

# Penrith Heritage Inventory

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SHI Number

2260700

Study Number

P68

Item Name: **Log Cabin Inn**

Location: **1 Memorial Avenue, Penrith**

Address: 1 Memorial Avenue

DUAP Region: Sydney West

Suburb / Nearest Town: Penrith

Historic region: Sydney

Local Govt Area: Penrith

Parish:

State: NSW

County:

Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal Area:

Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: Built

Group: Commercial

Category: Hotel

Owner: Private - Corporate

Admin Codes: 41617

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current Use:

Former Uses:

Assessed Significance: Local

Endorsed Significance:

**Statement of Significance:** The hotel site is unique in Penrith LGA in representing continuum of hotel use at this riverside location since the 1820s. The earliest of the extant hotels is significant for its historic associations with Sir James Joynton Smith, demonstrating the recreational role of the river in the inter-war era, and as a good example of a rural hotel in the Inter-war eclectic Tudor Revival style. The hotel is set with an area above the Nepean River which retains a number of items of historic note and in which this item contributes the definition of the group.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** The first inn on this site was erected in 1827 for Jacob Josephson trading as the Pineapple Inn. From 1829 the hotel traded as the Governor Bourke having rebuilt or extended with the name change owned by the Wilson family. The hotel was purchased by Sir James Joynton Smith in the inter-war era and a new hotel was built on the site neighbouring the old Governor Bourke. Smith's hotel was named the Log Cabin Roadhouse catering for motorists on the highway. Smith's portfolio of hotels at the time included the Imperial at Mt. Victoria, the Hydro at Medlow Bath and the Carrington at Katoomba. The new hotel opened in 1940 but due to the war and then years of austerity the hotel declined. In 1955 motel was added.

Themes:

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started:

Year Completed: 1939

Circa: No

**Physical Description:** The item is a large inter-war brick hotel sited on the eastern bank of the Nepean River and

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adjacent the Victoria Bridge. The architectural style of the hotel is Stockbroker's Tudor exemplified by the half-timbered cross-gable roof. The front (non-river) façade has a symmetrical massing of a pair of projecting two storey wings. It is one of two substantial hotels of this era in Penrith LGA (the other at Wallacia), both relate to the theme of leisure and the birth of touring by private motor car. Historically the building amply demonstrates the theme of leisure which is expressed through its scale, architectural style, public bar and provision of accommodation.

Physical Condition: Good

Modification Dates: Various post 1950 alterations and additions

Recommended  
Management:

Management:

Further Comments:

Criteria a) The 1939 hotel demonstrates the recreational role of the river in the inter-war era.

Criteria b) The 1939 hotel has historic associations with Sir James Joynton Smith

Criteria c) The 1939 hotel is good example of a rural hotel in the Inter-war eclectic Tudor Revival style which contributes to a precinct of diverse historic interest.

Criteria d)

Criteria e)

Criteria f) The 1939 hotel is unique in Penrith LGA for its attractive riverside location, and continuity of historic use.

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness: High

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Palmer-Frederick, J	Romancing the Inns on the Western Road	

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Paul Davies Pty. Ltd.	Penrith Heritage Study Review	P68	2005

Parcels:	Parcel Code	LotNumber	Section	Plan Code	Plan Number
		1		DP	580256

Latitude:

Longitude:

Location validity:

Spatial Accuracy:

Map Name:

Map Scale:

AMC Zone:

Easting:

Northing:

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AMG Zone:

Easting:

Northing:

Listings:

Built Form:

Allotment and Setback:

Height:

Fences:

Driveways and Garages:

Building Materials:

Data Entry:

Date First Entered: 02/03/2005

Date Updated: 28/11/2007

Status: Completed

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Caption: Log Cabin Inn - front elevation

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Caption: Log Cabin Inn

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Caption: Log Cabin Inn from Emu Plains

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