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20107. Brandy Flat Hut Precinct

Block 41 (part)

District of BOOTH

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**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
ENTRY TO AN INTERIM HERITAGE PLACES REGISTER FOR:**

**Brandy Flat Hut Precinct,
District of Booth**

For the purposes of s. 54 of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*, this heritage assessment for the above place has been prepared by the ACT Heritage Council as the basis for its inclusion within an interim Heritage Places Register.

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BRANDY FLAT HUT PRECINCT

LOCATION OF PLACE:

Part Block 41 District of Booth

The Brandy Flat Precinct is located within Namadgi National Park some 4km south west of the Glendale Depot (on the Boboyan Rd) at junction of Gudgenby Creek Firetrail and Brandy Flat Creek Firetrail (refer Figure 1). The original hut lies some 200m further to the east.

The Brandy Flat Hut Precinct is sited at the southern end of an extensive open flat with high ridges at three sides before a descent into narrow Gudgenby Creek valley to the north.

FEATURES INTRINSIC TO THE HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE OF BRNANDY FLAT HUT PRECINCT

The features which are intrinsic to the heritage significance of the Brandy Flat Hut Precinct and which require conservation, comprise:

- The presence of a hut at Brandy Flat of a form and scale similar to the existing Brandy Flat Hut
- Materials relating to the ruin of a former hut structure – including granite blocks, granite rubble, fragments of rusted sheet tin, corrugated galvanised iron and a scatter of bottle glass
- Exotic trees (*Robinia sp*) marking the locations of the former hut site/s
- Scattered historic artefacts occurring throughout the precinct, some in association with the copse of exotic trees
- Old fencing, currently partly collapsed, that runs north-south along the top of a ridge above the hut precinct
- The remote setting of the Brandy Flat precinct in a clearing within rugged terrain, emphasising the difficulty of past and present travel in the high country.
- The cultural precinct inclusive of the above features as shown in Figure 2, defined as the area within a 150m radius of the current Brandy Flat Hut structure
- The associations between the place and the local and regional community

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Brandy Flat Hut precinct is significant as the location where a series of high country huts have been constructed. The development of these huts is of considerable historic interest and is part of a wider pattern of high country occupation.

Three huts are known to have been constructed within the Brandy Flat precinct. The first hut built in the nineteenth century is currently evident as a surface ruin. It has

considerable archaeological research potential. The second hut location is not identified by surface cultural materials, but is known to have existed within the precinct.

The current hut structure at the site is a modern purpose built shelter/hut constructed in a style consistent with high country stockman's huts.

These hut sites and the other cultural evidence, including fences, historic artefacts, exotic plantings and the historic track, are evidence of the past pastoral land use of the area.

The precinct is significant for its demonstration of the past historic land use of Namadgi National Park. It is of aesthetic and cultural landscape value, and is attributed social value by community groups, such as bush-walkers and horse riding enthusiasts who continue to visit the place. The current Brandy Flat Hut, built in the 1980s by the Park manager, the ACT Parks and Conservation Service, especially for recreational use by bushwalkers in Namadgi National Park, reflects the change in use over time of the high country area from pastoralism to natural and cultural environment appreciation and protection.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONSERVATION OF BRANDY FLAT HUT

In accordance with s.54 of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*, the following specific requirements are identified as essential to the conservation of the heritage significance of the place. The guiding Conservation Objective is:

The features of the precinct that are intrinsic to its heritage significance shall be retained and managed in such a manner that their significance is conserved.

CONSERVATION OBJECTIVE 1.

Provide adequate conservation management planning

Conservation Objective 1.1

Ensure that any actions impacting on the significance of the Brandy Flat Hut precinct are in accordance with an endorsed Conservation Management Plan

Specific Requirements for Conservation Objective 1.1

- (a) The place shall be managed in accordance with a Conservation Management Plan prepared for the place and endorsed by the ACT Heritage Council. An endorsed Plan shall remain current for a period of not more than 5 years without review.
- (b) Maintenance will be as defined in the Australia ICOMOS Burra Charter, and will not involve change to significant fabric.
- (c) Conservation works identified within the Conservation Management Plan as urgent shall be implemented by the land manager.

