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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Northern Territory Heritage Council acknowledges the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of this nation. We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands and waters. We pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past, present and emerging. The Council is committed to honouring Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas, and their rich contribution to society.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

The Heritage Council regained momentum in 2021-22, after a long period during which the COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on the business of the Council.

The Tiwi Islands are a place very close to my heart, and I was particularly pleased to see the permanent declaration of the Keeping Place and the Patakijiyali Museum at Wurrumiyanga as heritage places. The Keeping Place, with its beautifully painted ceiling, is the subject of a feature article in this report.

The newly appointed Council achieved some significant strategic milestones.

A new Strategic Plan was adopted by the Council in July 2021, and I am very pleased to say that in the course of the year considerable progress was made in implementing the actions set out in the Plan.

In November 2021, the Council wrote to the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage, and requested that the government revive a process that started in 2017 associated with proposed amendments to the *Heritage Act 2011*, intended to improve the operation of the Act.

The Council also suggested to the Minister that the time was right to consider other amendments to the Act, including important amendments intended to improve the management of Aboriginal cultural

heritage in the Northern Territory. I am pleased to say that the Minister agreed, and that at the time of writing this matter is progressing.

I am also pleased to say the Council has been more pro-active this year (in line with its new Strategic Plan) in promoting the unique and diverse heritage of the Territory. This year's report includes a new section that highlights the Council's involvement in promotional activities.

I would like to extend my thanks to all the members of the Heritage Council for the contribution they have made to a year of considerable achievement, and also to the hard-working NT Heritage Branch staff who do so much to support the work of the Council.

Finally, I hope that in reading this Annual Report, you will agree with my growing conviction that 'heritage is good for the soul'!

ALLAN MCGILL AM

THE *HERITAGE ACT 2011* AND THE ROLE OF THE HERITAGE COUNCIL

The object of the *Heritage Act 2011* ('the Act') is to provide for the conservation of the Northern Territory's cultural and natural heritage.

The Act is broad in its scope. It protects individual places and objects through a nomination, assessment and declaration process. It automatically protects all Aboriginal and Macassan archaeological places and objects, and has the capacity to automatically protect other classes of places.

The Act commenced on 1 October 2012.

The functions of the Heritage Council are set out in Section 125 of the Act, and are:

- (a) to assess the heritage significance of places and objects;
- (b) to recommend to the Minister the declaration of places and objects to be heritage places and objects;
- (c) to recommend to the Minister the revocation of the declaration for heritage places and objects;
- (d) to advise the Minister on the conservation, use and management of heritage places and objects;
- (e) to advise the Minister about the carrying out of work on a heritage place or object and to decide applications for work approvals other than applications for major work;
- (f) to promote, as it considers appropriate, the public use and enjoyment of heritage places and objects in a way that is consistent with the conservation of the heritage significance of the places and objects;
- (g) to facilitate public education and programs about the Territory's cultural and natural heritage;
- (h) to advise the Minister on financial incentives or concessions for heritage agreements (either in general or on particular agreements);
- (i) to advise the Minister on matters affecting the Territory's cultural and natural heritage;
- (j) to perform other functions conferred under this or another Act or as directed by the Minister.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The Act provides for a Council of 10 members appointed by the Minister, and a member nominated by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the department responsible for the administration of the Act.

Of the 10 appointed members, four are nominees of specified organisations. The Minister appoints the Chairperson from amongst the appointed members. The Deputy Chairperson is elected by the members of the Council.

Appointments to the Heritage Council were made by the Minister on 1 February 2021 for a three year term. Thereafter a number of new appointments were made as a result of resignations from the Council.



Mr Allan McGill AM

Allan has spent over 40 years as a CEO or in senior management positions. He has held and continues to hold many committee and board positions, often as Chair, President or in a key office bearing position. He was CEO of the Darwin City Council for 11 years. Allan served as Chairperson of the Heritage Council from May until October 2020, and was reappointed as Chairperson on 1 February 2021.

