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20111. 10 Gawler Crescent

Section 9 Block 6

DEAKIN

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**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
ENTRY TO AN INTERIM HERITAGE PLACES REGISTER FOR:**

**10 GAWLER CRESCENT, DEAKIN
(Block 6 Section 9)
(Benjamin House)**

For the purposes of s. 54 of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*, this heritage assessment for the above place has been prepared by the ACT Heritage Council as the basis for its inclusion within an interim Heritage Places Register.

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10 GAWLER CRESCENT, DEAKIN

LOCATION OF PLACE

10 Gawler Crescent, DEAKIN ACT
Block 6 Section 9 Deakin, District of South Canberra

FEATURES INTRINSIC TO THE HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE OF 10 GAWLER CRESCENT, DEAKIN :

The features which contribute to the heritage significance of 10 Gawler Crescent, and which require conservation, comprise:

- The original Post-War International style residence designed by Alex Jelinek, including associated courtyard and radiating blade walls;
- The 1959 Guest Residence designed by Alex Jelinek;
- Curved built-in dining table and wedge shaped 'sideboard' designed by Schulim Krimper in collaboration with Alex Jelinek, which are considered intrinsic to the original residence design; and
- The open form landscape setting, which allows the form and scale of the residence to be appreciated.

The *Original Post-War International style residence* shall mean that which was designed and built and is shown on the working drawing titled 'Proposed Residence for Mr and Mrs Bruce Benjamin – corner of Gawler Crescent and Northcote Street, Deakin, ACT – Designed by Alex Jelinek, 134 Albert Street, East Melbourne JA6924', dated July 1956 and stamped by the Planning Authority of the time 'Plan No. 217 Deakin.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The residence at 10 Gawler Crescent Deakin, is a highly individual example of significant architecture and an educational resource. The residence is an excellent example of the Post-War International style with structural frame expressed and large sheets of glass. It is one of the very few examples of this style in Canberra and is one of Canberra's earliest examples. 10 Gawler Crescent is defined as a 'detached' residence with a radiating design formed from a central point.

Other architectural elements of the style displayed include overhang for shade, plain smooth wall surfaces, cantilever, contrasting non-rectangular shape (the curved form of the balcony) and contrasting texture (block work, render, glass and timber).

The residence also displays elements of the Post-War Melbourne Regional style (1940-1960), including widely projecting eaves, long unbroken roofline and horizontal boarding, which add to the architectural significance of the place.

The original exposed internal structure, detail and finishes, central pool with surrounding curved glass and contrasting materials of the curved fireplace, built-in and integral loose furniture, 'Dura-crete' block work sculpture support, roof windows and large sliding glazed doors are design features that are of additional significance.

The radiating design, originating from the central pool and forming segmented varying rooms, has created a technically complex achievement, which allows the play of geometric forms and shapes.

By being the first truly modern sophisticated complex geometric design the residence is arguably one of Canberra's two most significant Post-War International Style single or detached residential buildings, and is comparable in significance with the 'Bowden House' Deakin (1955), by Harry Seidler, which has an overall cubiform shape. It has added significance in that it's radiating form contrasts with the predominantly cubiform shape of most Post-War International style buildings.

The architecture of the building is valuable as a teaching resource for designers in their understanding of post-war architectural styles. The building is a good example because it is in a well established architectural and urban historical context. The residence is one of the first Post-War International style buildings constructed in Canberra and its innovative planning contributes to its significance and educational heritage value at a national level. The handcrafted furniture designed in collaboration with the architect by the nationally significant craftsman, Austrian born and trained Schulim Krimper (1893 – 1971) contributes to the education of furniture designers and the general appreciation of design as all inclusive.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONSERVATION OF 10 GAWLER CRESCENT, DEAKIN

In accordance with s.54 of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*, the following specific requirements are identified as essential to the conservation of the heritage significance of 10 Gawler Crescent, Deakin. The guiding Conservation Objective is:

The features intrinsic to the heritage significance of 10 Gawler Crescent, Deakin that contribute to its heritage significance, which includes the original Post-War International Style residence designed by Alex Jelinek, associated moveable items (including furniture designed specifically for the residence by Schulim Krimper), and the open form landscape setting shall be managed to conserve the significance of the place.

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

CONSERVATION OBJECTIVE 1.

Provide adequate conservation management planning

Conservation Objective 1.1

Ensure that any actions impacting on the significance of 10 Gawler Crescent are based on professional conservation planning.

