

NOMINATION TO THE ACT HERITAGE REGISTER

Please note that the information below represents the indicative heritage values supplied by the nominator and are 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.

BARTON COURT 11 BOURKE STREET AND 14 DARLING STREET BARTON BLOCK 1, SECTION 23, BARTON

The Heritage Council received the nomination on 19 June 2026 and accepted it at its meeting on 29 July 2026.

Barton Court, comprising 2 apartment blocks constructed in 1934-35 in Barton, was the first purpose-built multi-unit residential complex in Canberra and is a rare, early example of speculative private development in the Federal Capital Territory following the Great Depression.

Designed by prominent Canberra architect Ken Oliphant, the largely intact apartments demonstrate the response to acute housing shortages associated with the establishment of Canberra as the national capital.

Barton Court is notable for its rare Inter-War Old English (Tudoresque) architectural style, well-preserved original layout, and significant landscaped courtyard embodying Garden City planning principles.

It makes an important contribution to the understanding of Canberra's early development and urban history, and remains a landmark element of the historic Barton precinct alongside other heritage-listed buildings and places.