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20009. "The Valley"

Section 20 Block 3 (Formerly part Block 518)

GUNGAHLIN

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9. "THE VALLEY" [V26]¹

Location

District of Gungahlin, Block 518 (Part) ACT Planning Series 1:10 000 Map 208 612. "The Valley" house is located at GR210460 613950 and the outbuildings at GR 210300 614000, as identified in Figure 9 and indicated on the Territory Plan Map by the Heritage Places Register Overlay H9.

Features Intrinsic To The Heritage Significance Of The Place

The place comprises:

- a) within a home paddock measuring 50 metres by 50 metres:
 - i) the ruined walls of a five roomed stone house;
 - ii) a ruined free-standing pise room;
 - iii) archaeological evidence of a slab dwelling adjacent to the pise room;
 - iv) archaeological evidence of two sheds and a pit toilet; and
- b) in a paddock to the west of the house - archaeological evidence of former outbuildings associated with "The Valley" including: post holes and three stone floors of roughly dressed local stone.

Statement Of Significance

"The Valley" represents the common evolution of the dwellings of small land holders in the late 1800s in the region which was to become the ACT. The earliest slab hut was augmented by a pise living room and finally a stone house. All three stages were used concurrently and are still visible.

The builder, Thomas Gribble was a successful small land holder who embraced new technology in agricultural practice. He and his family lived on the site from the 1860s until 1964. They were contributors to the economic, social and sporting life of the Ginninderra region and are still represented in the ACT and remembered by early residents of Canberra. The site has archaeological significance through the information it can provide on the lifestyle of the early settlers of the ACT.

Specific Requirements

In accordance with s.54(1) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*, the following requirements are identified as essential to the retention of the heritage significance of the place;

- i) The area of land measuring 50 metres by 50 metres which contains "The Valley" homestead shall not be subject to development and shall be protected until a conservation plan is completed.
- ii) Archaeological control is to be maintained over the site of the former outbuildings. No disturbance of the ground surface is to occur prior to the completion of a conservation plan of the area:
- iii) A conservation plan which includes an archaeological study of the homestead site, sites of the former outbuildings and plough lands is to be undertaken and submitted to the Heritage Council of the ACT for approval within a time specified by the Council in consultation with the lessee or occupier. This study shall take into account planning for the Town Centre and result in a conservation plan and management plan.
- iv) The Gribble family should be commemorated in an appropriate manner associated with the place.
- v) Development of the place shall be in accordance with the requirements and provisions of the Conservation Plan for the place as approved by the Heritage Council of the ACT.

¹ [V26: Added to Heritage Places Register 09/12/1994 (Variation Number 26)]

Figure 9: "The Valley"