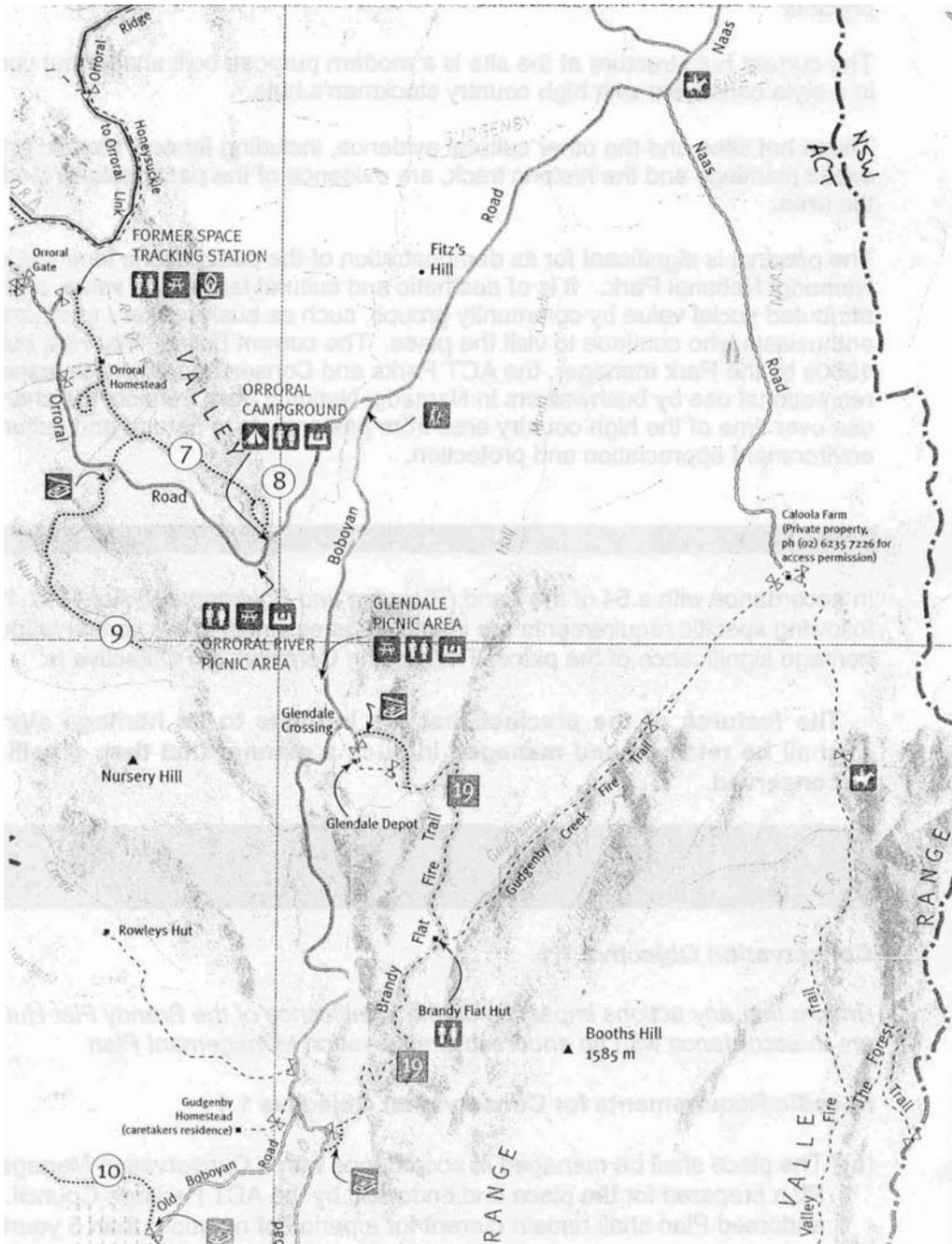


Figure 1
Location plan for Brandy Flat Hut precinct

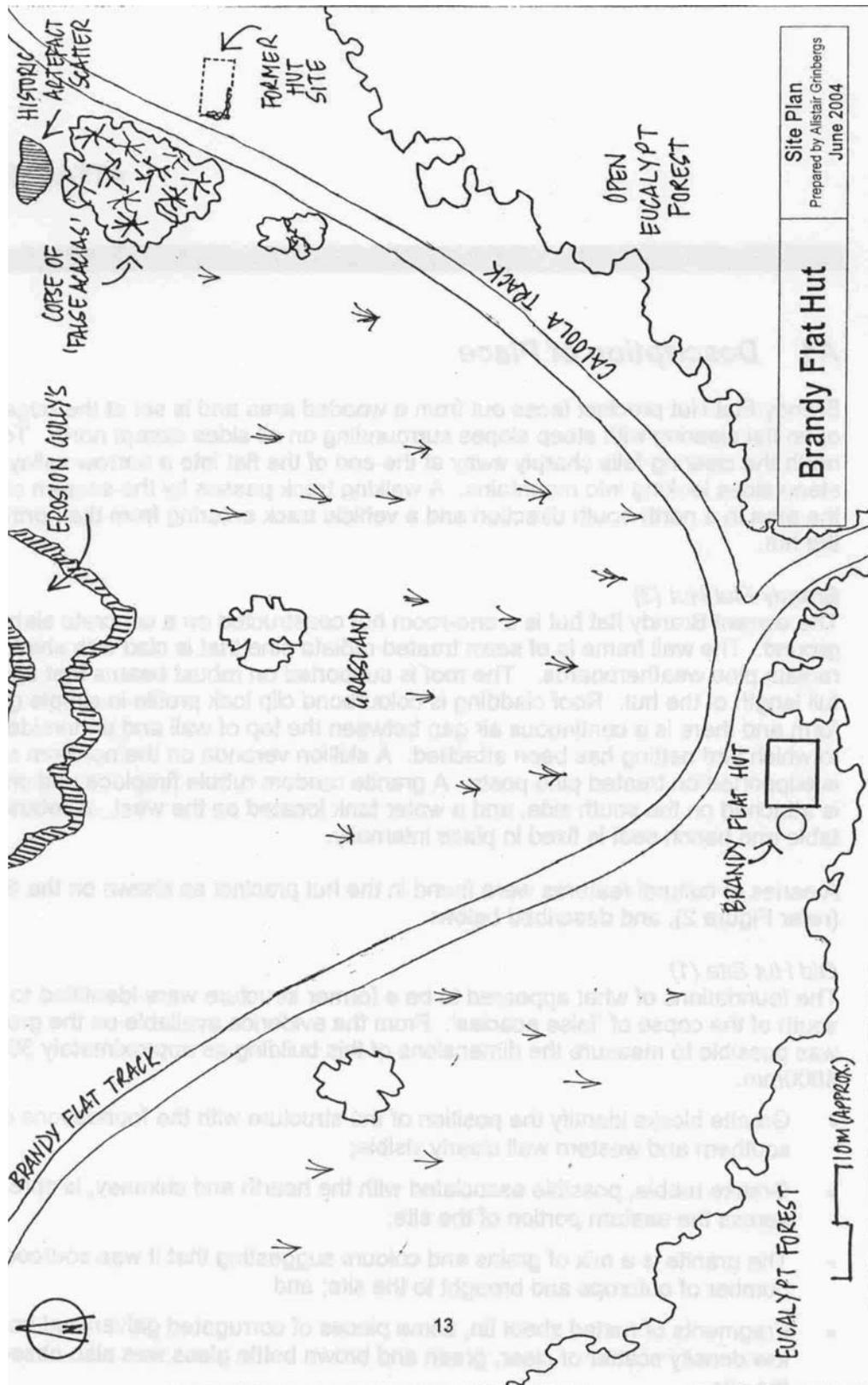


Figure 2
 Location of Features Intrinsic : Brandy Flat Hut precinct
Brandy Flat Hut Precinct Conservation Plan and Scope of Works, 200