

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.

Block 32 Section 26 YARRALUMLA

Birch House YARRALUMLA

The innovative U-shaped plan looks inward to a courtyard with a pool. Detail throughout the house is interesting and unique, and reflects the freedom given to the architect by his clients. The selection of the site was most unusual as the architect made the selection from a choice of four in which his client was interested. The client's requirement for privacy was well met by the battle-axe site and the design of the house which has very few windows to the front. The siting and design of the building allows the courtyard to capture the northerly sun, while allowing a retreat from the Australian climate with a wide verandah surrounding the courtyard. Awarded C S Daley Medal 1969.