



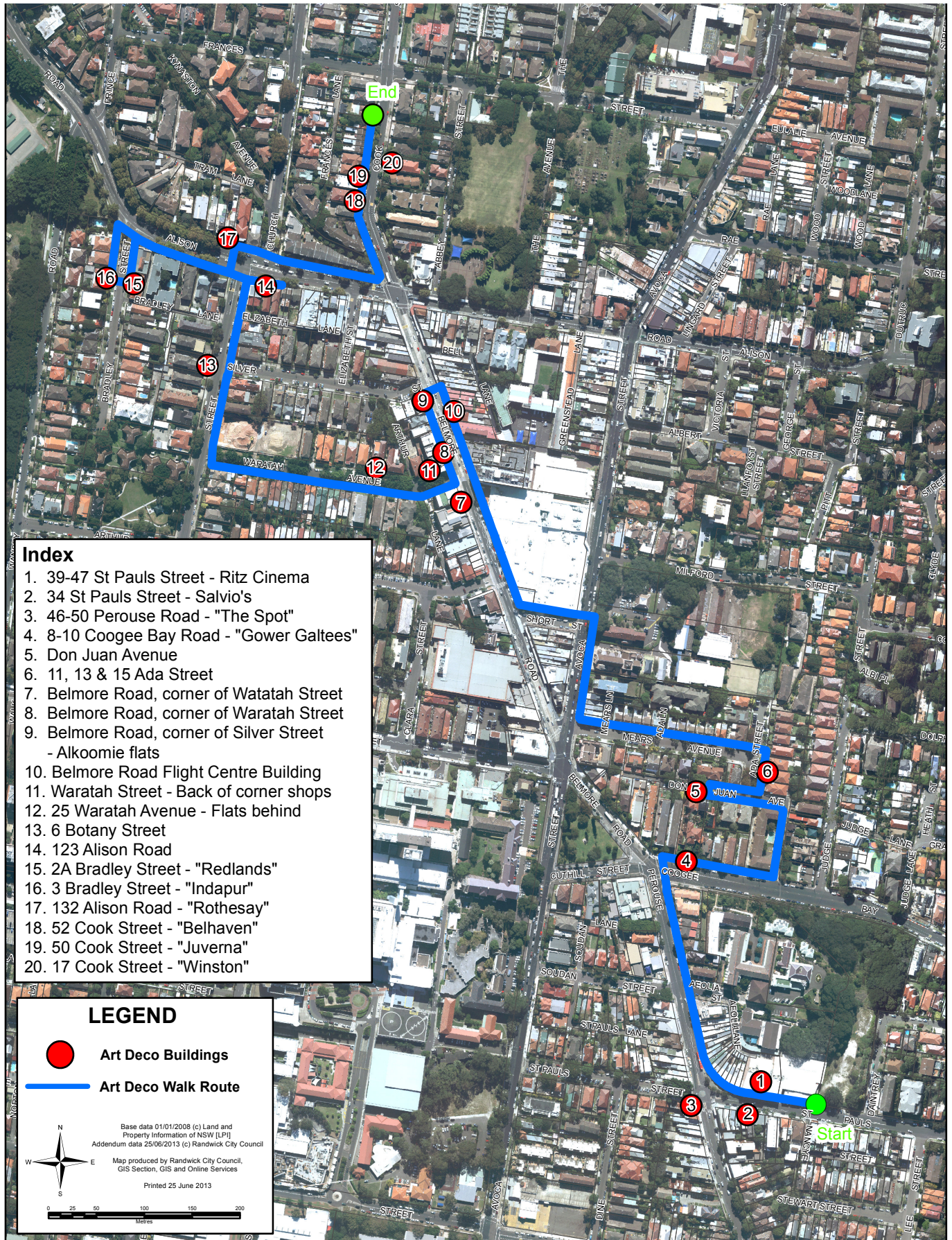
Photo: Detail of front door of 'Juverna'
Courtesy Alan Lloyd

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1. Randwick Ritz

Completed in July 1937 at a cost of £10000, the Randwick Ritz is one of the few remaining examples of Art Deco era theatres left in Sydney. There are many internal features in the cinema that are typical of the Art Deco era.



