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20014. Crinigan's Hut Ruin

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AMAROO

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14. Crinigan's Hut Ruin, Amaroo [V56]¹

Location

District of Gungahlin, Division of Amaroo, SW of Mulligan's Flat, Gungahlin, on the north-eastern bank of a tributary of Ginninderra Creek, on the western side of Gundaroo Road. That part of Urban Open Space adjacent to Amaroo as identified in Figure 14 and indicated on the Territory Plan Map by the Heritage Places Register Overlay at H14.

Features Intrinsic To The Heritage Significance Of The Place

The place comprises:

- a) ruins of a three roomed cottage;
- b) land use pattern in the area indicating a lifestyle typical of that period;
- c) orchard; and
- d) pear trees.

Statement Of Significance

Crinigan's Hut Ruin represents the dwelling and living conditions of the settlers who lived along the Ginninderra Creek from what is now the border with New South Wales, to "Palmerville" and the village of Ginninderra.

Crinigan's Hut is the only remaining small Ginninderra dwelling, with its orchards in a relatively undisturbed state. The orchard situated near a permanent creek represents the self sufficiency of these small settlers.

John Crinigan's family was typical of many early rural settlers and the social significance of this place is important to his descendants, many of whom still live and farm in the area.

The place has considerable educational potential as a study area and an archaeological site.

The construction of the dwelling is of historical significance - most of the small dwellings of that time in this area were slab with stone chimneys, but this was a stone building with a brick chimney.

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 area of the ruin and all associated landscape features are included in public open space.

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

- ii) Any proposed building, excavation or alterations, except hand mowing, to the area of the hut ruin and the identified associated trees shall not be permitted unless it can be demonstrated that they do not affect the heritage values of the place.
- iii) Any building or alteration to the landscaping, except routine mowing, which would impact on the place or the vistas of and from the place shall not be permitted unless it can be demonstrated that they do not affect the heritage values of the place.

Figure 14: Crinigan's Hut Ruin, Amaroo

