



ACT Heritage Council

## Entry to the ACT Heritage Register

*Heritage Act 2004*

### **20117. Aboriginal Places – East O'Malley**

Parts of Section 42 Block 2, Section 8 Block 6, Section 45 Block 1 and Section 14 Block 13

**O'Malley**

This entry which was previously part of the old heritage places or the old heritage objects registers (as defined in the *Heritage Act 2004*), as the case may be, is taken to be registered under the *Heritage Act 2004*.

Conservation Requirements (including Specific Requirements), as defined under the *Heritage Act 2004*, that are contained within this document are taken to be Heritage Guidelines applying to this place or object, as the case may be.

Information restricted under *the old heritage places register or old heritage objects register* is restricted under the *Heritage Act 2004*.

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**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY  
INTERIM HERITAGE PLACES REGISTER**

For the purposes of s. 54(1) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act* 1991, an interim listing for the following place has been prepared by the ACT Heritage Council, for the purpose of including the:

**Aboriginal Places in the Suburb of East O'Malley**

- **East O'Malley Site 1**
- **East O'Malley Site 2**
- **East O'Malley Site 3**
- **East O'Malley Site 4**
- **East O'Malley Site 5**
- **East O'Malley Site 6**
- **East O'Malley Site 7**
- **East O'Malley Site 8**
- **East O'Malley Site 9**

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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## INTERIM HERITAGE PLACES REGISTER

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### LOCATION OF PLACE:

The Aboriginal places are located within parts of Block 2, Section 42, Block 6, Section 8, Block 1, Section 45 and Block 13, Section 14, within the suburb of O'Malley, ACT.

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### FEATURES INTRINSIC TO THE HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PLACE

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

- 4 stone artefacts.
  - 5 Eucalypt trees.
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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The ACT Aboriginal community considers any evidence of the occupation of the ACT by Aboriginal people to be significant. In particular the community has indicated that trees they consider to be Aboriginally scarred trees are highly valued and represent the continuity of local Aboriginal culture. Their protection and conservation has a high priority. Aboriginal artefacts are also considered to be of significance since they demonstrate past Aboriginal land use.

The surface artefacts at the sites have minor scientific and educational potential for the study of Aboriginal stone technology. Locational and descriptive information about these sites complements the considerable body of archaeological research that exists for the Canberra region.

Culturally scarred trees are also considered to be of archaeological significance for their potential demonstration of ways of life no longer practised and ability to contribute to a wider understanding of cultural history. The archaeological assessment of significance for trees with potential scars takes into consideration the many possible causes for scarring and is often less confident in definitely identifying trees as a product of either Aboriginal or European land use, unless stringent criteria are fulfilled.

None of these scars have been identified as definitely being of Aboriginal origin. The possibility that some may be of Aboriginal origin has accorded them with significance to members of the relevant Aboriginal community groups.

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### CONSERVATION POLICY:

The trees and artefact sites are to be managed in accordance with their individual archaeological and Aboriginal cultural significance.

### SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

In accordance with s54(1)(d) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*, the following specific requirements have been identified as essential for conservation of the heritage significance of the places.

#### East O'Malley Sites 1-5 (EO1-5) (scarred trees)

- i. Information regarding the description and specific location of the identified place is to be held in a database of ACT sites maintained on behalf of the Heritage Council.

- ii. Any disturbance to the places should be considered a controlled activity and any interventions which will disturb the soil or significant fabric of the sites must be referred to the ACT Heritage Council and relevant Aboriginal community groups for consideration and formulation of advice.
- iii. Any educational and presentational options for any of 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.
- iv. The extent of protective curtilage for the auxiliary root zone for each tree is determined by the formula  $1.5 \times h$  where h is equivalent to the maximum height of the tree. The curtilage for East O'Malley 1 is a circle of 15 metres radius measured from the trunk. The curtilage for East O'Malley 2 is a circle of 15 metres radius measured from the trunk. The curtilage for East O'Malley 3 is a circle of 18 metres radius measured from the trunk. The curtilage for East O'Malley 4 is a circle of 18 metres radius measured from the trunk. The curtilage for East O'Malley 5 is a circle of 15 metres radius measured from the trunk.
- v. Activities which affect the auxiliary root zones of the trees should exclude excavation and/or compaction of the ground surface, waterlogging and fertiliser or pesticide accumulation, unless evidence has been presented to, and full consultation has occurred with, the Heritage Council and Aboriginal communities which indicates that the tree/s have not been scarred in the course of Aboriginal landuse.
- vi. Removal or felling of the scarred trees shall be permitted in circumstances where the tree has been determined by qualified botanical advice to be decayed or otherwise damaged beyond economic tree surgery repair, or where there is a significant safety reason to warrant removal, or after evidence has been presented to the Heritage Council and Aboriginal communities which indicates that the tree/s have not been scarred in the course of Aboriginal landuse. Consultation with the Aboriginal community and Heritage Council must occur before removal or felling is considered.
- vii. If a decision is made to remove any of the registered trees the Heritage Council and Aboriginal community are to be consulted regarding management of the felled tree.

#### **East O'Malley Sites 6 –9 (EO6-EO9) (Single artefacts)**

- I. Information regarding the description and specific location of the identified places is to be held in a database of ACT sites maintained by the Heritage Council.
- II. The artefacts which are currently on site should either be left on site in an undisturbed location, or be collected and appropriately archived at the discretion of, and following consultation with, the relevant Aboriginal organisations.
- III. Collection of artefacts must be conducted under controlled conditions by a qualified archaeologist and members of the relevant Aboriginal organisations, if they desire to do so, in accordance with guidelines endorsed by the Heritage Council and the relevant Aboriginal organisations.