

Kenny Residential Development
Gungahlin Blocks 722, 668, 699 & 792

–Cultural Heritage Assessment and Statement of Heritage Effects.



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Plate 56. Site of KH5 'Ring Barked Tree' in SU5 (North)



Plate 57. Closeup of KH5 tree, with cut marks clearly visible (North)

3.7.4 Site CAS470 (William Ginn Ruin) MGA55 698389. 6100669

Located to the east of the project area and originally recorded by McGarth and Boots in 1990, the 1874 William Ginn Ruins is comprised of the surface remains of a homestead with a 14x7m outbuilding, as well as a large stone oven fireplace. Saunders (2000) rerecorded the site as CAS470 noting its outbuilding, fireplace, and several supporting timbers, with many historical exotic plantings including rose, bay, fig, plum and a kurrajong tree nearby. The William Ginn Ruin site forms part of Canberra Park and is recorded as the original 1874 homestead precinct. This site is approximately 300m from the 1899 Canberra Park homestead, which is currently occupied. An application was made to have the sites placed on the ACT Heritage Register, however, the ACT Heritage Council decided not to provisionally register Canberra Park. It was stated that while Canberra Park has an interesting history stretching back to the 1800's, the place has been so altered by extensions and modifications that it no longer demonstrates the aspects of its early origin and character. While Canberra Park is associated with prominent pioneer William Ginn, who worked for Robert Campbell and was rewarded with the construction of Blundells' Cottage, as its first occupant, the association is not considered strong or special (ACT Heritage Council 2011).

Considering this rejection by the ACT Heritage Council, Bosis (2011c) stated that the Canberra Park Homestead site has no further archaeological requirements. However, Bosis highlights that the 1874 William Ginn homestead ruin has a moderate rating of significance, and that it would provide a valuable focal point for the future by its conservation as part of an open public space.

During the current survey the site was revisited, with its current condition shown from Plates 58 to 65. The walls of the fireplace have been repaired using 1920's Canberra bricks. The location of these ruins was originally recorded further West, however the GDA94 MGA55 coordinate at the centre of these ruins at 698389.6100669 is outside the Project Area. As a result, no impacts will occur from the development.



Plate 58. Timber support post and remnant stone foundations at William Ginn ruin site (South)



Plate 59. Timber support post leaning East, with partial stone wall and fireplace (South)



Plate 60. North wall of William Ginn site outbuilding (South)



Plate 61. West wall with window and a large crack running the height of the wall of outbuilding (East)



Plate 62. South entrance with collapsed lintel of outbuilding (North)



Plate 63. East wall with window and square shape missing at the top of the gable of outbuilding (West)



Plate 64. View from west overlooking the fireplace and outbuilding (West)



Plate 65. Stamped 'CANBERRA' red brick with two symbols of a bone within a circle stamped under the 'AN' and 'RR'

3.7.5 *Site Historical Bottle Dump MGA55 698017. 6100497*

This site is described as a historical rubbish dump associated with the occupation of Canberra Park and consisted of a large depression filled with historical debris including glass bottles and modern materials (Biosis 2011). Due to the suspected asbestos material, test excavations of the site have not been undertaken.

The area of the historical bottle dump is located within close proximity to the existing business along the Federal Highway to the Southeast of the Project Area. The site is assessed as holding low significance and no heritage constraints apply to this location.



Plate 66. Exposed vehicle track with the area of the historical Bottle Dump in the Background of SU3 (Southeast)