

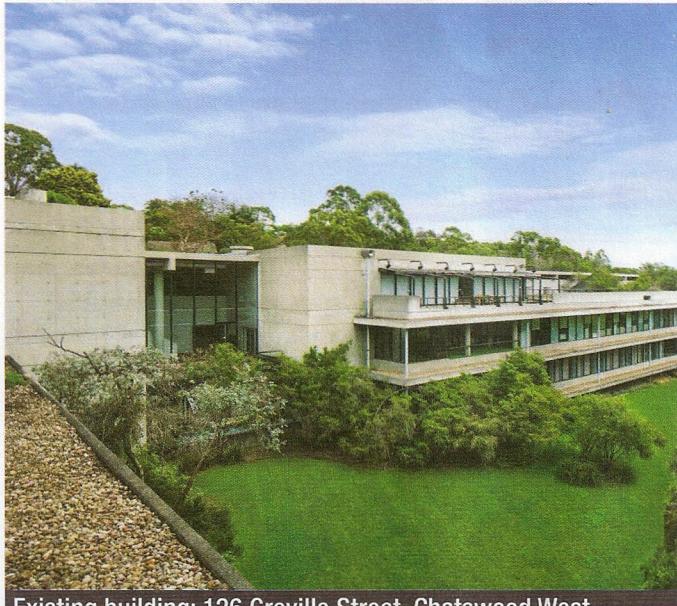
126 Greville Street, Chatswood West

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A New Plan to Reuse the Former Acoustics Laboratory Site

The Church of Scientology Australia (CSA) is proposing to reuse the former Acoustics Laboratory building at 126 Greville Street, West Chatswood for administrative, educational, and related Church activities.

Until recent times, the site has been used as commercial office premises associated with the National Acoustic Laboratory but is currently vacant.



Existing building: 126 Greville Street, Chatswood West

The CSA has prepared an initial design concept to adaptively reuse the building to enable CSA to establish a suitable Sydney location for training and education purposes. CSA is strongly committed to achieving a sustainable development outcome by:

- Utilising the existing building structure
- Using materials associated with the existing building
- Maintaining the existing landscape
- Protecting the surrounding environment
- Promoting public transport access to the site
- Continuing local resident access to the site's grounds and the surrounding Bushland Reserve.

As the planning concept and design evolves in the coming weeks, CSA and Urbis invite feedback from the surrounding community and interested stakeholders to inform Development Application (DA) plans. A DA will then be submitted to Willoughby Council for assessment.

Invitation to attend a Community Information and Feedback Session

To find out more about the plans for 126 Greville Street, Chatswood West, you are invited to attend an open house Community Information and Feedback Session ahead of the lodgement of the DA in late September, 2014.

WHEN Saturday 13 September 2014

WHERE Former Acoustics Laboratory Building,
126 Greville Street, Chatswood West
(access off Greville Street)

TIME 10am to 1pm (drop in at any time)

For more information or to lodge your feedback, please contact the Urbis community consultation team on 1800 244 863 or grevillestreet@urbis.com.au

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The CSA is seeking a suitable Sydney location to move its ecclesiastical management offices to a site that offers ideal facilities for administration of its churches and social betterment programs. It will also serve as a senior theological training and education facility. Both of the key proposed land uses (being 'office premises' and 'place of public worship') are permissible in the R3 Residential Zone, or under Schedule 1 of the Willoughby Local Environment Plan.

The site at 126 Greville Street provides CSA with several advantages, including:

- The existing building requires little or no external alteration to make it fit for purpose
- It is centrally located within the Sydney metropolitan region
- It is accessible to the public transport network
- It is situated within pleasant environmental surroundings.

CSA is developing a plan that contains the following operational characteristics:

- Approximately 60 per cent of the building will be used for typical administrative functions and their ancillary uses (staff kitchen, storage etc.)
- The remaining 30 per cent will be used for Theological studies for parishioners

- Approximately 10 per cent of the building will be used for a small 120 person Chapel and a student dining area with lounges
- The site will operate from 8:30am – 9:30pm daily. Following evening classes, people will vacate the site before 10pm
- Maintenance/security staff will be on site 24 hours a day (ranging from 2-6 staff on duty at any one time)
- A maximum of 460 people (290 staff and 170 parishioners) will be on site at any one time
- There will be no residential accommodation on site
- The site provides advanced religious training and services for existing members of the Church. Another Church facility, located on Castlereagh Street in the city, is for general public enquiries and tours.

The majority of staff will travel to the proposed site by organised bus transport.

There will be an approximate ratio of 1 parishioner to every 2 staff at any one time on site. Parishioners are likely to be onsite for several hours at a time.

Church of Scientology

The ecclesiastical management liaison headquarters is responsible for coordinating Scientology's religious services at regional and local levels as well as the wide range of social betterment and charitable community activities.

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