

DEFINING THE PRECINCT

Currently the designation and boundaries of the current 'villages' and 'heritage conservation areas' in the area do not properly reflect the reality of the Potts Point, Elizabeth Bay and Rushcutters Bay locality both topographically and communally. This detracts from any proper consideration of contemporary and historical features which include the character, amenity, building typology, resident demographics and the cultural and social history of the area. There is no 'Village' of Macleay Street & Woolloomooloo (Fig 1) as this street and suburb are separated by a cliff and have no physical or societal relationship. Macleay Street is the spine of the three suburbs of Potts Point, Elizabeth Bay and Rushcutters Bay and together they constitute a functional village. Up till 2012 Potts Point, Elizabeth Bay and Rushcutters Bay were a unified Heritage Conservation Area, at which time they were inexplicably separated. (Fig 2). The locality statements for these two HCA's impede any assessment of the real community that is the sum of these three suburbs.

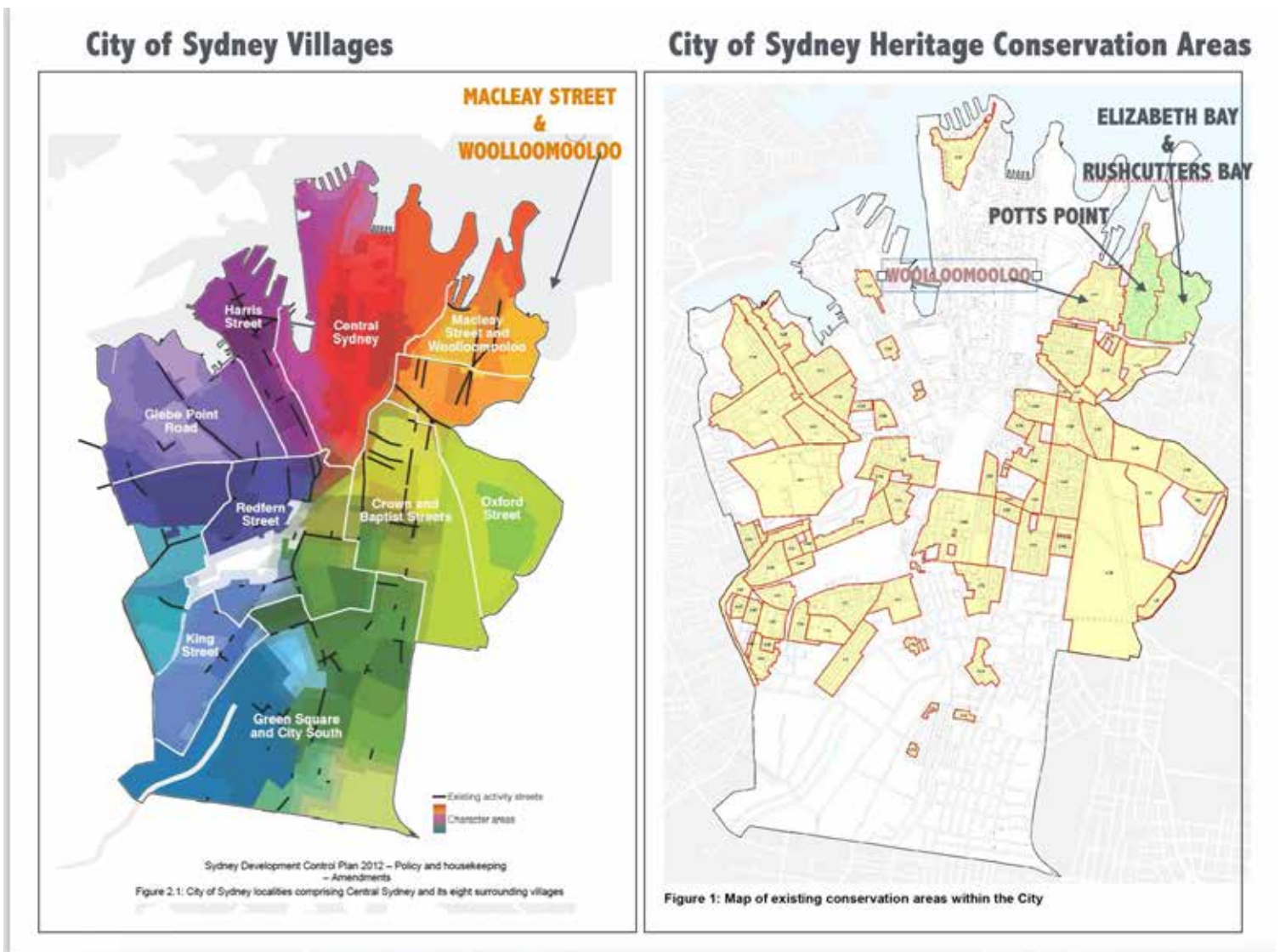


Figure 1. City of Sydney Villages

Figure 2. City of Sydney Heritage Conservation Areas-