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20017. Mugga Mugga

Section 103 Block 6

SYMONSTON

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17. Mugga Mugga, Symonston [V56]¹

Location

District of Jerrabomberra, Division of Symonston, Section 103 Block 6 as identified in Figure 17 and indicated on the Territory Plan Map by the Heritage Places Register Overlay at H17.

Features Intrinsic To The Heritage Significance Of The Place

The place comprises:

- a) small stone cottage, once part of the Duntroon Estate;
- b) separate slab kitchen;
- c) outbuildings;
- d) native pasture containing *Stipa* and *Danthonia* species grasses;
- e) original garden planting; and
- f) In situ objects and records. [v105]²

Statement Of Significance

Mugga Mugga represents the survival of significant elements of a 19th and early 20th century rural worker's home. It is a built, social decorative and domestic record of the home of employees of the Duntroon Estate - particularly of the Curley family for which moveable and oral history evidence remains.

Mugga Mugga is also a remnant of the Duntroon Estate, which dominated local rural life in the 19th century. It remains as a component of the original property and is visually linked to the main Duntroon Estate buildings. All of the families that lived at Mugga Mugga throughout its history, were employees at Duntroon. In particular, the cottage retains important and long-standing associations with the Curley family.

The cottage still in its rural setting represents the simple, functional home of rural workers.

The property retains its 19th century landscape features including native pastures in the former home paddock for Mugga Mugga, traditionally used for horses - a function, which remains today.

Specific Requirements [v105]

In accordance with s.54(1) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*, the following requirements are identified as essential to the conservation of the heritage significance of this place. These requirements are prepared to implement the following conservation policy for the place:

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

² [V105: (f) added to listing; replaced the existing Specific Requirements 16/12/1996 (Variation Number 105)]

Mugga Mugga is to be conserved as a cultural and natural landscape of heritage significance in accordance with approved Conservation, Management and Interpretation Policies and Programs. In particular, it should be noted that the property is included in Public Land and subject to a Plan of Management.

- i) All features intrinsic to the significance of the place, including in situ objects and records associated with the Curley family, are to be conserved and appropriately maintained.
- ii) New building or landscape elements shall only be permitted where they do not adversely affect the heritage significance of the place.
- iii) Public access shall be in accordance with the Interpretation and Management Policy and Program.

Figure 17: Mugga Mugga, Symonston