2. Salvios Shop was built before 1925 when it was operating as a billiard saloon of some notoriety. The Salvio family have operated a dance shoe shop at these premises since the 1930s.



3. The Spot c1920

Built on the Carlton Estate Subdivision by William Tyerman and Frank Mellville. There are several theories as to the origin of the name, the most likely is 'The Spot Cash' which operated as a general store that sold everything like a supermarket does today.



4. Gower Galtees is a striking example of Art Deco/ocean liner architecture built by Miss Ettie Rowan in 1940 at a cost of £18000. Mr Harold Taylor was the builder. 'Gower' is the house next door and the 'Galtee' are the highest mountains in Ireland.



6. Ada Avenue

This row of three Art Deco flats were built together by owner/builder V H Fielder of Wansey Rd for £3000 each. Each was two stories with four flats each.



7. Corner of Waratah and Belmore Road

The two corners of Waratah Street show herringbone and rounded brick details typical of the Art Deco period. Contrast brick colours, recessing and stepping features are used on both these facades.



8. Babinda cnr Waratah St and Belmore Rd Constructed around 1938 for Malouf Investments, this building is heritage listed by Randwick Council. Babinda is a small town south of Cairns and is an indigenous word meaning waterfall or mountain.



9. Alkoomie Corner Silver Street and Belmore Road was listed in the Randwick Municipal Council rates from at least 1927 as 'Alkoomie'. The Bourke Family were recorded as the owners in this era and it is built on the Pearce Estate. Simeon Pearce was the first mayor of Randwick.



10. 'Flight Centre Building' Belmore Road. This building has very striking brickwork detail on the parapet and façade. It is listed in the rates from at least 1939 as the 'Asteroid Building' owned at this point by Donolle Pty Ltd. © Randwick City Council



12. 25 Waratah Street

Built by Malouf Investments who constructed 'Babinda'. The brickwork detail is similar to the shops and flats on the corner.



13. 6 Botany Street

Possible conversion from an old cottage to a block of Art Deco flats. The cottage was called 'Goodwood' on the Slade Estate.



14. 125 Alison Road

A notable skyscraper parapet on this typical Art Deco block.



15. 2a Bradley Street 'Redlands'

Built by owners Morgan and Thomas, plans were submitted to Council in 1934. Three stories with three identical skyscraper columns with herringbone brickwork. At the start of the street it has appropriately used the 'alpha' symbol in its period street numbering signage.



16. 3 Bradley Street 'Indapur'

Across the road is our Indian inspiration block completed by December 1939, built by Jack Townsend. The inspiration for his block name is unknown – maybe a connection to the British Raj. 'Indapur' is a small village in India. The block of six flats was built at a cost of £8500.



17. 132 Alison Road Rothsay

Ms S L Vaustone commissioned this block of flats at a cost of £7500 in 1938.



19. 50 Cook Street 'Juverna'

Built by the Rowen family, same owners as Gower Galtees, this block of flats was submitted for approval to Randwick Council in 1925. Miss Ettie Rowan is listed as the owner in the rates by 1930. Six flats cost £6000 to build. 'Juverna' is a girls name meaning 'from Ireland'. Note the period letter boxes hidden under the foliage on the front fence.



20. Winston 17 Cook Street

A wartime build named in honour of the great British Prime Minister. This block shows some rounded features of the period in contrast to 'Belhaven' and 'Juverna' across the road.

Art Deco was a reaction to the organic and flowing forms of the Art Nouveau period and was characterised by a clean and minimalist style which encompassed everything from fashion and decorative arts to interior design and architecture.

Popular in the 1920s to 40s, Art Deco architecture contrasted starkly with the more ornate Victorian and Federation periods. Art Deco had a pure, no nonsense simplicity, and an uncluttered design style and has a timelessness which makes it still one of the most popular periods of design and architecture in our history. Art Deco pieces remain highly collectable.

As in greater Sydney, the 1920s-1940s saw an explosion of residential building activity in Randwick and Coogee, catering for the boom in population between the wars.