



ACT Heritage Council

## Entry to the ACT Heritage Register

*Heritage Act 2004*

### **20063. Haig Park**

Sections 8 Blocks 3, 6, 7 and Section 14 Block 1

### **BRADDON**

Sections 66 (Blocks 4, 9-13, 18, 19, 22) and Section 65 (BlockS 1-3, 9)

### **TURNER**

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## 63. Haig Park, Braddon and Turner [V145]<sup>1</sup>

### Location

Sections 8 (Blocks 3-5) and 14 (Block 1) Braddon, and Sections 66 (Blocks 4, 9-13, 18, 19, 22) and 65 (Blocks 1-3, 9) Turner as identified in Figure 63 and indicated on the Territory Plan Map by the Heritage Places Register Overlay H63.

### Features Intrinsic To The Heritage Significance Of The Place

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

- a) Fourteen rows of trees planted to form a windbreak and shelterbelt and the associated landscape setting.

The tree species as identified in Figure 63a are:

- i) Row 1: Argyle apple (*Eucalyptus cinerea*) and Snow gum (*Eucalyptus pauciflora*);
- ii) Row 2 & 13: Pin oak (*Quercus palustris*) and Arizona ash (*Fraxinus velutina*);
- iii) Rows 3, 4, 7, 8, 11 & 12: Italian cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens* 'Stricta') and Deodar cedar (*Cedrus deodara*);
- iv) Rows 5, 6, 9 & 10: Monterey pine (*Pinus radiata*); and
- v) Row 14: Deodar cedar and Desert ash (*Fraxinus oxycarpa*)

### Statement Of Significance

Haig Park is a significant landscape feature of Canberra, demonstrating the early establishment of plantings in the city for protection from climatic extremes and landscape beautification. The Park is particularly significant for its designed function as a windbreak to protect the developing suburbs of Braddon and Turner from dust-laden northwesterly winds.

Constructed around 1921-23 it extends for over 1780 metres and comprises fourteen rows of mixed evergreen and deciduous tree species. This is a rare example of windbreak planting on such a large scale and remains highly intact.

Following expansion of the city further north, the Park become an integral component of the landscaped open space between the adjoining suburbs, reflecting contemporary Garden City planning.

The park is believed to be associated with Thomas Charles George Weston who played a seminal role in the National Capital's early planting program.

Following extensive planning and consultation processes through the early 1980s, Haig Park became the first example of a windbreak/shelter belt within the City which is to be conserved in perpetuity through an ongoing program of tree replacement, in accordance with leading arboriculture and cultural landscape management practice.

### Specific Requirements

In accordance with s54(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:

**Haig Park be conserved and appropriately maintained as an urban park incorporating rows of mixed tree species consistent with its heritage significance as a windbreak.**

- i) **Plantation Species**
  - a) The species of trees found in the 14 rows shall be retained so far as is feasible on arboricultural grounds
  - b) Replacement trees, where trees have been lost or must be removed due to poor condition, are to be of the same species or similar arboriculturally appropriate species and located in a similar position to the original tree(s).

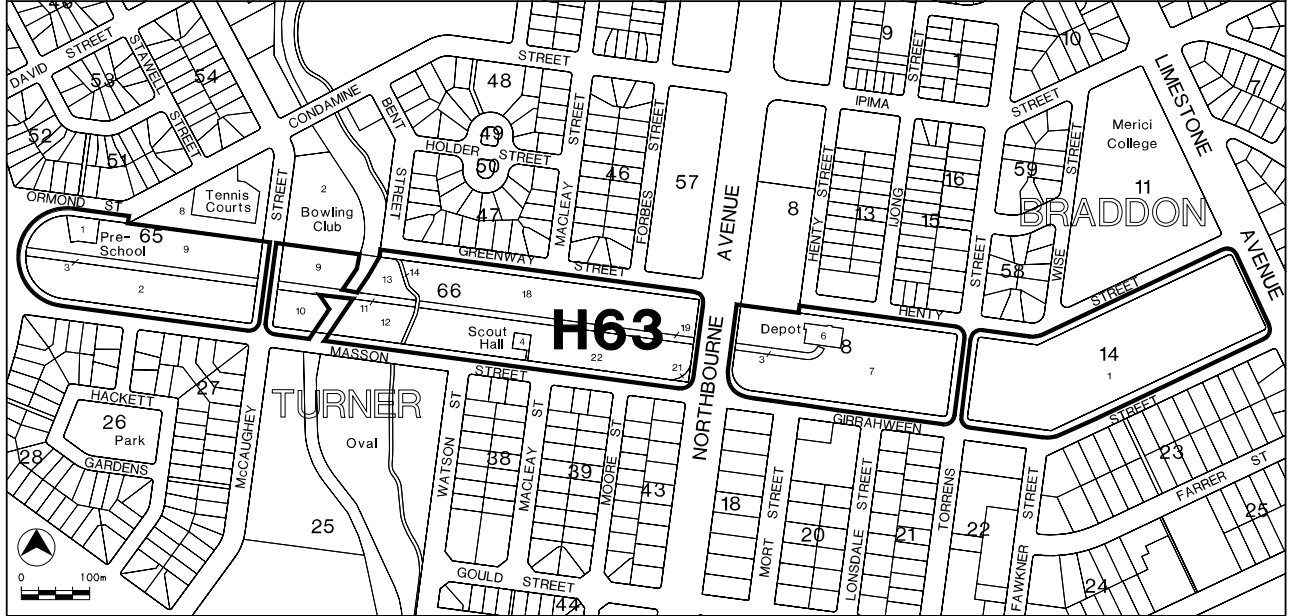
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<sup>1</sup> [V145: Added to Heritage Places Register 14/09/2000 (Variation Number 145)]

ii) **Development**

- a) No new development shall be permitted where the development detrimentally affects the heritage value of the place.

**Figure 63: Haig Park, Braddon and Turner: Location**



**Figure 63a: Haig Park, Braddon and Turner: Cross Section Showing Tree Species**

