

NATIONAL TRUST REGISTER OF SIGNIFICANT PLACES

CITATION

NAME OF PLACE: BRASSEY HOUSE
(included in Barton housing area already classified but deserves special mention)

LOCATION OF PLACE: Macquarie Street, Barton

Section and Block Suburb: Section 24, Block 4, Barton

Area bounded by:

FEATURES INTRINSIC TO THE HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PLACE:

The features intrinsic to the heritage significance of the place are:

It forms an essential part of the grouping "Federation Canberra" and has strong social and historic links with early Canberra. The original portion only is that which has been classified.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

It is part of the Classified Urban area of Barton and is worthy of special mention within that area for the part the building played in early Canberra and its architectural character. It forms an essential part of the grouping "Federation Canberra" and has strong social and historic links with early Canberra. The original portion only is that which has been classified.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

The following requirements are identified as essential to the conservation of the heritage significance of this place. These requirements are prepared to implement the following conservation policy for the place:

1. Requirements Relating to the Building

1.1 Not applicable

1.2

2. Requirements Relating to the Setting

2.1

2.2

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

In assessing this place for the interim Heritage Places Register, the Trust recommends that the following actions and activities should be undertaken which will enhance the heritage values of the place.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

1. date Draft citation considered by Council at Meeting (number)
2. date Revised citation for Council Meeting (number).....APPROVED/NOT APPROVED
3. date Submitted for inclusion in interim Heritage Places Register - (original portion only)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE:

Designed by the architects Budden & Hood, Brassey House was built by Colonel J Walker. It was opened in 1927. Constructed of dark face brickwork with slate roofs of varying forms in a garden setting. The exterior is in excellent condition and retains its original character. The use of unusual materials (for Canberra at that time) sets Brassey House apart.

2. STATUS OF PLACE AT NOMINATION DATE:

3. BACKGROUND:

Opened late 1927. Brassey House was designed to provide guest house accommodation for "middle range" public servants.

4. RELEVANT PRINCIPAL NATIONAL HISTORIC THEMES:

5. ANALYSIS AGAINST THE CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN SCHEDULE 2 OF THE LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) ACT 1991

Under Section 56 the criteria for the assessment of the heritage significance of places are:

- (i) a place which demonstrates a high degree of technical and/or creative achievement, by showing qualities of innovation or departure, or representing a new achievement of its time;**
- (ii): a place which exhibits outstanding design or aesthetic qualities valued by the community or a cultural group;**
- (iii) a place which demonstrates a distinctive way of life, taste, tradition, religion, land use, custom, process, design or function which is no longer practised, is in danger of being lost, or is of exceptional interest;**
- (iv): a place which is highly valued by the community or a cultural group for reasons of strong or special religious, spiritual, cultural, educational or social associations;**
- (v) a place which is the only known or only comparatively intact example of its type;**
- (vi) a place which is a notable example of a class of natural or cultural places or landscapes and which demonstrates the principal characteristics of that class;**
- (vii): a place which has strong or special associations with a person, group, event, development or cultural phase which played a significant part in local or national history;**
- (viii) a place which represents the evolution of a natural landscape, including significant geological features, landforms, biota or natural processes;**
- (ix) a place which is a significant habitat or locality for the life cycle of native species; for rare, endangered or uncommon species; for species at the limits of their natural range; or for district occurrences of species;**
- (x) a place which exhibits unusual richness, diversity or significant transitions of flora, fauna or natural landscapes and their elements; or**

- (xi) **a place which demonstrates a likelihood of providing information which will contribute significantly to a wider understanding of natural or cultural history, by virtue of its use as a research site, teaching site, type locality or benchmark site.**

6. **REFERENCES:**

Author Title date publication

The Builders of Canberra 1909-1929 by Ann Gugler 1994

Cultural Heritage Management - Heritage Study of Brassey Hotel, May Leon, post 1994