



ACT Heritage Council

## Entry to the ACT Heritage Register

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### **20040. Duntroon Woolshed**

Section 12, Block 2 (part) Section 13, Block 3 (part)

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#### 40. Duntroon Woolshed, Pialligo [V79]<sup>1</sup>

### Location

District of Majura, Division of Pialligo, Section 13, Block 1 (part) as identified in Figure 40 and indicated on the Territory Plan Map by the Heritage Places Register Overlay H40.

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

The place comprises:

- a) the woolshed building and its setting;
- b) the 'El Alamein' steel post;
- c) the trussed rafter roof of the central section; and
- d) the surrounding grounds containing archaeological evidence of related structures.

### Statement Of Significance

The Duntroon Woolshed was the first, the largest, and the best constructed woolshed from the early pioneering settlement period of the Limestone Plains, now the ACT. The woolshed was the major industrial centre of the historic Duntroon Estate of Robert Campbell, the first centre of wool and wheat production on the Limestone Plains. It incorporates one of the oldest standing buildings from the first period of European settlement in the ACT. Its two storey brick woolshed design is rare, and its fabric demonstrates changing technologies used in wool production over fifty years of use. The setting for the woolshed still retains its visual relationship to the Duntroon Homestead Precinct and the surrounding paddocks of the Majura Valley. The woolshed also played a part in the establishment of the Royal Military College Duntroon, was an early agricultural research station and was an important social venue in the pastoral and early National Capital periods of the ACT. The 'El Alamein' steel post evidences Duntroon use of the site by the El Alamein Company. The place is an important teaching site for social history and early 19th century construction and design methods, especially in the construction of the trussed rafter roof of the central section.

### Specific Requirements

In accordance with s54(1) of the *Land(Planning and Environment) Act 1991*, the following requirements are identified by the Council as essential to the conservation of the heritage significance of the place. These requirements are prepared to implement the following conservation policy for the place:

The Duntroon Woolshed and its setting are to be conserved and appropriately maintained so as to reflect their heritage significance.

#### **i) Building including alterations and additions**

- a) External alterations or additions may be permitted to the existing building, only if it can be demonstrated that the additions or alterations do not detract from the heritage significance of the place.
- b) Minor external alterations and changes may be made to the building where the Heritage Council is satisfied that the proposed works will not adversely affect the heritage significance of the place.
- c) External alterations and additions to the existing building, including alterations to external finishes, shall reflect and complement its architectural style and historical development.
- d) Alteration to internal finishes shall only be permitted where the Heritage Council is satisfied that the proposed works will not adversely affect the heritage significance of the place. The "El Alamein" steel post and the trussed rafter roof of the central section are to be retained and conserved.
- e) Construction of new buildings in the place shall only be permitted if it can be demonstrated that the new buildings do not adversely affect the heritage significance of the place.

#### **ii) Demolition**

- a) Subject to (ii)(b), demolition of buildings and structures shall not be permitted, other than in exceptional circumstances, including circumstances in which the buildings and structures are

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<sup>1</sup> [V79: Added to Heritage Places Register 30/10/1998 (Variation Number 79)]

unsound and beyond economic repair or where there are significant public health and safety reasons to warrant demolition.

- b) The demolition of original fabric shall only be allowed in the context of sympathetic alteration and additions.

iii) **Landscape**

- a) The existing rural setting of open paddocks shall be retained within the boundaries of the place.

iv) **Archaeological Evidence**

- a) Any new development shall ameliorate any impact on archaeological evidence of past buildings and structures.

**Figure 40: Duntroon Woolshed, Pialligo**

