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STRATHFIELD COUNCIL CHAMBERS & TOWN HALL

The Strathfield Council Chambers and Town Clerks residence (69 Redmyre Rd) was built in 1887 and designed architect John Sulman, The Council Chambers design left space to later build a Town Hall. In the meantime, the Council Chambers was used for Council meetings, but also for Church services and even sewing and knitting groups for the WWI war effort.

The Strathfield Town Hall was designed by architect Harry Kent, built by Kell & Rigby and opened in 1923. There have been many additions to the these buildings including a donation of clocks for the tower from Arnotts Biscuits in 1938.



REDMYRE ROAD

Redmyre Road Strathfield is the boundary between the 1808 James Wilshire and 1793 Thomas Rose land grants. The Wilshire land was subdivided in 1867 as the Redmire Estate. Redmire is the original name of Strathfield. Originally Redmyre Road included The Boulevarde and was known as Redmyre Boulevarde. The roads were later separated.

Redmyre Road is an historic streetscape lined with many late 19th and early 20th century residences, streetcape and large gardens. The dominating Brush Box and Camphor Laurel tree streetscape retains an outstanding visual quality and forms a memorable avenue and distinctive unified character and sense of place.



STRATHFIELD WAR MEMORIAL

The Strathfield War Memorials are located in the front of the Strathfield Council Chambers. The memorial was first dedicated in 1925 to honour those who died and served in World War I from the Strathfield area. The memorial was designed by architects Wilson, Neave and Berry and consist of Honour Roll tablets erected on a wall of the Council Chambers and a Globe of the World erected on a granite pillar, which once signified the countries of the British Empire in gold lettering, which has now faded. The World War II memorial was added in 1953 and consists of a trachyte seat and a bronze plaque with names of the those local residents who died in service of their country.



'RAVENSWOOD'

'Ravenswood' 67 Homebush Road Strathfield, is a large Federation style bungalow and was built in 1902 for Edgar Boston, Director of E. Way & Co, a department store located in Pitt St, Sydney.

The E. Way & Co building is now part of the Myer's store in Pitt Street Mall but the old E. Way & Co façade sign is still visible. The house was bought by Strathfield Council in 1961 to accommodate the administrative offices of the Council, Mayor and Chief Executive Officer.



'GLEN LUNA'

'Glen Luna' 2-4 Carrington Avenue Strathfield was built 1888 for prominent solicitor Dr George Sly as his home residence. The house was designed by architects Ellis & Slatyer and built by master builder Robert Wall.

'Glen Luna' once faced The Boulevarde but with the subdivision of its' grounds in 1925, the house now faces Carrington Avenue. 'Glen Luna' was divided into flats in 1935 and in 1985, it was substantially renovated and strata titled.



'BRUNYARRA'

'Brunyarra', a Victorian Italianate styled building, was built in 1886 for John Spencer Brunton, a flour miller. 'Brunyarra' is representative of the grand homes on The Boulevarde built in late 19th century. In 1908, 'Brunyarra' was sold to Judge Edward Scholes, a former Mayor of Burwood and in 1918, it was sold to Albert Grace, of Grace Brothers stores. Mrs Mary Bailey bought the house in 1928 and changed the name to 'Del Monte' and established a prominent function and wedding reception centre. In 1950 Mrs Bailey left the property to the Dominican Sisters, who opened the junior school 'Santa Maria Del Monte' in 1951.



'LAURISTON'

'Lauriston' The Boulevard was designed by architect Alfred Newman and built in 1907 for Amy Alfreda Vickery, daughter Ebenezer Vickery MLC one of Australia's wealthiest men. Amy Vickery was a prominent stamp collector and her collections are on permanent loan to the Powerhouse Museum.

In 1942, during World War II, Presbyterian Ladies' College rented 'Lauriston'. From 1946 to 1967, 'Lauriston' was used by Trinity Grammar Preparatory. In 1967, the Dominican Sisters purchased 'Lauriston' and incorporated this building into Santa Maria Del Monte, the junior school of Santa Sabina College.



'TRINITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH'

The Trinity Congregational Church, 62 The Boulevarde Strathfield was designed by architects George Sydney Jones and Harold Thompson in 1889. It was built by Thomas Henley. The Church was formed by a group, lead by the Reverend George Littlemore and Dr Phillip Sydney Jones, disenchanted with the Burwood Congregational Church decided to establish their own Church in Strathfield.

Many prominent people were original members of the Church including members of the David Jones retail family, stockbroker Thomas J Thompson, James Inglis MLA of 'Billy Tea' fame and financier Randolph Nott. This church was added to the State Heritage Register in 2008.



ST MARTHA'S CHURCH & SCHOOL

"St Martha's Catholic Church, Churchill Avenue Strathfield is located on the corner of Homebush Road and Churchill Avenue. The first St Martha's Church was built in 1904 to a design by architects Sheerin & Hennessy. St Martha is the patron saint of servants and domestics.

The current Church was opened in 1924 and designed by John Bede Barlow.

St Martha's School building was built in 1941 and designed by Ernest A. Scott, Green & Scott.



PARISH OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL CATHEDRAL OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

'n 1949, the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad decided to build a Cathedral in Sydney. Strathfield was chosen, being a central location and accessible to transport. The Cathedral was designed by architect R J Magoffin in 1950, commenced building in 1951 and was opened in 1954. A consecration of the Cathedral was carried out by Archbishop Theodore Rafalsky and Sydney clergy on 27 December 1953. Archbishop Theodore died in 1955 and was buried in the Cathedral grounds.



'WOODSTOCK

'Woodstock' 88-94 Redmyre Road was designed by architect Harry Chambers Kent in 1886 as his home residence. Kent sold this house in 1914 and built another house in Redmyre Road. The new owners were the Starkey family, manufacturers of Starkey's cordials and soft drinks.

From 1947 to 1990, 'Woodstock' operated as a convalescent and nursing home. The site was redeveloped in 1992, which involved the demolition of all buildings, except the original Woodstock' building. Eight villas were built along the perimeter of the site and the original building was converted into 2 apartments.

