



ACT Heritage Council

## Entry to the ACT Heritage Register

*Heritage Act 2004*

### **20120. Aboriginal Places – Amaroo, Gungahlin and Kaleen**

Part of an unnumbered block

#### **Amaroo**

Horse Park Drive road easement

#### **District of GUNGAHLIN**

Section 2, Block 76

#### **Kaleen**

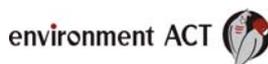
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**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY  
INTERIM HERITAGE PLACES REGISTER**

For the purposes of s. 58(2) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act* 1991, an interim listing for the following places has been prepared by the ACT Heritage Council, for the purpose of including

- ***Aboriginal Places in Amaroo (1) and Gungahlin (1), Gungahlin District ; and***
- ***Aboriginal Places in Kaleen (2) and an area of archaeological potential in Kaleen, Belconnen District***

In an interim Heritage Places Register.

Copies of the interim listing are available for inspection at ACT Public Libraries and at all ACT Government Shopfronts.

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## **IDENTIFICATION OF THE PLACE:**

Located in the Districts of Gungahlin and Belconnen, the places comprise Aboriginal sites within part of an un-numbered block in Amaroo, within part of Horse Park Drive road easement and within part of Block 76, Section 2, Kaleen as identified in Figure 1 (*see attached map in prep*) and indicated on the Territory Plan Map by the Heritage Places Register Overlay -----.

The ACT Standard Metric Grid 1:10 000 scale, co-ordinate locations for the places are held within a database of ACT site locations. The 1:10 000 grid co-ordinates are restricted information under s.82 of the Act.

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## **FEATURES INTRINSIC TO THE HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PLACES.**

The places comprise:

1. Site C2/3 – a site containing a single Aboriginal artefact
2. Site C3/16 – an open scatter of stone artefacts
3. Site BHDS1- an open scatter of stone artefacts
4. Site BHDS2 – an open scatter of stone artefacts
5. An area of archaeological potential surrounding sites BHDS1 and BHDS2.

## **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

These sites are the product of a traditional way of life that is no longer practised within the ACT. The presence of artefact scatters in these localities demonstrates occupation and use of the places by Aboriginal people, in the past. The area of archaeological potential is considered to be significant cultural resource because it may contain evidence of past occupation that has been subject to a lesser degree of disturbance from European landuse and erosion. However its true informational value, scientific value and significance to Aboriginal people can only be realised or determined through further research.

Stone artefacts constitute an enduring record of Aboriginal technology and settlement patterns. Stone was a central resource in past Aboriginal economic systems, essential in the technological and day to day life of the population. The individual artefacts at these sites have moderate scientific and educational potential for the study of Aboriginal stone technology. Whilst these sites do not present individually outstanding qualities, locational and descriptive information about them builds upon and complements the considerable body of archaeological research that exists for the Canberra region. They have potential to inform about a regional pattern of past Aboriginal landuse practices and settlement patterns.

The two sites in Gungahlin District are of low individual significance, based upon their extent, condition and integrity. The two sites in Belconnen District have also been preliminarily assessed as being of low significance. However their conditions of exposure, and location within a generally undisturbed area, suggest that further Aboriginal and archaeological investigation of their significance, and of potential archaeological areas surrounding them, is required.

The ACT Aboriginal community considers all evidence of the occupation of the ACT by Aboriginal people to be significant. Aboriginal artefacts are considered to be of significance since they demonstrate past Aboriginal land use.

## CONSERVATION POLICY

To conserve the variability, complexity and heritage significance of Aboriginal archaeological sites in the ACT in an appropriate manner. To manage areas that have potential to contain Aboriginal heritage sites in a way that permits the identification, significance assessment and conservation, where appropriate, of the Aboriginal cultural heritage resource.

## SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with s.54(1) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*, a range of requirements has been identified as essential to the conservation of Aboriginal Heritage places in the ACT. These are listed in Schedule 1, below.

Schedule 2 lists the specific requirements applying to the four Aboriginal heritage places and the area of archaeological potential subject to this interim Registration.

