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## Entry to the ACT Heritage Register

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### **20042. Manuka Swimming Pool**

Section 15 Block 5

**GRIFFITH**

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## 42. Manuka Swimming Pool, Griffith [V79]<sup>1</sup>

### Location

District of Canberra Central, Division of Griffith, Section 15, Block 5 as identified in Figure 42 and indicated on the Territory Plan Map by the Heritage Places Register Overlay H42.

### Features Intrinsic To The Heritage Significance Of The Place

The place comprises:

- a) the swimming pool building with its contained pool;
- b) the wading pool; and
- c) associated landscaped grounds comprising spacious lawns, trees and vegetated boundary fencing.

### Statement Of Significance

The Manuka Swimming Pool is an important component of the body of 'Federal Capital' style public buildings associated with the establishment of Canberra as the National Capital. The building design is an outstanding architectural achievement, which continues to retain its integrity. Since its completion in 1930, and particularly up to the 1960's, the Pool was an important social focus for the Canberra community. This position continues today through the re-emergence of community activities associated with the Pool.

### Specific Requirements

In accordance with s54(1) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991* the following requirements are identified as essential to the conservation of the heritage significance of this place. These requirements are prepared to implement the following conservation policy for the place:

The pool building, pools and grounds are to be conserved and appropriately maintained consistent with their heritage significance.

#### i) Building including alterations and additions

- a) External alterations or additions may be permitted to the existing building, only if it can be demonstrated that the additions or alterations do not detract from the heritage significance of the place.
- b) Minor external alterations and changes may be made to the building where the Heritage Council is satisfied that the proposed works will not adversely affect the heritage significance of the place.
- c) External alterations and additions to the existing building, including alterations to external finishes shall reflect and complement its original architectural style and historical development.
- d) Changes to the pools, internal facades of the buildings, seating, paving and tiles may be permitted only if it can be demonstrated that they do not detract from the heritage significance of the place.
- e) Construction of new buildings and pools in the place shall only be permitted where the Heritage Council is satisfied that any new building would not adversely affect the heritage significance of the place.
- f) The main swimming pool within the internal space of the existing building and the wading pool shall be retained as presently configured.

#### ii) Demolition

- a) Subject to (ii)(b), demolition of the existing building, internal building facades, pools, seating, paving and tiles shall not be permitted, other than in exceptional circumstances, including circumstances in which the buildings and structures are unsound and beyond economic repair or where there are significant public health and safety reasons to warrant demolition.
- b) The demolition of original fabric shall only be allowed in the context of sympathetic alteration and additions.

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<sup>1</sup> [V79: Added to Heritage Places Register 30/10/1998 (Variation Number 79)]

iii) **Landscape**

- a) The existing setting, with its established landscape character comprising spacious lawns, trees and vegetated boundary fencing, shall be retained.

**Figure 42: Manuka Swimming Pool, Griffith**