Specific Requirements for Conservation Objective 1.1:

- (a) A conservation management plan (CMP) should be developed for the place to guide its conservation and future use.
- (b) Any works necessary prior to the development of a CMP that have a potential impact on significant fabric shall be guided by a professionally documented interim assessment and conservation policy relevant to that area or component (i.e. a Heritage Impact Statement - HIS).
- (c) No changes of use necessitating substantial changes to the place, or other substantial works affecting fabric, other than reversible stabilisation works, shall be permitted before the preparation of a CMP, after which all works and uses should be in accordance with the CMP.
- (d) Maintenance shall be as defined in the *Australia ICOMOS Burra Charter*, and will not involve change to significant fabric. Maintenance shall be continued regardless of the status of the CMP or HIS.
- (e) Following the preparation of a CMP or HIS, identified essential conservation works should be implemented. The requirements determined within the CMP or HIS might alter or supersede other Specific Requirements in this citation.

CONSERVATION OBJECTIVE 2.

Conserve the Significant components of 10 Gawler Cresecent, Deakin

Conservation Objective 2.1

To retain the historical and architectural integrity of 10 Gawler Crescent, to care for the original fabric of the existing residence both externally and internally, furniture and setting of the place to ensure that the cultural significance of the place is retained.

Specific Requirements for Conservation Objective 2.1.

- (a) The partial or total demolition of features intrinsic to the significance (refer Schedule of Features above) shall not be permitted except in exceptional circumstances, including:
 - the dwelling is so structurally unsound as to be beyond reasonable economic repair. The application must include a professional structural assessment in support of demolition; or

- the existing condition poses a significant health or safety risk that is beyond reasonable economic repair. The application must include a professional structural or health assessment in support of demolition; or
 - where, in the opinion of the Authority, the integrity of the built form of an original dwelling has been extensively and irreversibly diminished by unsympathetic alterations and additions, and any replacement construction must conform to all provisions applicable to non-original dwellings.
- (a) The building shall be conserved. Maintenance shall retain as much original fabric as possible and where replacement is required replace same with same.
 - (b) Any work on the building shall follow the principals of the Australian ICOMOS Burra Charter. All fabric to be removed or modified shall be professionally recorded and the records lodged with and responsibly archived by Environment ACT.
 - (c) Existing structures shall not be relocated unless it can be demonstrated that the building was originally in the proposed location or if relocation will enable items of greater significance to be recovered, and
 - (d) Any application for works necessitating damage or removal of significant fabric must include a professional structural or health assessment that clearly validates the need for and extent of demolition, and a professional conservation assessment that indicates the extent to which conservation might be achieved.

Conservation Objective 2.2

Retain the historical form and architectural character of the original Post-War International style residence at 10 Gawler Crescent:

Specific Requirements for Conservation Objective 2.2

Additions to the existing buildings shall not permitted except where:

- (a) Alterations and additions to existing buildings should match the existing or original details, materials, finishes for all key elements including roofing, fascia and eaves detail, wall finishes and details, window types, materials and sill details and door treatment. However it need not be identical in every detail provided essential details match and the character is maintained. Only minor additions shall be permitted.
- (b) Additions to the residence should take the form of separate structures linked (if necessary) to the existing residence in a similar design principle as the originally designed, but not built, guest room and covered link, refer to working drawing titled 'Proposed Residence for Mr and Mrs Bruce Benjamin – corner of Gawler Crescent and Northcote Street, Deakin, ACT – Designed by Alex Jelinek, 134 Albert Street, East Melbourne JA6924', dated July 1956 and stamped by the Planning Authority of the time 'Plan No. 217 Deakin.

- (c) The existing timber framed glazing shall be retained. Double-glazing will be permitted without the introduction of new structural members such as mullions and transoms.
- (d) Interior and exterior painted surfaces shall reflect the colour and texture of the original. Where original fabric has been obscured and cannot be restored the paint colour shall reflect the colour of the original material.
- (e) Additions to buildings shall be designed to minimise disturbance to the principle form of the existing building and to ensure that the existing building remains the dominant built form. No new structure shall be allowed to the front or in front of the existing residence, inclusive of the area bound by the Bedroom 4 and courtyard wall around to the playroom and laundry porch (refer Figure 1 location plan); and
- (f) Original fabric shall be preserved in-situ. Any disturbance to the building fabric to be recorded before any action occurs.

CONSERVATION OBJECTIVE 3.

Conserve the Landscape Character

Conservation Objective 3.1

Conserve the open landscape setting of 10 Gawler Crescent.

Specific Requirements for Conservation Objective 3.1

- (a) The open landscape setting to the front of the existing residence shall be maintained (Refer Figure 1 and Specific Requirement 2.2 e).
- (b) New development shall not obscure views from or to the existing residence.

CONSERVATION OBJECTIVE 4.

New development not to Diminish Heritage Values

Conservation Objective 4.1

All features intrinsic to the significance of the site shall be conserved:

Specific Requirements for Conservation Objective 4.1

- (a) No new development shall involve the loss, removal or damage to any features intrinsic to the significance of the complex.
- (b) Any new development shall fully protect features intrinsic to the significance of the complex.
- (c) New development shall comply with Conservation Objective 2.2 (b).

Conservation Objective 4.2

New development to be sympathetic to the character of the Post-War International style residence.

