

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 1-7, 9-10, 13, 17 Section 64 YARRALUMLA Banks/Hutchins Streets YARRALUMLA

Development by the Federal Capital Advisory Committee provided more decent houses for married workmen, in Braddon, Barton and Yarralumla (then Westridge). Section 64 Yarralumla, reflecting this approach was the second group of permanent cottages built in Canberra, by Works and Railways. The initial development included seven brick cottages in 1921 and 5 timber cottages built in 1926 by Works and Railways. Additional two brick cottages were completed in 1927 and two further houses were constructed circa 1950.

33 and 35 Hutchins Street are the most representative of the development as they retain their original character of simple construction in the Lithgow style for workmen. They are similar brick houses built with a modest rectangular plan shape. The red tiled roof is moderately pitched with boarded gable ends. The cottages have brick chimneys. At the front of each cottage is a flat roofed small verandah on brick piers enclosed with timber and windows.

The two houses are in a fairly good condition without significant alterations other than a small addition on the rear façade of 35 Hutchins Street. The garage in the backyard is shared by both residences. The uniform and simple architecture of these two cottages reflects the working class level, however with the quality of construction and a simple effective design they provide a charming general effect.

39 Bentham Street and 37 Hutchins Street are the last remaining construction from the first development in 1921. The designs are more sophisticated but still in the Lithgow style. Some additions have modified the original plans. A room was added to the front façade of 39 Bentham Street in the 1930s; an extension was built to the rear of 37 Hutchins Street and the axial frontal porch was enclosed yet the two buildings retain much of their original character.