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20085. Glebe Park

Section 65 Block 2

CITY

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

Glebe Park, City

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

This is pursuant to the Heritage Council decision 79/6 made on 24 October 2002.

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GLEBE PARK

LOCATION OF PLACE:

Section 65, Block 2, City

FEATURES INTRINSIC TO THE HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE OF GLEBE PARK

The features which contribute to the heritage significance of Glebe Park, and which require conservation, comprise:

- The present area of the park, which is a remnant of the original glebe for the Church of St John the Baptist, Canberra.
- The landscape composition of tree copses and grassed areas.
- The dominance of elms in the plantings.
- Built elements, including the formal gateways, sculptures and commemorative plaques (refer Appendix B for descriptions).
- The variety in age structure of trees.
- Public accessibility of the place.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Glebe Park is a significant landscape component of the setting of central Canberra, with remnant historic trees. The park with its open grounds and English elm copses links modern Canberra to its original settlement by pastoralists in the early part of the nineteenth century.

The park is highly visible and accessible to Canberran's and visitors to the ACT. It provides a sense of heritage symbolism and inherent beauty that contributes to the visitors' enjoyment and their understanding of Canberra's background. The mature landscape, particularly the English elms with different aged trees, some dating from the 1870s, is rare in a city where most parks contain even aged tree plantings, and this has been a key factor in its popularity.

Glebe Park has significant associations with other registered heritage places. Glebe Park is a reminder of the beginning of a social and religious community in the Canberra district arising from the establishment of a church, schoolhouse and glebe - all still present today as St John's Church Reid, the Canberra Schoolhouse Museum, and Glebe Park. Glebe Park has significant association with Robert Campbell, a prominent landowner during the pastoral development of the Limestone Plains. The Park is also strongly associated with the Reverend Pierce Galliard Smith, rector of St John the Baptist Church and parish who lived in the rectory (Glebe House) from 1874 until 1906. Reverend Smith was responsible for the original glebe plantings.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONSERVATION OF GLEBE PARK

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 this place. The guiding Conservation Objective is to:

Conserve Glebe Park and maintain it in accordance with its historical, cultural and recreational values.

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

CONSERVATION OBJECTIVE 1.

Establish conservation planning to conserve the place and manage change

Specific Requirements for Conservation Objective 1.1:

- a) A conservation management plan should be developed for the place by the land manager.
- b) The heritage value of Glebe Park and its plantings shall be fundamental in consideration of the future management of the parkland and trees.
- c) The arboricultural and horticultural elements of the park landscape shall be managed in a manner consistent with their heritage value, and in accordance with a conservation management plan.
- d) Development shall not detrimentally affect the heritage value of the place.

CONSERVATION OBJECTIVE 2.

Maintain the heritage value of the Glebe Park plantings.

Specific Requirements for Conservation Objective 2:

- a) The tree plantings, in particular the English Elm trees, shall be conserved in accordance with their significance.
- b) Development shall ensure the protection of significant trees and plantings, before and during all stages of the development.
- c) A high priority shall be placed on the pursuit of tree management practices, which will ensure the long-term survival of the tree dominated landscape. Particular regard should be given to the management of the English Elms.

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.

It is recommended that:

1. In association with the ACT Heritage Council & ACT tourist industry, a greater awareness of the heritage resources is fostered in, and in the vicinity of, Glebe Park in recognition of the park's central heritage role in Canberra.
2. Festivals and events within the park should be managed with regard to the capacity of the park and the heritage elements to absorb that use
3. The development of commemorative elements in the park should be closely controlled to be consistent with the established design theme for the park.
4. Use of the park by the public, and by organised events, be monitored with a view of protecting and maintaining the arboricultural and horticultural elements of the park's landscape.



