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20100. Tharwa Cemetery

Section 15 Block 1

THARWA

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

THARWA CEMETERY, THARWA

has been prepared by the ACT Heritage Council and included 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

THARWA CEMETERY, THARWA

LOCATION OF PLACE:

- Block 1, Section 15, Division of Tharwa, District of Paddy's River.
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FEATURES INTRINSIC TO THE HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PLACE:

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

- a) the graves; and
 - b) associated cemetery land.
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Tharwa General Cemetery is the second oldest general, multi-denominational cemetery extant in the ACT.

It is the resting place for some of the early pioneer selectors of the Tidbinbilla/Tharwa areas, notably George Green and Daniel White and their families, and is still in use by descendants of local pioneers.

It complements the private burial grounds for larger landholders and their workers at nearby properties, such as Cuppacumbalong and Lanyon, and also the Aboriginal burial site in the area.

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 place be conserved and appropriately maintained as a cemetery consistent with its heritage significance.

Any activity relating to the requirements to conserve the heritage significance of this place is development under Part VI of the Land Act and requires approval prior to undertaking the activity. To undertake development without prior approval may constitute an offence.

(i) **Requirements Relating to the Cemetery**

- (a) Alteration to the existing boundary size of the cemetery shall not be permitted.
- (b) All of the 17 existing graves shall be retained.

- (c) Restoration or otherwise altering the existing headstones and grave furniture shall only be permitted in the context of a conservation and management plan prepared to the satisfaction of the ACT Heritage Council.
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MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

In assessing this place for the interim Heritage Places Register, the Council recommends that a number of 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. Permanent markers should be erected on the unmarked graves and those which have lost their headstones, including the Staunton grave.
 - ii. All graves should be within a fenced area to prevent further stock damage.
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