

Item Details

Name

Group of Dwellings; 17, 18, 20, 21, 23 & 26 Charlotte Street.

SHR/LEP/S170

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Charlotte Street.

Address

17,18,20,21,23,26 Charlotte Street BANGALOW NSW 2479

Local Govt Area

Byron

Local Aboriginal Land Council

Tweed Byron

Item Type

Built

Group/Collection

Residential buildings (private)

Category

House

All Addresses

Addresses

Records Retrieved: 1

Street No	Street Name	Suburb/Town/Postcode	Local Govt. Area	LALC	Parish	County	Electorate	Address Type
17,18,20,21,23,26	Charlotte Street	BANGALOW/NSW/2479	Byron	Tweed Byron				Primary Address

Boundary Description

The property boundaries.

Significance

Statement Of Significance

This group of early dwellings demonstrate historical, historical associative and aesthetic significance, showing evidence of early settlement of Bangalow by pioneers and hold association with T Robinson, G Reading and G J Snow. The historic dwellings exhibit the timber and iron vernacular design aesthetic of the North Coast region and are fine example of local timber construction and craftsmanship and retain their single storey traditional forms, side setbacks, and are important as a historic group.

Criteria a)

Historical Significance

The subject historic dwellings demonstrate historical significance as part of the early settlement and development of the township of Bangalow.

Criteria b)

Historical Association Significance

Several dwellings are associated with early pioneer settlers T. Robinson, WH. Reading and J. G. Snow, & P.O'Grady who were successful in the early commerce and development of the area.

Criteria c)

Aesthetic/Technical Significance

The historic single storey dwellings of traditional roof form and scale, exhibit the timber and iron vernacular design aesthetic of the North Coast region and are fine example of local timber construction and craftsmanship and are retained in traditional landscaped garden settings and setbacks.

Criteria f)

Rarity

The buildings demonstrate rarity locally for their historical and social links to early pioneer settlers.

Criteria g)

Representative

The buildings are representative of timber and iron domestic architecture of the late 19th and early 20th centuries in this region.

Integrity/Intactness

Moderate to High

Owners

Records Retrieved: 0

Organisation	Stakeholder Category	Date Ownership Updated
No Results Found		

Description

Designer

Builder/Maker

W S Rays and others

Physical Description

Updated 11/16/2022

Anchored by Hartford House at No.14 Charlotte Street, at the top of the hill, this group of early dwellings, including the former Masonic Hall now a residence, demonstrate historical, historical associative and aesthetic significance. They are evidence of the early settlement of Bangalow by pioneer settlers and were built in association with G. J. Snow, Patrick Garvey, W. H. Reading, and James O'Grady. These historic dwellings, whilst modified in varying degrees and with rear extensions, retain the timber and iron vernacular design aesthetic of the North Coast region, retain a high level of consistency of modest scale, form and front and side setbacks, roof form, landscaping, low picket fences and spatial settings, and are fine example of local timber construction and craftsmanship. They are an important historic group within close proximity to the township of Bangalow and hold integrity as a group.

Physical Condition

Updated

Private dwellings all well maintained.

Modifications And Dates

Various including enclosure of verandahs to substantial rear additions.

Further Comments

Current Use

Residential dwellings

Former Use

Residential dwellings and former Masonic Hall.

Listings

Listings

						Records Retrieved: 2
Heritage Listing	Listing Title	Listing Number	Gazette Date	Gazette Number	Gazette Page	
Within a conservation area on an LEP	Byron Local Environmental Plan 2014	C0001	5/30/2014 12:00:00 AM	2014-297		
Potential Heritage Item						

Procedures/Exemptions

Records Retrieved: 0

Section of Act	Description	Title	Comments	Action Date	Outcome
No Results Found					

History

Historical Notes or Provenance

Updated

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Byron Shire Council recognises the Bundjalung of Byron Bay Arakwal people, the Minjungbal people and the Widjabul people as Traditional Owners and custodians for parts of the Byron Shire. In the Bangalow area, the Widjabul people of the Bundjalung Aboriginal language group had lived in the area for tens of thousands of years.

