

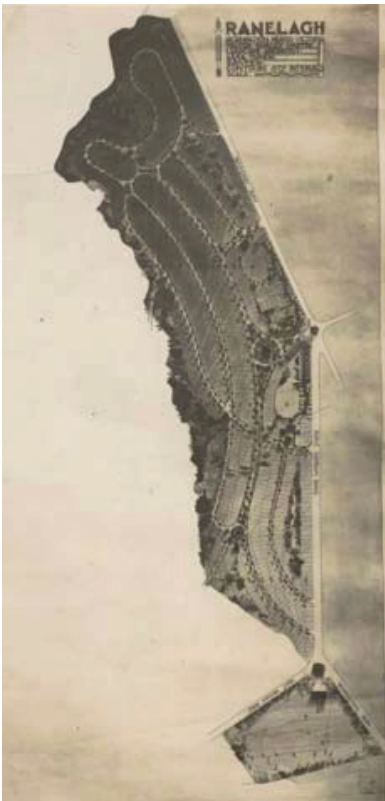


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Project: Ranelagh Estate Conservation
 Management Plan



The Ranelagh Estate at Mount Eliza was designed in 1924 by Canberra's designer, Walter Burley Griffin collaborating with Marion Mahoney Griffin and Melbourne surveyor Saxil Tuxen. The Estate was listed on the *Victorian Heritage Register* in May 2005. This CMP was commissioned by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council to assist local residents, statutory authorities, land owners and managers in the conservation of this important heritage place.

In part because of the international interest in the Griffins and their architectural and town planning projects, a key feature of this CMP is the substantial documentation of the historical development of the Estate and its links to early 20th century planning ideals and the 'Melbourne modern' movement in architecture. This historical documentation, together with the description of the physical and landscape character of the Estate and its setting, provides a solid basis for the analysis of the heritage significance of the Estate.

The policy formulation is comprehensive and provides clear direction for a suite of integrated implementation strategies covering both the built and landscape elements of the Estate. This CMP provides a model for managers of other 20th century residential estates with significant cultural heritage values where there are on-going issues about the degree and nature of change on private land and management issues for public land.

The extent of community involvement prior to and during the preparation of the CMP is a defining feature of this project. The strong community interest in the project has assisted with the resolution of issues during the planning process which should reduce challenges during the CMP's implementation.

The outcomes of this study process are an important example of a Council working closely with a placed-based community and other interest groups to achieve an integrated set of management policies for a place of heritage significance.

Overall, the Ranelagh Estate Conservation Management Plan is considered a worthy winner of this category of the PIA awards.