

St Patrick's Manly

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YESTERDAY'S
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A HISTORY OF ST PATRICK'S MANLY

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OUTLINE

The Beginning

The English Story

The Irish Story

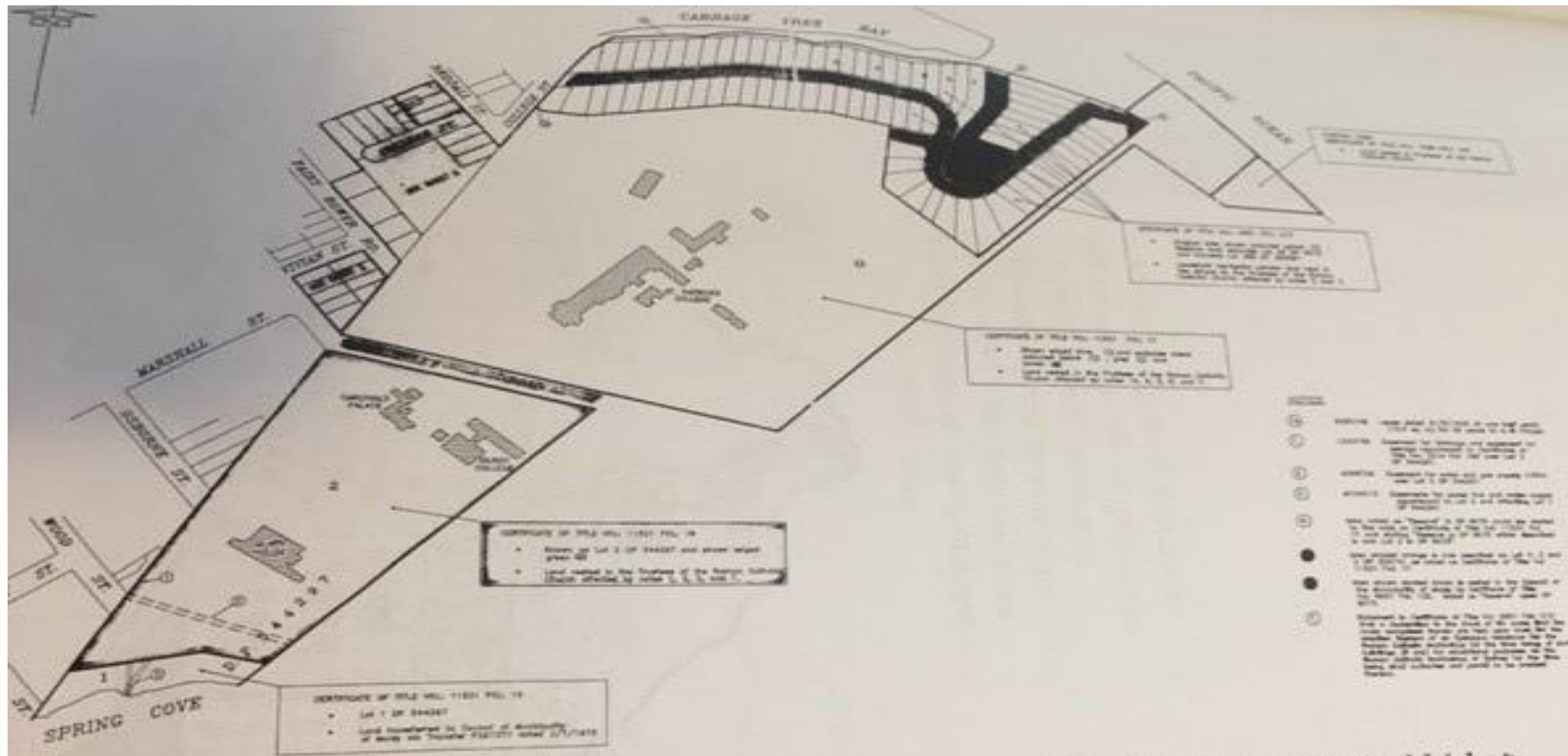
The Australian Story

The Middle

The Modern

Archbishop Polding and Archbishop Vaughan





A map which shows part of the land at Manly originally granted to Archbishop Polding in 1859, along with more property on its western edge bought by Cardinal Moran around 1901. Ground, mostly overlooking Fairy Bower, was leased by auction in 1915.

Cardinal Moran and Archbishop Kelly Statues outside St Mary's Cathedral





wise decrees, it may truly be said, that from the Plenary Synod of Sydney in 1885 dates a new era of expansion and peace and blessing for the Catholic Church in Australasia.

During the celebration of the Plenary Synod, on Thursday, the 19th of November, in the presence of all the Bishops and clergy and a vast concourse of the faithful, were blessed the foundations of the Ecclesiastical College under the invocation of St. Patrick at Manly, commanding one of the finest views in the suburbs of Sydney. The works were energetically carried on, and under the guidance of Very Rev. Monsignor Verdon as Rector, the college was opened for the admission of students in 1889. Since then it has continued to prosper, and at the close of the scholastic year, 1892, there were forty-eight youthful aspirants to the ecclesiastical state on its roll of students. The material building cost about £65,000, and it deservedly holds a place among the grandest collegiate institutions of Australia.





Fabian P. Dwyer
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A watercolour contributed by one student, Fabian Dwyer, to the autograph book of another in 1910. It suggests the nationalist aims for Manly which led the college's graduates to establish their Manly Union in 1914. (Fr Norman Clack's autograph book)

Cerretti Chapel



TITLE OF COUNTESS CONFERRED.

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SYDNEY, February 16.

Mrs Eileen Freehill, of Point Piper Sydney, has been advised by Cardinal Gasparri, Secretary of State to the Vatican, that the Pope has conferred the title of Countess upon her.