Early explorers and settlers described the district as "the Big Scrub" because of the dense sub-tropical rainforest. Settlement of the area began in the 1840s when European timber cutters and cedar getters moved through the rainforest looking for timber to exploit. Little development occurred until 1869 when the whole district was subdivided. The first settler in the district was Thomas Robinson who purchased land near the present town site in 1881. Bangalow developed substantially after the construction of the Lismore to Tweed Railway, which reached Byron Creek (later named Granuaille then Bangalow) in 1892.

The name of Bangalow derives from the name of the palm that was abundant in the rainforest of the area. The first selectors of land included Thomas Robinson, who subdivided the elevated land in the south west of the town surrounding St Kevin's Roman Catholic Church: Robert Campbell who subdivided most of the central area of the town on the east and west sides of the railway; and William Barby, who subdivided the land on the eastern side of Byron Creek.

The town is connected strongly with the dairying industry, which commenced with Robinson's selection in 1881. A receiving depot at Bangalow channelled much of the dairy produce into the Norco Factory at Byron Bay, via the Tweed Railway, and thence to Australian and European markets via the port at Byron Bay. Bangalow flourished as a village during the last decade of the Nineteenth Century and the first decades of the Twentieth Century.

The growth in dairying was greatly facilitated by the formation of cooperatives, of which NORCO at Byron Bay was an outstanding example. In 1924 NORCO absorbed the dairy industry output of Bangalow, which had been served since 1912 by the Binna Burra butter factory. The Dairying industry in Bangalow declined when the dairying industry was de-regulated in the late 1960s.

Bangalow also served a timber industry which remained viable until the 1970s although the decline was a long one. The industry was killed off in the 1970s following forestry blockades which ultimately led to the creation of National Parks and exclusion of the forestry industry.

In the 1980s the township of Bangalow declined as business declined and essential services were withdrawn. At this time there was a growing interest in heritage and tourism and the discovery of Bangalow's excellent heritage values. Since that time the place has grown steadily into a boutique town with commercial and light industrial activities focussed in large measure on boutique and heritage activities. It is now a must-visit place on the Northern NSW tourism map.

This Group

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Lots 1 & 2 The original 1907 dwelling was moved off site to a rural location and a new infill dwelling built on this site during the 1990s.

Lots 3, 4 & 5 17 Charlotte Street, This house was built by Thomas Robinson in 1907 after he retired. He was the first white settler in Bangalow.

Lot 6 21 Charlotte Street-House built 1906 for W H Reading.

Lot 7 23 Charlotte Street- House built 1907 by W H Reading for his parents from England

Lot 8 26 Charlotte Street Land donated by Robinson for Masonic Hall first built in 1907. (Second one built 1922 first brick building in Station Street

Lot 9 24 Charlotte Street Original house burnt down in early 1960s and replaced.

Lot 10 20 Charlotte Street Built in 1907 for a Patrick Garvey, lease of first hotel in Bangalow The Granuaille Hotel built in 1891. He also owned Lot 5.

Lot 11 16 Charlotte Street, Built in 1904 by James O'Grady who also owned Lot 4.

Lot 1 14 Charlotte Street Built in 1910 for G J Snow by W S Rays Hartford House

Historic Themes

Records Retrieved: 1

National Theme	State Theme	Local Theme
4. Settlement	Towns, suburbs and villages	Unknown

Recommended Management

Management Summary

Carefully conserve all items in the group to maintain the consistency of original roof form, verandahs, scale, spatial settings, side and front setbacks, materials, landscaping, low fences appropriate to the era and lack of dominance of garages.

Management

Records Retrieved: 0

Management Category	Management Name	Date Updated
No Results Found		

Report/Study

Heritage Studies

Records Retrieved: 1

Report/Study Name	Report/Study Code	Report/Study Type	Report/Study Year	Organisation	Author
Byron Shire Community Based Heritage Study			2005		Donald Ellsmore and Ian Fox

Reference & Internet Links

References

Records Retrieved: 0

Type	Author	Year	Title	Link
No Results Found				

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