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## Entry to the ACT Heritage Register

*Heritage Act 2004*

### **20093. Lambrigg Precinct and Farrer Graves**

Block 7

**District of PADDYS RIVER**

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For the purposes of s. 54(1) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*, a citation for

**LAMBRIGG PRECINCT, PADDY'S RIVER**

has been prepared by the ACT Heritage Council, for the purpose of including it in an interim Heritage Places Register. This is pursuant to ACT Heritage Council Resolution No. 47/7 made on 31 August 1998.

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## INTERIM HERITAGE PLACES REGISTER

### CITATION

#### LAMBRIGG PRECINCT, PADDY'S RIVER

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#### LOCATION OF PLACE:

The whole of Block 7, Paddy's River (Lambrigg Precinct) comprising of the homestead, laboratory, experimental wheat paddock, gravesite and geological site, 6 kilometres NNW of Tharwa.

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#### FEATURES INTRINSIC TO THE HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PLACE:

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

- a) Lambrigg Homestead and gardens
  - b) Laboratory
  - c) remains of Pisé Cottage
  - d) experimental wheat paddocks
  - e) graves of William and Nina Farrer and monument
  - f) Farrer tree plantings
  - g) De Salis cairn; and
  - h) geological site.
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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Lambrigg represents an historical cultural landscape directly associated with William Farrer, an important figure in the history of Australia's agricultural and economic development. The place is strongly associated with Farrer's life in Australia and the important achievements he made in the development of Australia's wheat industry. Although little remains in the original form from Farrer's agricultural experiments a strong historic sense of place remains at Lambrigg. This is evident in the laboratory and surrounding paddocks where Farrer worked on genetic selection for his wheat varieties. It is also evident in the homestead where he lived for a time and where he certainly spent his last years in residence. This sense of place is also evident in the surviving flora he planted. The homestead gardens have been skilfully designed with a sense of balance, form and texture in the selection of plants and their settings.

Farrer's lasting connection with the place is evident in the small cemetery where he and his wife, Nina, who supported him physically and emotionally, are buried. The De Salis cairn is evidence of the link between William Farrer and Leopold De Salis the original owner of Cuppacumbalong, Farrer's father in-law.

The geological site represents in clear detail a contact point between sedimentary and igneous rock formations. Although these contact points occur frequently along the Murrumbidgee Corridor they are often obscured by loose sediments, water or vegetation. The site is clearly visible and easily accessible to interested groups. Lambrigg is a valuable site for educational groups and visitors concerned with the economic and geological development of Australia. It is also a desirable place for visiting recreational and conference groups.

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## **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:**

In accordance with s.54(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:

**The Lambrigg Precinct is to be conserved and appropriately maintained consistent with its heritage significance and, in particular, those elements identified as originating from the period of William Farrer's association with the place.**

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

### **(i) Requirements Relating to the Building/Place**

- (a) **The Homestead**  
The homestead shall be conserved. Reconstruction to be limited to returning the roof overhang to its original extent and replacement of rotten timbers as and when they occur. External alterations and additions shall reflect and complement the architectural style and fabric of the existing building and shall not adversely affect the heritage values of the place. The upgrading of service rooms (kitchen, bathrooms, laundry) is permitted provided original fabric or reconstructed original elements are given priority over replacement. Colour schemes are not considered significant, although those relating to the original period are more desirable.
- (b) **The Laboratory**  
The laboratory shall be conserved. Reconstruction shall only include replacement of deteriorated fabric as necessary. Details of any replacement should match the original.
- (c) **The Gravesite**  
The gravesite shall be preserved and appropriately maintained.
- (d) **Site of 'Model Farm' Pise Cottage**  
These ruins and historic earthworks shall be preserved and appropriately maintained. Further demolition shall not be permitted.
- (e) **De Salis cairn**  
The cairn shall be preserved and appropriately maintained.
- (f) **Geological site**  
The geological features shall not be disturbed and shall remain visible and accessible to the visiting public.

### **(ii) Requirements Relating to the Setting**

- (a) **The Lambrigg cultural landscape shall be managed to conserve a rural character. Any proposed development both within the property boundary and outside, shall reflect this requirement.**

## **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.

- i. The whole of Block 7 and its historical and cultural fabric should remain as an integrated estate. This will provide a physical and visual reminder of the presence of William Farrer and his works.
- ii. No restoration or structural alterations should be made to the buildings and infrastructure originating from the Farrer period without prior consultation with the lessor.
- iii. Monitoring of any proposed developments in the Murrumbidgee Corridor in the vicinity of Lambrigg be done to ensure the rural context and aesthetic integrity of the place is not further compromised.