

Heritage (Decision about Provisional Registration of Site B (Shores of Yerrabi Pond), Amaroo) Notice 2016

Notifiable Instrument NI2016–275

made under the

Heritage Act 2004, s32 (Decision about provisional registration) s34 (Notice of decision about provisional registration)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Heritage (Decision about Provisional Registration of Site B (Shores of Yerrabi Pond), Amaroo) Notice 2016*.

2 Decision about provisional registration

On 2 June 2016, the ACT Heritage Council decided not to provisionally register Site B (Shores of Yerrabi Pond), Block 1, Section 105, Amaroo (the **Place**).

3 Details and description of the Place

The details and description of the Place are in the schedule.

4 Reasons for the decision

The Heritage Council decided not to provisionally register the Place because it did not have heritage significance as it did not meet any of the heritage significance criteria in section 10 of the *Heritage Act 2004*, as set out in the schedule.

5 Date decision takes effect

The decision not to provisionally register the Place takes effect on the day after this notice is notified.

Fiona Moore
A/g Secretary (as delegate for)
ACT Heritage Council
2 June 2016



ACT Heritage Council

STATEMENT OF REASONS

DECISION NOT TO PROVISIONALLY REGISTER

Site B (Shores of Yerrabi Pond)

(Block 1 Section 105, Amaroo)

IN THE ACT HERITAGE REGISTER

In accordance with Section 32 of the *Heritage Act 2004*, the ACT Heritage Council has decided not to provisionally register Site B (Shore of Yerrabi Pond), Amaroo. This Statement of Reasons provides an assessment of Site B (Shore of Yerrabi Pond), Amaroo and finds that the place does not meet any of the criteria under s.10 of the *Heritage Act 2004*.

Background

The site was excavated by the Canberra Archaeological Society (CAS) in 1991, prior to the formation of Yerrabi Pond and the landscaping of the foreshore. By 1996, an associated excavation report was written with the assistance of a Heritage Grant, one condition of which was to nominate the place to the ACT Heritage Register (the Register).

The report found that the site did not meet any of the relevant heritage criteria, but in order to fulfil the requirements of the deed of grant the site was nominated.

At its meeting of 2 June 2016, the ACT Heritage Council (the Council) assessed the place against the current heritage significance criteria, and concurred with the earlier assessment that the place did not meet the threshold for inclusion on the Register.

Assessment

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

In assessing the nomination for Site B (Shore of Yerrabi Pond), Amaroo, the Council considered:

- the original nomination and documentary evidence supplied by the nominator;
- the Council's *Heritage Assessment Policy* (February 2015);
- information provided by a site inspection on 9 February 2016 by ACT Heritage; and
- the report by ACT Heritage titled, *Background Site B (Shore of Yerrabi Pond), Amaroo*, June 2016, containing photographs and information on history, description, condition and integrity.

Pursuant to s.10 of the *Heritage Act 2004*, a place or object has heritage significance if it satisfies one or more of the following criteria. Future research may alter the findings of this assessment.

(a) importance to the course or pattern of the ACT's cultural or natural history;

Site B (Shore of Yerrabi Pond), Amaroo, does not meet this criterion.

The site excavation produced little material culture which was considered to have very little bearing on the course or pattern the cultural history of the ACT. The historical research conducted also found very little information that would be considered important to the course or pattern of the ACT's cultural history.

(b) has uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of the ACT's cultural or natural history;

Site B (Shore of Yerrabi Pond), Amaroo, does not meet this criterion.

Site B is the ruins of a small scale, common rural dwelling. The remains of the site are of such poor integrity that they are unable to adequately represent a possible uncommon, rare or endangered aspect of the ACT's cultural history.

(c) potential to yield important information that will contribute to an understanding of the ACT's cultural or natural history;

Site B (Shore of Yerrabi Pond), Amaroo, does not meet this criterion.

Site B has been thoroughly excavated and contributed little to the understanding of the ACT's cultural history. The Council does not consider that there is any potential for the excavated material, or any possible unexcavated materials, to contribute to an understanding of the ACT's cultural history.

(d) importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural or natural places or objects;

Site B (Shore of Yerrabi Pond), Amaroo, does not meet this criterion.

Site B is the ruins of a 19th century rural dwelling. The only characteristics of this that it can demonstrate are the use of local stone as footings and hearth material: characteristics that are commonly seen in other ruins throughout the region as well as in still standing buildings of high integrity. As such, Site B is not important for demonstrating principal characteristics of 19th century rural dwellings.

(e) importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by the ACT community or a cultural group in the ACT;

Site B (Shore of Yerrabi Pond), Amaroo, does not meet this criterion.

The only visible evidence of the remains of Site B exist as a small section of stone used as a hearth wall that sits flush with the ground surface. There is no evidence to show that the place is valued by the ACT community or a cultural group in the ACT for exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics.

(f) importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement for a particular period;

Site B (Shore of Yerrabi Pond), Amaroo, does not meet this criterion.

The structure of Site B was a random rubble stone construction that was common for its time. Regardless, the ruins are in such a poor state of integrity that they cannot be considered important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement for the period.

(g) has a strong or special association with the ACT community, or a cultural group in the ACT for social, cultural or spiritual reasons;

Site B (Shore of Yerrabi Pond), Amaroo, does not meet this criterion.