Specific Requirements for Conservation Objective 4.2

- (a) The design, size, material and location of any new buildings or new structures shall be sympathetic to the design of the existing nearby buildings or structures. All new structures shall be single storey and sympathetic in form and mass of the existing buildings and structures.
- (b) New services shall be designed to minimise the impact and be underground as far as possible.

Conservation Objective 4.3

Temporary structures to preserve and protect all identified features intrinsic to the significance of the place (temporary structures include all structures erected for a period of up to two months).

Specific Requirements for Conservation Objective 4.3

- (a) Any temporary structure shall not be connected to any features intrinsic to the heritage significance of 10 Gawler Crescent.
- (b) All existing identified features intrinsic to the place shall be protected during the installation, use and removal of temporary structures.
- (c) Temporary structures shall not remain in place for more than two months.
- (d) The area shall be restored after removal of temporary structures.





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Figure 1
10 Gawler Crescent, Deakin, Location Plan

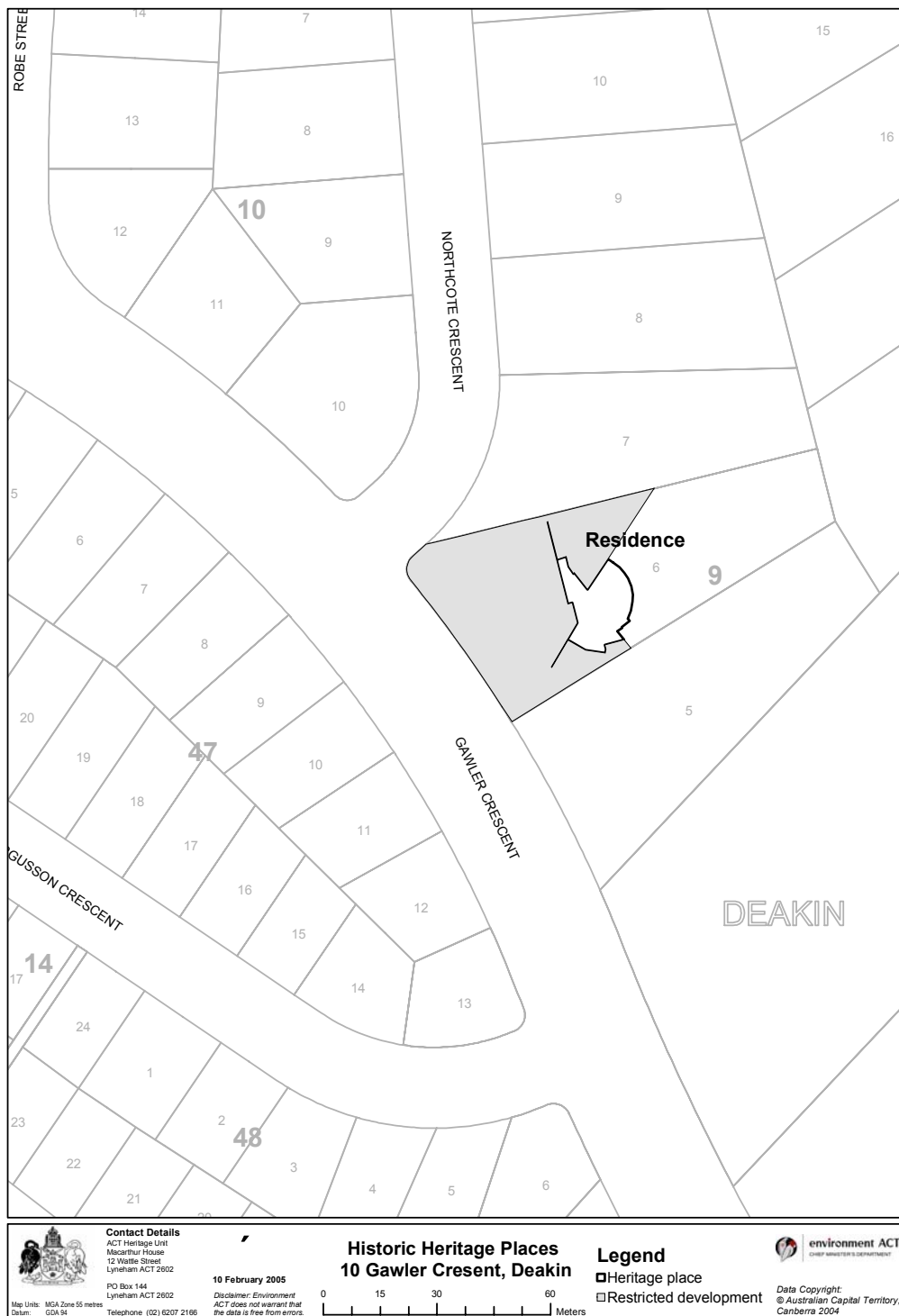


Figure 2
 10 Gawler Crescent, Deakin, Development Control Plan

