be added to the Queensland Heritage Register in recognition of its 95 year history and its significant community value.

Yours sincerely,

David Cusack

Heritage

From: Deborah Tate [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 27 March 2026 4:06 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Heritage Register No. 650288 - Coorparoo Bowls Club

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Dear Chief Executive,

I am writing this email as a local resident to support the application for the Coorparoo Bowls Club to be entered on the Queensland Heritage Register.

This site holds significant cultural heritage and community significance. It is a community hub supporting community activities, including an annual Australia Day event with thong throwing and pie eating, an annual barefoot Bowls event supporting charity, other charitable events, and is home for the Brisbane Ukulele Musician Society. It also one of only a few live music venues outside of the CBD and Valley, great for local artists (and even hosting the Dune Rats concert one year, which was a huge, fun event for the local community). It is also an important site for lawn bowls which we would never want to lose; it is almost an Australian right of passage to be able to play bowls in your retirement (and some even lucky enough to do so before then!).

It is a home away from home for so many in the local community, and a place for all ages in the community to gather. In a suburb that is quickly being built up with apartment buildings, it offers some green space, and a sporting space for all to gather. It also offers a place for families to gather, especially when they can't all fit in an apartment, and also it offers a place for those wanting a little bit of sport, combined with socialising. Many in the Community have had their grandparents play bowls there, and then their parents and one day they will be able to as well. This legacy is important to the community. I hope to be able to join the club as a member in the not too distant future, being something I know I will be able to continue doing until an older age, and it being local.

In addition, I note the following:

- The club is a rare, intact example of a sporting facility established some 96 years ago (I believe it was established in 1930) and reflects the heart and resilience of the Coorparoo community and its growth.
- The timber clubhouse retains its original charm and contributes significantly to the visual character of the area. As I mentioned above, the club house and the 2 greens represent a Coorparoo suburb before so many apartment buildings were built up and reminds us of where we begun, provides a homely hub with character, and the community spirit that existed and continues to exist. The honour boards in the clubhouse are a prime example, and reminds us of those who were there almost 100 years before.
- As noted, it is an important social hub and has been for the past 96 years. It is one of the few remaining community venues in Brisbane that provides a multigenerational, non-

gaming environment. Its role in hosting local music, charity events, and community gatherings makes it indispensable to the social fabric of Coorparoo.


It would be a great loss to the history of our local community and Queensland's sporting heritage if the site were to be significantly altered or redeveloped. In a suburb that has already lost the RSL, it would take away the heart, soul and history altogether. In addition, with so many Bowls clubs closing their doors, we risk losing a significant part of our community and history through these Bowls clubs. I submit to the Queensland Heritage Council this application should be approved and Coorparoo Bowls Club, its Clubhouse and greens, be given a permanent entry into the Register.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Kind regards,
Deborah

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Deborah Tate



Heritage

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 6 March 2026 4:09 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Coorparoo Bowls Club HRN 650288
Attachments: Bowls club aerial photo of total complex.JPG

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The Chief Executive
Planning & Heritage Branch
Dept of the Environment, Tourism, Science, and Innovation

Statement of Cultural Heritage Significance.

I refer to Criteria A, B and D of the Coorparoo Bowls Club Heritage Application HRN 650288. I am a retired Architect living in Coorparoo and enjoying the sporting, social, and community aspects of Coorparoo Bowls Club. I would like to support the entry of Coorparoo Bowls Club in the Queensland Heritage Register from an architectural point of view.

The club house design and layout of bowling greens on the site were the responsibility of Maurice Guthrie, who was a respected Architect, practicing in the greater Brisbane area during the inter-war period. It is important to preserve this fine example of Maurice Guthrie's commercial commissions, as most of his projects were involved in the evolution of the typical "Queenslander" that we enjoy today in inner Brisbane suburbs. The club house and grounds design feature a simple combination that became the model for many later Bowls Clubs throughout Queensland – a pavilion type building, facing, and straddling two bowling greens. (Please refer to attached photo.)

From its inception, the Coorparoo Bowls Club building was designed to cater for community events, as well as the sport of bowls. This has been regarded as a unique response to community needs in 1930, but so common today in most sporting clubs. The large upstairs community hall features a 60mm x 20mm tongue and grooved polished hardwood floor, and a vaulted plywood panelled ceiling with exposed steel tie rods, a unique construction technique often found in turn of the century timber churches. The building design is restrained in decoration, reflecting the austerity required of public buildings built in the years following World War 1. However, it was described as "an impressive building " when opened, by the local newspaper at that time. Due to weather damage, in 1946 an original open veranda facing the bowling greens was enclosed. In the ground floor area, typical sporting club needs were catered for, with a bar, kitchen, locker room, office, and amenities. Over the years these facilities have been upgraded to comply with health and safety requirements. An original green keeper's shed and lawns have been maintained in original condition on the site.

Coorparoo Bowls Club is a rare example of early bowls clubs in Queensland, with its original club house, bowling greens, and green keeper's shed intact and still in use nearly 100 years after their construction. For this reason, I believe that Coorparoo Bowls Club should be preserved for future generations and be entered in the Queensland Heritage Register.

Yours Sincerely,
Dennis Beitz FRAIA

Heritage

From: KEARNS, Ed [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 27 March 2026 2:59 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Save Our Coorparoo Bowls Club

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I have also attended a friend's 50th and my wife has attended a few 40ths. Over time, we have also attended many live bands. The place is always heaving with people and a grand, friendly, family atmosphere.

Over the past 26 years we have lived in and around Coorparoo and Greenslopes. We love the Southside and its green areas which set it apart from a lot of other suburbs in Brisbane. For a time, with young ones, we lived in the Units on Wakefield St. Our balcony overlooked the OASIS of the greens at CBC. It was a delight to have morning coffee while the ground staff silently rolled the lawns in every conceivable direction with their orange electric lead snaking behind them.

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Thanking you in advance.

Yours sincerely,

Ed KEARNS

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Heritage

From: Elisa Canetti [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 23 March 2026 6:42 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Submission re: Coorparoo Bowls Club HRN 650288

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