## SCHEDULE 1.

### Aboriginal Places

- A1** Information regarding the description and specific location of the place is to be held in a database of ACT Aboriginal heritage sites.
- A2** Proponents of development within the place are to be provided with information regarding the location, nature and significance of the Aboriginal site/s and alerted to the potential for development constraints.
- A3** Any proposed development, including landscape work that may potentially impact on the heritage significance of the Place shall be referred to the ACT Heritage Council and relevant Aboriginal organisations for consideration and advice.
- A4** Any proposed development, including landscape work that may potentially impact on the heritage significance of the place shall be in accordance with a Conservation and Management Plan endorsed by the Heritage Council and relevant Aboriginal organisations.
- A5** Educational and presentational options for the places shall be considered by the ACT Heritage Council and relevant Aboriginal organisations on the basis of whether sufficient information is provided about their impacts and potential impacts upon the places.
- A6** The surface artefacts that are currently on site are to be conserved *in situ*, unless a decision to the contrary is considered and agreed to by the Heritage Council and relevant Aboriginal organisations.
- A7** The surface artefacts that are currently on site may either be left on site or be collected and appropriately archived according to the advice of the Heritage Council in consultation with the relevant Aboriginal organisations.
- A8** Surface artefacts from the site may be collected by a qualified archaeologist in consultation with the relevant Aboriginal organisations, if advised by the Heritage Council following consultation with the relevant Aboriginal organisations.
- A9** Artefacts that are collected from the place are to be archived at the Heritage Unit pending establishment of an Aboriginal Heritage Keeping Place.

- A10** Ground disturbance in the location of the place must be accompanied by archaeological monitoring, carried out by a qualified archaeologist in consultation with relevant Aboriginal organisations.
- A11** The locations and descriptions of artefacts discovered during monitoring are to be added to the documentary record. Artefacts discovered during monitoring may either be left on site, or be collected and appropriately archived, according to the advice of the Heritage Council and relevant Aboriginal organisations.
- A12** Should the program of research and/ or monitoring determine that there are no significant Aboriginal archaeological materials present in the identified place then the interim Heritage Places Register entry for the place is to be amended appropriately, following consultation with the Heritage Council and relevant Aboriginal organisations.
- A13** Ground disturbance related to development activity within the place must either be preceded by a program of archaeological research or be accompanied by a program of archaeological monitoring, according to the advice of the Heritage Council in consultation with the relevant Aboriginal organisations. The program of archaeological research should be designed to determine the extent and significance of the deposit and should make recommendations regarding the appropriate management and/or conservation of the place. It may include subsurface testing of deposits, at a scale and in locations recommended by the Heritage Council, in consultation with relevant Aboriginal organisations. Monitoring must be undertaken by a qualified archaeologist in consultation with relevant Aboriginal organisations.
- A14** The significance of any cultural deposits discovered are to be reassessed following the program of research or during monitoring and if required, appropriate management actions or new specific requirements for the place are to be added to the entry for the place in the interim Heritage Places Register.
- A15** Following works being undertaken to collect all artefacts currently able to be located at the site, in accordance with Specific Requirements A7 or A8 or agreement by the Heritage Council and relevant Aboriginal organisations that the artefacts are to be left on site, without further action, in accordance with Specific Requirement A7, and their archiving in accordance with Specific Requirement A9, then only Specific Requirement A1 shall apply to the place.

### ***Places of Archaeological Potential***

- C1** Places of archaeological potential require further investigation of their Aboriginal and archaeological significance prior to development.
- C2** Proponents of development within the place are to be alerted to the potential for development constraints and the development application is to be referred to the Heritage Council for advice regarding appropriate further investigation.
- C3** Should further investigation determine that there are no significant Aboriginal archaeological materials present in the identified place of archaeological potential then the interim Heritage Places Register entry for the place is to be amended appropriately, following consultation with the Heritage Council and relevant Aboriginal organisations.
- C4** Should further investigation determine that Aboriginal archaeological materials are present in the place of archaeological potential then the interim Heritage Places Register entry for the place is to be updated, and the Heritage Council and relevant Aboriginal organisations are to be consulted for advice regarding the appropriate management of the place.

| <b>SCHEDULE 2</b>   |                                |  |  |
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| <b>SITE DESCRIPTION</b>   | <b>LOCATION</b>                | <b>SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AS PER SCHEDULE 1</b> |  |
| <b>BHDS 1</b><br>An open scatter of 2 flaked stone artefacts. The site is located on the gentle slopes of a hillside east of the Barton Highway.          | Block 2 ,Section 76 Kaleen.    | A1, A2, A3, A7, A9,A15                         |  |
| <b>BHDS 2</b><br>An open scatter of 12 stone artefacts. The site is evident in two exposures on the upper north slopes of a small ridgeline saddle.       | Block 2, Section 76 Kaleen.    | A1, A2, A3, A8, A9, A13, A14, A15              |  |
| <b>C2/3</b><br>An open artefact scatter located on a spur descending from a ridgeline, 140 m from an intermittent stream.                                 | Horse Park Drive road easement | A1, A2, A3, A7, A9, A15                        |  |
| <b>C3/16</b><br>An open artefact scatter located on the slopes of a low hill side.  | Un-numbered block in Amaroo.   | A1, A2, A3, A7, A9, A15                        |  |
| <b>Barton Highway - Area of Potential Archaeological Sensitivity</b><br>An intervening and surrounding area relating to artefact scatters BHDS1 and BHDS2 | Block 2, Section 76 Kaleen.    | A1, A2, A3, A8, A9, C1,C2,C3,C4                |  |