| Name:         | O'Malley House  |
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| Other name/s: | (later) Cabarisha Hospital, (now) Castlecrag Private<br>Hospital  |
| Location:     | 150 Edinburgh Road (corner Sortie Port), Castlecrag, Sydney, NSW.   |
| Designer:     | W.B. Griffin  |
| History:      | Built, 1922.  |
|               | A modest rubble stone dwelling which was designed for and financed by King O'Malley, although records show him as owner from only 1925-27. It is doubtful if O'Malley ever lived there. O'Malley was at that time a shareholder of the GSDA, and the Federal Minister for Home Affairs. He was the chief force behind the formation of the national capital.                          |
|               | The house design was an adaptation of the Cheong house, at 14 The Parapet, with a similar arrangement of rooms and similar decorative features. Both lots have similar orientation, with views towards the harbour. The O'Malley house is oriented so that the picture window caught the view of the Spit, at the entrance to Middle Harbour.   |
|               | Like the other houses, built for shareholders, it was rented. Edgar William Herbert and his family lived there from 1923-27 prior to its sale to Dr Edward William and Lorna Clarissa Rivett in 1927, who used it as a hospital and dwelling, whilst their own house was being built on the corner opposite. Both the Herberts and the Rivetts were prominent in the local community. |
|               | The Hospital has expanded several times. Starting as a five bed hospital, W.B. Griffin's office designed extensions to make it a twenty bed hospital for Dr Edward Rivett, called 'Cabarisha'. In the late 1930s, a wing was added along Sortie Port, designed by Eric M. Nicholls, and a nurses' home on the adjoining lot in The Battlement, now a private residence.               |
|               | After the War, an obstetric wing, also designed by Nicholls, was added along Edinburgh Road. In 1970, Dr Edward Rivett's doctor sons, who continued the hospital after the death of their father and aunt, Dr Christine Rivett, sold the hospital under a new name – the Castlecrag Private Hospital.   |
|               | In 1985-86, the hospital was extensively remodelled, so that little remains from the original building, but hints of the building's past character are in the new Griffin-like moldings in the façade.  |
|               | [For further information, refer to source below.]   |
|               | Source: Meredith Walker, Adrienne Kabos & James Weirick, <i>Building for Nature: Walter Burley Griffin and Castlecrag</i> , Walter Burley Griffin Society Incorporated, 1994, p.66; Jeff Turnbull & Peter Y. Navaretti (ed.), <i>The</i>  |

|                            | Griffins in Australia and India, Melbourne University Press, 1998, p.193, #2208-02; p.338, #3313-02.   |
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| Description:               | The original O'Malley house has been engulfed by the hospital and the house no longer exists today.  [For further information, refer to source below.]   |
|                            | Source: Meredith Walker, Adrienne Kabos & James Weirick, <i>Building for Nature: Walter Burley Griffin and Castlecrag</i> , Walter Burley Griffin Society Incorporated, 1994, p.66; Jeff Turnbull & Peter Y. Navaretti (ed.), <i>The Griffins in Australia and India</i> , Melbourne University Press, 1998, p.193, #2208-02; p.338, #3313-02. |
| Heritage listing:          | Willoughby Local Environmental Plan 1995 – Schedule 6 heritage item classified to be of state or regional significance.  |
|                            | Within National Trust of Australia (NSW)'s Castlecrag<br>Urban Conservation Area.  |
| Statutory controls:        | Statutory controls apply to heritage items or Conservation Areas. They apply to works in the vicinity of a heritage item or adjacent to a Conservation Area.   |
|                            | Willoughby Local Environmental Plan 1995.  |
|                            | Part 7 of WLEP 1995 contains special provisions for Heritage and Conservation.   |
|                            | Willoughby Development Control Plan No. 19: Heritage and Conservation.   |
|                            | The Development Control Plan is a guideline document but with no statutory force. Nevertheless, its provisions will be given consideration by the consent authority when making decisions. The DCP provisions are more detailed and are in addition to the provisions of the Local Environmental Plan.   |
|                            | Design Guidelines for the Conservation of Environmental Heritage.  |
|                            | This guideline document supports DCP No. 19 and provides more detailed conservation principles.  |
| Consent authority:         | Willoughby City Council.   |
| Previous heritage reports: |  |

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