

INTERIM HERITAGE PLACES REGISTER

CITATION

Name of Place: Arnold Grove

LOCATION OF PLACE

Section and Block Suburb: Block 322 - the whole of block 322 is the curtilage.

Area bounded by: Federal Highway, Gungahlan

FEATURES INTRINSIC TO THE HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PLACE:

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

- Canberra's only example of the domestic architecture of Prof Leslie Wilkinson (a colonial revival house designed in 1957 for Dr CL Statham)
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Canberra's only example of the domestic architecture of Prof. Leslie Wilkinson, who greatly influenced Australia's 20th century architecture. Though modest in size, the house was designed for aspect, with living areas facing north-west across a garden court, allowing pergolas to control the effects of sun and wind. The well-treed setting enhances the outlook from the house.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

In accordance with s.54(1) of the Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991, 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:

Any action relating to these requirements is development for the purposes of the Act and will require approval prior to undertaking the activity. To undertake development without such approval may be an offence.

1. Requirements Relating to the Building

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2. Requirements Relating to the Setting

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MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

In assessing this place for the interim Heritage Places Register, the Council recommends that the following actions and activities should be undertaken which will enhance the heritage values of the place. They are made as recommendations and have no legal effect.

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DOCUMENT HISTORY

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| 1. | date | Draft citation considered by ACT Heritage Council at Meeting (number) |
| 2. | date | Draft citation released for public comment |
| 3. | date | Revised citation for ACT Heritage Council Meeting (number) |
| 4. | date | Gazetted in an interim Heritage Places Register |
| 5. | 18/11/85 | Classified |

Attachment A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE:** A colonial revival house with painted concrete block walls and corrugated iron gabled roof, small paned double hung windows, concrete pipe colonaded pergolas to west and south sides of the central garden courtyard. The living room has a beamed ceiling and a carved stone fireplace. The master bedroom has a moulded wool mantlepiece and externally shuttered windows. The kitchen has been enlarged to encompass the original dining room space. Other walls have been removed in the bedroom wing. There is a defined area with an in-ground pool to the east and a walled area to the west for a drying yard. The house is surrounded by trees and has a generous setting with a perimeter post and rail fence.

2. **STATUS OF PLACE AT NOMINATION DATE:** Both condition and integrity are excellent

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5. **RELEVANT PRINCIPAL NATIONAL HISTORIC THEMES:**

A house of some rarity value as the only example in the ACT of the domestic architecture of Prof Leslie Wilkinson, who greatly influenced Australia's 20th century architecture. Though modest in size and designed when he was 75, the house exemplifies the architect/educator's philosophy of design "Aspect not Prospect". The well-treed setting enhances the outlook from the house. However, the house is not regarded as being of outstanding merit or of such architectural or historical significance to warrant entry in the register of the National Estate.

6. **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.

7. **REFERENCES:**

Author Title date publication

1. "Leslie Wilkinson - Practical Idealist", by D Wilkinon, 1982