

NOMINATION TO THE ACT HERITAGE REGISTER

Please note that the information below represents indicative heritage values only, and not the views of the ACT Heritage Council (the Council).

This nomination is yet to be assessed by the Council against the heritage significance criteria established under the Heritage Act 2004.

Acceptance of a nomination is a preliminary, threshold step and ought not to be taken as indicative of any particular outcome concerning the Council's assessment of the nomination.

Blocks 1-8, 12-23, 25, 26, 27 (pathways), 28 (lawns), 29 Section 1 GRIFFITH Manuka Shopping Precinct GRIFFITH

The Manuka Shopping Centre was one of the first shopping centres constructed on the "southern" side of Canberra. Its development commenced the implementation of Griffin's plans for an "initial city" at the side as indicated on his 1913 Preliminary Plan. It further represents the application of John Sulman's concept of a self-contained shopping centre in a garden city design.

The unusual form of planning provided a compact mass of shops and adjacent residences symmetrically organised around strong axis. This was then accentuated by a two storey arcade building and pedestrian open space (the Manuka Arcade Building and the two symmetrical buildings forming "The Lawns"). Despite the fact the street frontages have lost the alternate cottages and shops, the present modified shopping centre conforms generally to the original layout. The core of the centre features simple and effective elements of the Mediterranean architecture of early Canberra.