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## Entry to the ACT Heritage Register

*Heritage Act 2004*

### **20020. Theodore Aboriginal Artefact Grinding Site**

Section 681 Blocks 3,4 and 5

**THEODORE**

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## 20. Theodore Aboriginal Artefact Grinding Site [V56]<sup>1</sup>

### Location

District of Tuggeranong, Division of Theodore, Section 681 Blocks 3, 4, and 5 as identified in Figure 20 and indicated on the Territory Plan Map by the Heritage Register Overlay at H20.

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

The place comprises:

- a) exposed sandstone rock with grooves; and
- b) scattered stone artefacts.

### Statement Of Significance

The Theodore Aboriginal artefact grinding grooves demonstrate an important aspect of past Aboriginal lifestyles and technology.

A place of this type is rare in the ACT and highly valued by the Ngunnawal people as evidence of the importance of the artefact grinding process and the surrounding area to their ancestors.

It is a notable example of this type of site, with a large number of grooves and associated artefacts, indicating continuous and varied use of the site over time.

### Specific Requirements

In accordance with s54(1) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*, the following requirements are identified as essential to conservation of the heritage significance of the place:

- i) The place shall be protected from any further disturbance arising from adjacent development and from increased walking traffic through the place.
- ii) The place is included in Canberra Nature Park and managed by the ACT Parks and Conservation Service as set down under the Plan of Management prepared and implemented in accordance with Part V of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*.
- iii) The Plan of Management for this area shall deal with issues of conservation and education. Local Aboriginal people, in particular the Ngunnawal people, are to be involved in the preparation of the Plan and the management of the site.

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<sup>1</sup> [V56: Added to Heritage Places Register 27/09/1996 (Variation Number 56)]

Figure 20: Theodore Aboriginal Artefact Grinding Site