She was hostess to Cardinal Cerretti during the Eucharistic Congress.

She is the first Papal Countess in Australia.

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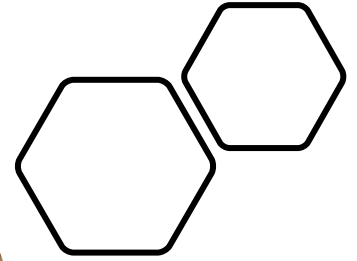
To Build a Chapel in the Alma Mater of the Australian Priesthood.

An event at Manly









Famous moments

Nicole Kidman



Great Gatsby



Modern Times

- Assessment of the Site and Environmental/Heritage issues
- Possible uses
- Residential development
- The Land and Environment Court litigation
- The bandicoots
- Lease to the International College of Hotel Management
- The resolution of the Bower Street leaseholds
- Bear Cottage

The Experts

- Murray Wilcox QC and later Malcolm Craig QC, Brian Preston and James Spigelman QC instructed by Makinson & d'Apice
- Howard Tanner - heritage architect
- 'Archaeological assessment' Edward Higginbotham & Associates Pty Limited
- 'Land Management Plan' APT Peddle Thorp Pty Limited
- 'Vegetation Audit', Brian Stone Environmental Services
- 'Tree Report', Treescan
- 'Fauna Survey', Ectone Ecological Consultants
- 'Geotechnical Report', Jeff Mouldsdale and Associates Pty Limited
- 'Visual Impact', Lambcon Associates
- 'Town Planning', Neil Ingham



**Land and
Environment Court
of New South Wales**

The Bandicoots



The Magic Pudding

The next person they spied was a Bandicoot carrying a watermelon. At a first glance you would have thought it was merely a watermelon walking by itself, but a second glance would have shown you that the walking was being done by a small pair of legs attached to the watermelon, and a third glance would have disclosed that the legs were attached to a Bandicoot.

They shouted, 'Hi, you with the melon!' to attract his attention, and set off running after him, and the Bandicoot, being naturally of a terrified disposition, ran for all he was worth. He wasn't worth much as a runner, owing to the weight of the watermelon, and they caught him up half-way across the field. Conceiving that his hour had come, the Bandicoot gave a shrill squeak of terror and fell on his knees.

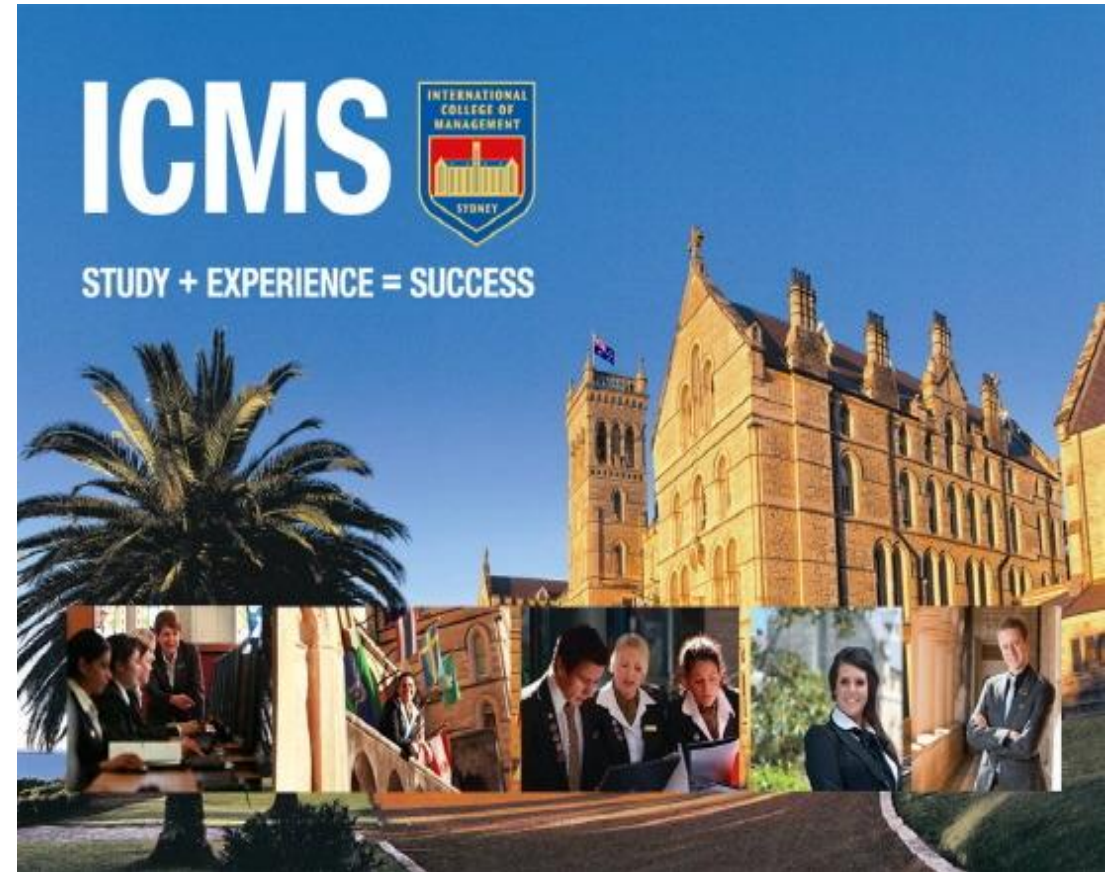
'Take me watermelon,' he gasped, 'but spare me life.'



The Land & Environment Court
"VERDICT"
26th February 1997



Adopted from Norman Lindsay's
"Magic Pudding"





Kate and William choke back the tears on visit to Bear Cottage hospice



QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION