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20058. Stockmen's Huts in Namadgi National Park

part Block 39 (Waterhole Hut) and part Block 40 (Demanding and Horse Gully Huts)

District of MOUNT CLEAR

part Block 10 (Frank and Jack's Hut) and part Block 14 (Rowley Rendezvous Creek Hut)

District of RENDEZVOUS CREEK

part Block 6 (max and Bert Oldfield's Hut) and part Block 17 (Hospital Creek Hut)

District of BOOTH

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58. Stockmen's Huts In Namadgi National Park [V117]¹

H58a Demanding Hut

H58b Frank and Jack's Hut

H58c Horse Gully Hut

H58d Hospital Creek Hut

H58e Max and Bert Oldfield's Hut

H58f Rowley's Rendezvous Creek Hut

H58g Waterhole Hut

Location

District of Mount Clear, part Block 39 (Waterhole Hut) and part Block 40 (Demanding and Horse Gully Huts); District of Rendezvous Creek, part Block 10 (Frank and Jack's Hut) and part Block 14 (Rowley's Rendezvous Creek Hut); and District of Booth, part Block 6 (Max and Bert Oldfield's Hut) and part Block 17 (Hospital Creek Hut) as identified in Figure 58 and indicated on the Territory Plan Map by Heritage Places Register Overlays H58a-g.

Features Intrinsic To The Heritage Significance Of The Place

The places comprise:

- a) a hut building;
- b) its setting being the area contained within a circle of 25 metres radius centred on the hut, except in the case of Waterhole and Rowley's Rendezvous Creek Huts which have a circle of 100 metres radius centred on the hut;
- c) sheep dip (Frank and Jack's Hut only);
- d) sheep yards and sheep dip (Rowley's Rendezvous Creek Hut only);
- e) stockyards (Waterhole Hut only);
- f) hut ruin (Horse Gully Hut only); and
- g) exotic trees (Horse Gully Hut only).

Statement Of Significance

These stockmen's huts are directly associated with pastoralism in the ACT high country, an industry which no longer exists there. The huts show the graziers' shelter needs on holdings away from the home property and are a significant cultural resource to the community.

Demanding Hut is linked to the Cotter family; Frank and Jacks, Hospital Creek and Max and Bert Oldfield's Huts are linked to the Oldfield family (resident in the area since the 1830's); Rowley's Rendezvous Creek Hut is linked to the Gregory family (resident in the area since the 1830's); while Horse Gully and Waterhole Huts are linked to several of the main families of the area.

Demanding, Horse Gully, Hospital Creek, Max and Bert Oldfield's, Rowley's Rendezvous Creek and Waterhole Huts are good examples of their type, displaying a number of characteristics of these generally rudimentary structures. Frank and Jack's Hut is an unusual example of its type, being comparatively lavish in structure and configuration.

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 conservation of the heritage significance of these places. These requirements reflect the conservation policy for the places:

The huts are to be conserved and appropriately maintained.

¹ [V117: Added to Heritage Places Register Numbers 53 to 59 15/09/1999 (Variation Number 117)]

It should also be noted that the places are included in Public Land and subject to a Plan of Management.

- i) **Building including alterations and additions**
 - a) Alterations and additions, including alterations to finishes (such as painting and adding or removing wall claddings), must reflect and complement the architectural style of the original structure.
- ii) **Demolition**
 - a) Subject to (ii)(b), demolition shall not be permitted, other than in exceptional circumstances, including circumstances in which the structures are structurally unsound and beyond economic repair, or where there are significant public health and safety reasons to warrant demolition. All prudent and feasible alternatives to demolition will need to have been explored before demolition is considered.
 - b) The demolition of original building fabric may only be permitted in the context of permissible alteration of, and/or additions to the existing building.

Figure 58: Stockmen’s Huts, Namadgi National Park: Location

