

NOMINATION TO THE ACT HERITAGE REGISTER

Please note that the information below represents indicative heritage values only, and not the views of the ACT Heritage Council (the Council).

This nomination is yet to be assessed by the Council against the heritage significance criteria established under the Heritage Act 2004.

Acceptance of a nomination is a preliminary, threshold step and ought not to be taken as indicative of any particular outcome concerning the Council's assessment of the nomination.

CANBERRA FIRE MUSEUM LARGE TECHNOLOGY OBJECT COLLECTION

The nomination asserts that the collection of 22 fire appliances (the FBHS Fleet), representing over a century of ACT firefighting, is a unique embodiment of the growth of the city from its earliest days to recent times.

As the community, the city and its role in Australian nationhood grew, its emergency services had to grow with it. As the number of fire stations grew from sheds in Acton and Kingston to the now heritage-listed Forrest Fire Station in 1939, to the nine stations operating today, the number and complexity of the fire appliances delivering this crucial service also increased.

An appliance that served in every era of the ACT's emergency services history is represented in the FBHS Fleet – dating from prior to national capital site selection, through to Canberra's foundation, and the establishment and later ACT self-government.

The stories of these appliances also include moments at which natural disasters and world events intervened in Canberra life. These objects closely associated with this important aspect of community life and experience are an exceptional means of telling the stories that shaped the ACT's history.