

The Character of Ku-ring-gai

The Character of Ku-ring-gai is defined by:

- Large indigenous and exotic trees whose canopies form the skyline, line the streets and dominate garden spaces throughout the whole area; and
- The unique presentation of private gardens which are given due importance in residential settings and designs.

Nature of Development

- A **unique predominance of residential development**, with a notable absence of industry or large commercial areas. Large educational establishments and suburban retail / service centres are the other major land uses.
- **Development which responds to the landform** - the spine of the heavily incised plateau carries the main transport routes and the earliest development; successive feeder roads and suburban development follow tributary ridges, leaving the steep gullies on the east and west of the spine as bushland reserves and national parks.

Pattern of development

- The predominant form of development is of individual houses sited on large blocks of land and surrounded by garden space.
- Houses are separated by generous side setbacks and curtilages.
- Fences define the boundary of each allotment; front fences and/or hedges mark the street alignment and allow pedestrians to look over to the garden beyond. Particular areas of post-1945 subdivision are characterised by an absence of front fences combined with a lack of solid side and/or rear fences presenting a continuity of open landscape vistas between adjoining properties.
- Garages / carports are generally sited at the side or back of each house. They are most commonly accessed by single width driveways which have minimal paving. Runoff is therefore largely absorbed within each residential allotment into the predominant green surfaces of lawn, garden beds, shrubberies and trees.



Trees and gardens

- Older residential developments along the main spine are characterised by larger blocks of land and gardens combining exotic, deciduous and indigenous plantings. More recent development is away from the main spine and is generally on smaller blocks of land with a predominance of indigenous and exotic plantings.
- Street tree plantings include informal remnants of the forest, others are of formal plantings made over a period of 100 years. Street tree plantings may also feature grassed or planted nature strips and verges and are largely contributory to the unique characteristic of Ku-ring-gai's streetscapes.



Materials

- Houses and shops are mostly built of unpainted brick with tile roofs. There are some important pockets of early timber houses. Walls of render or timber shingles and iron or slate roofs characterise some of typical building materials.

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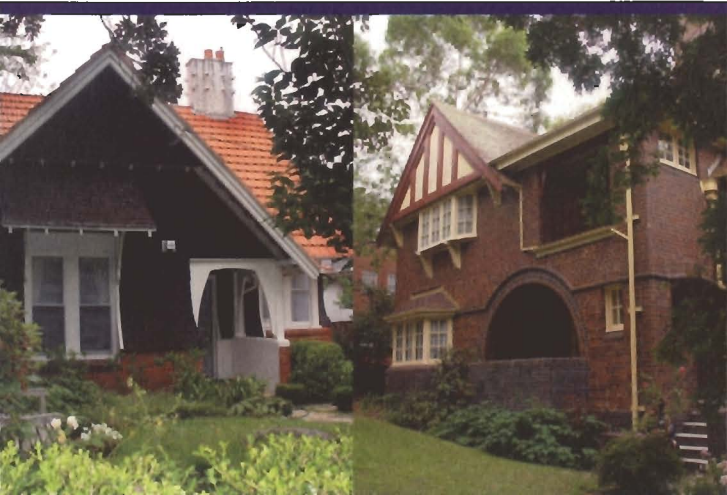
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- 房地产开发的主要格式是，建在大面积土地上的、由绿色庭院空间环绕的个人住宅。车库 通常建在住宅的旁边或后面。
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Ku-ring-gai Council adopted this statement on 9 March 2004.

*It should be read in conjunction with the
Statement of Heritage Significance.*

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Japanese

クーリングアイの特徴：

- クーリングアイの特徴は、大規模な自生のエキゾチックな樹木にあり、その林冠は地平線を形作り、並木通りを描き、全域のガーデン・スペースを覆っています。
- 開発の主流は、緑のガーデン・スペースに囲まれた大規模な土地区画に建てられた一戸建てです。通常、ガレージや簡易車庫は、の横または裏に設置されています。
- および店舗は、ほとんどが塗装なしレンガで作られ、タイル 根になっています。

Korean

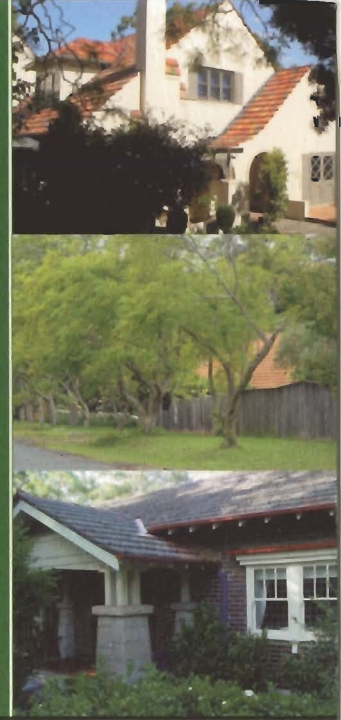
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