The site was excavated by CAS in 1992 and later incorporated in to the landscaping when Yerrabi Pond was developed, but otherwise appears to have had little attention since then. The CAS report concluded that the site was not considered to have heritage significance worthy of registration. There is no evidence that the site has a strong or special association with the ACT community, or a cultural group in the ACT for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.

(h) has a special association with the life or work of a person, or people, important to the history of the ACT.

Site B (Shore of Yerrabi Pond), Amaroo, does not meet this criterion.

The history of occupation of Site B does not link the place to any specific individual; so it cannot have a special association with the life or work of a person, or people, important to the history of the ACT.

Conclusion

This Statement of Reasons provides an assessment of Site B (Shore of Yerrabi Pond), Amaroo, and finds that the place does not meet any of the criteria specified in s.10 of the *Heritage Act 2004*.

The place was originally investigated in the early 1990s as there may have been the potential for it to have some level of heritage significance that would warrant registration. A Heritage Grant was awarded to CAS to determine this, with the proviso that the place be nominated to the register. The report on the site found that it did not provide any significant information that would be considered of a high enough significance to be registered, but the place was nominated as it was part of the deed of the grant.

The Council has examined the nomination and the report and concurs with the nominator that it does not pass the threshold for inclusion in the Register.

SITE PLAN

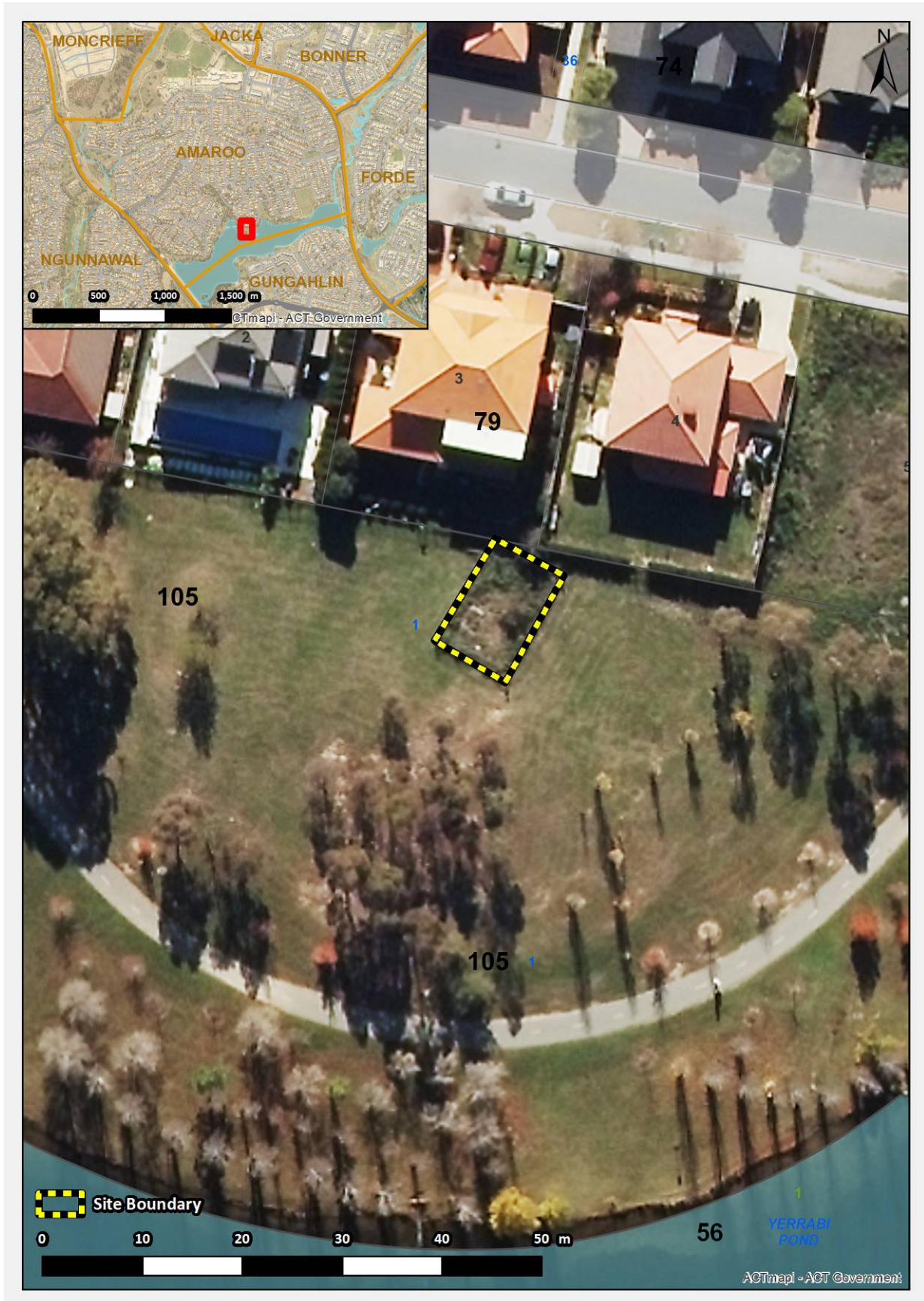


Image 1 Site Boundary for Site B (Shore of Yerrabi Pond)