

## Mahratta Conservation Area - C4 (KLEP 2015)

The Mahratta Heritage Conservation Area is of historical and aesthetic significance for its largely intact fabric (houses, gardens, street layout) dating from the 1890s through to the inter war period and into the late twentieth century. The area is of aesthetic significance as: it encompasses the State Heritage Listed Mahratta built 1941 on the corner of the Pacific Highway and Fox Valley Road with its substantial gardens designed by Paul Sorenson; the 1924 subdivision of Myall Avenue as a rare early cul-de-sac design, distinctive for its Inter-war period housing and circular planting bed; the 1912 subdivision of the eastern end of Gilda Avenue, with its collection of Federation period to inter-war period housing.

The area is of historical significance as one of the earliest areas of housing development on the western side of the Pacific Highway at Wahroonga, encompassing the 1912 Warrawee View Estate (eastern end of Gilda Avenue) and the Myall Avenue (a subdivision of part of Toohey's Estate). The 1943 aerial photo of the area shows the eastern end of Gilda Avenue with unified formal street tree plantings (likely brush box), indicating the influence of the Wahroonga Progress Association in the early 20th century.

