

Australian Capital Territory

Heritage (Decision about Provisional Registration of the Yarralumla Service Station, Yarralumla) Notice 2011

Notifiable Instrument NI2011–630

made under the

***Heritage Act 2004* s34 Notice of decision about Provisional Registration**

1. Name of instrument

This instrument is the Heritage (Decision about Provisional Registration of the Yarralumla Service Station, Yarralumla) Notice 2011 -

2. Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after notification.

3. Notice of Decision

Pursuant to Section 32 of the *Heritage Act 2004* the ACT Heritage Council has decided not to provisionally register the Yarralumla Service Station, Yarralumla to the ACT Heritage Register.

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20 October 2011



ACT Heritage Council

STATEMENT OF REASONS

DECISION NOT TO PROVISIONALLY REGISTER THE YARRALUMLA SERVICE STATION, YARRALUMLA

(Block 1 Section 66, Yarralumla)

IN THE ACT HERITAGE REGISTER

Summary

Yarralumla Service Station was demolished in 2000. Whilst it appears that part of the Novar Street façade and door opening to the adjacent workshop have been retained and incorporated into the design of the new building, the place has a negligible level of intactness and integrity rendering it unable to meet any of the criteria of the *Heritage Act 2004*.

This Statement of Reasons provides an assessment of the place and finds that it does not meet any of the criteria of the *Heritage Act 2004*.

Background

In 1993 the Yarralumla Service Station was identified by the ACT Heritage Council for possible inclusion into the Heritage Places Register. A preliminary assessment of the place was made which indicated the further research was required.

At Meeting 49 on 7 December 1999, the ACT Heritage Council resolved that further information about the place was required. This coincided with the pending sale of the place. In late 1999, a development application to demolish the former garage and replace it with eight two storey town houses was lodged.

The Service Station was demolished in 2000 and subsequently redeveloped.

At Meeting # 39 on 20 October 2011 the ACT Heritage Council endorsed a Statement of Reasons which does not find the Yarralumla Service Station eligible for provisional registration.

Assessment

In assessing the nomination for the Yarralumla Service Station, the Council considered:

- The material identified under **References** below; and
- Site visit by ACT Heritage staff 20 September 2011

The Council's assessment against the criteria specified in s.10 of the *Heritage Act 2004* is as follows.

Criterion (a) *it demonstrates a high degree of technical or creative achievement (or both), by showing qualities of innovation, discovery, invention or an exceptionally fine level of application of existing techniques or approaches*

Heritage Council assessment:

The place does not meet this criterion.

Criterion (b) *it exhibits outstanding design or aesthetic qualities valued by the community or a cultural group*

Heritage Council assessment:

The place does not meet this criterion.

Criterion (c) *it is important as evidence of a distinctive way of life, taste, tradition, religion, land use, custom, process, design or function that is no longer practiced, is in danger of being lost or is of exceptional interest*

Heritage Council assessment:

The place does not meet this criterion.

Criterion (d) *it is highly valued by the community or a cultural group for reasons of strong or special religious, spiritual, cultural, educational or social associations*

Heritage Council assessment:

The place does not meet this criterion.

Criterion (e) *it is significant to the ACT because of its importance as part of local Aboriginal tradition*

Heritage Council assessment:

The place does not meet this criterion.

Criterion (f) *it is a rare or unique example of its kind, or is rare or unique in its comparative intactness*

Heritage Council assessment:

The place does not meet this criterion

Criterion (g) *it is a notable example of a kind of place or objects and demonstrates the main characteristics of that kind.*

Heritage Council assessment:

The place does not meet this criterion.

Criterion (h) *it has strong or special associations with a person, group, event, development or cultural phase in local or national history*

Heritage Council assessment:

The place does not meet this criterion.

Criterion (i) *it is significant for understanding the evolution of natural landscapes, including significant geological features, landforms, biota or natural processes*

Heritage Council assessment:

The place does not meet this criterion.

Criterion (j) *it has provided, or is likely to provide, information that will contribute significantly to a wider understanding of the natural or cultural history of the ACT because of its use or potential use as a research site or objects, teaching site or objects, type locality or benchmark site*

Heritage Council assessment:

The place does not meet this criterion.

Criterion (k) *for a place—it exhibits unusual richness, diversity or significant transitions of flora, fauna or natural landscapes and their elements*

Heritage Council assessment:

The place does not meet this criterion.

Criterion (l) *for a place—it is a significant ecological community, habitat or locality for any of the following:*

- (i) the life cycle of native species;*
- (ii) rare, threatened or uncommon species;*
- (iii) species at the limits of their natural range;*
- (iv) distinct occurrences of species*

Heritage Council assessment:

The place does not meet this criterion

History

It is understood that the Yarralumla Service Station was built and designed in the Functionalist style by the Collis Brothers in 1952. From this base they were able to supply tractors, kerosene and earthmoving services to the wider community. In the late 1950s a workshop was added and in 1961 the building was bought by Shell and converted to a service station.

From 1965 Lark Hoskins leased the place selling cars and fuel. Car sales ceased in 1973. Fuel sales also ceased in the early 1990s and from 1992 the site operated as a motor repair shop.

The place was demolished in 2000 and redeveloped as eight two storey town houses.

Description

Formerly located on the corner of Novar and Kintore Streets, the Yarralumla Service Station comprised a service station with covered driveway and awning and attached workshops. Following demolition and redevelopment, the new buildings on the site appears to have retained part of the Novar Street facade and the door opening to the former workshop, incorporating these elements within its design.

Physical condition and integrity

The Yarralumla Service Station no longer exists. The existing building on the site is of a modern design that appears to have retained part of the Novar Street facade and adjacent workshop door opening into the design of the new building.

References

ACT Heritage Files 212/66/1 & 97/15142

Emsley, J (1993) , *The Garage at Yarralumla: A Heritage Study*, student report

Conclusion

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