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News Update – Action Required

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1. DUNCAN HOUSE

Willoughby Council will be considering the development application for the Duncan House probably on 15th July. We urge all Society members to write to Willoughby Council objecting to the unsympathetic proposal which butts right onto the Duncan House, reducing it to a mere appendage, attached to the back of the proposed additions. Please refer to the June *News Update* for more detail. Plans of the proposed development can be viewed at the Willoughby Council Chambers in the Town Planning Section on the 4th Floor. Letters need to be at Council by Wednesday 10th July. Address letters to The Town Clerk, Willoughby City Council, 411 Victoria Avenue, Chatswood NSW 2067, Fax 411 8309.

2. PYRMONT INCINERATOR

There is now hope that the Incinerator may yet be saved. The developer, Meriton Apartments, have submitted a new development application which requires new approval from the Sydney City Council. We have written to the Council objecting to the DA because it involves demolishing the Incinerator to build a 16-storey block of apartments in its place with a second 16-storey block to the north of it. The Society's letter requested Council to negotiate with the developer to find a solution that conserves the Incinerator and does not reduce it to a mere garden wall of a few of the Incinerator's decorative tiles. This token gesture of a "Griffin Memorial" proposed by the developers would be largely hidden from public view.

The Pyrmont Incinerator is classified by the National Trust and last month was made an Interim Entry on the National Register of the Australian Heritage Commission.

However, despite these, the Incinerator's future still hangs in the balance. If you have time, we also urge all Society members to write to the Town Clerk of Sydney City Council objecting to the proposed demolition of Pyrmont Incinerator.

Even in its ruinous state the Incinerator is majestic and the ruins could be stabilized and left as a true memorial to Griffin in the development. Alternatively, the concrete structure could be rebuilt and the decorative tiles (which are still in good order), reapplied to the exterior.

Please assist us in our attempts to save these architectural gems of Griffin's by sending your own letters of support for Griffin's architecture. Local councils are very mindful of such letters.