Ms Katy Moir

Katy is an 'Artitect'. She has been working in the industries of architecture and art for over 10 years. After receiving her Bachelor and Masters of Architecture from the University of Queensland, she relocated to Darwin to work for Troppo Architects. Since starting her own practice, her primary focus is the creation and activation of space, and her passion is community engagement.



Ms Grace Foulds

Grace served as the Director of the National Trust of Australia (NT) from mid-2020 until August 2021. She was appointed to the Council as the representative of the National Trust in February 2021. Grace resigned as the Director of the National Trust and as a member of the Heritage Council in August 2021.



Mr Robert Pocock

Robert is an Indigenous Territorian, born and raised in Darwin. He was employed for several years as a lawyer with the Solicitor for the Northern Territory and later employed by the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, where he worked as a Senior Policy Officer and acted as a Director in the Strategic Aboriginal Policy Unit. Robert represents the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority on the Council.

Mr Damien Ryan

Damien was born and educated in Alice Springs and was elected as Mayor of Alice Springs in 2008. Damien was appointed as the representative of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory in February 2021. He resigned from the Heritage Council in September 2021.



Mr Stephen Ashford

Stephen has been a permanent resident of the Northern Territory for almost 60 years. He worked for a number of different Government agencies over a long and distinguished career as a public servant. During his 15 years with the NT Heritage Branch, he authored over 60 assessment reports, supervised over 300 conservation projects, and developed a comprehensive understanding of heritage management issues in the NT.



The Hon Tom Pauling AO QC

Tom is a long-term Territory resident, lawyer, thespian and gardener. He was Solicitor General for the Northern Territory from 1988 to 2007, and Administrator of the Northern Territory from 2007 to 2011. He chairs the Charles Darwin University Cultural Collections Advisory Board, and has a keen interest in history and heritage.



Ms Rachel Perkins

Rachel is an Arrernte/Kalkadoon woman who has had a long and distinguished career in filmmaking, and has served on many government and non-government boards, including six years on the Australian Heritage Council from 2015 until 2021. In recent times, she has undertaken work on the revitalisation of Arrernte language and culture.





Mr Randle Walker

Randle is the CEO of Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment Corporation Pty Ltd, based in Alice Springs. He has been involved in a number of heritage projects during his 12 years as CEO, including the refurbishment of heritage properties in the Alice Springs Heritage Precinct. Randle sits on several boards and committees, and has a strong personal interest in both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage.

Dr Ilka Schacht

Ilka has a Master's of Science in Archaeology, a PhD in Cultural Heritage Management and 25 years' experience in the cultural heritage sector. Ilka served as an 'appointed member' of the Council and as Deputy Chairperson from October 2017 until May 2020, and then as the nominee of the CEO from May 2020 until October 2020. She was re-appointed as the nominee of the CEO in February 2021.



Ms Malene Bjornskov

Malene holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in anthropology and archaeology, and a minor in history, and postgraduate qualifications in arts management. She has a 25-year career in heritage management in the Northern Territory in diverse roles. Malene was appointed in February 2022 as the representative of the National Trust of Australia NT. Malene resigned from the Council in May 2022.

Ms Francine McCarthy

Francine is a Warumungu woman born in Tennant Creek, and grew up in Alice Springs and on the Nauiyu Nambiyu (Daly River) Community. She has been employed by the Central Land Council since 1994, working in both Alice Springs and Tennant Creek. Francine was appointed to the Council in February 2022 as the representative of Aboriginal Peak Organisations of the Northern Territory.



Mr Michael Liddle

Michael was born and raised in Alice Springs, and is a strong advocate for mental health and well-being, in particular for Indigenous men. He works for Desert Knowledge Australia, is a Councillor with the Alice Springs Town Council, and Chair of the Strehlow Research Centre Board. Michael was appointed to the Council in February 2022 as the representative of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory.

MEETINGS

The Council is required under the *Heritage Act 2011* to meet at least four times per year.

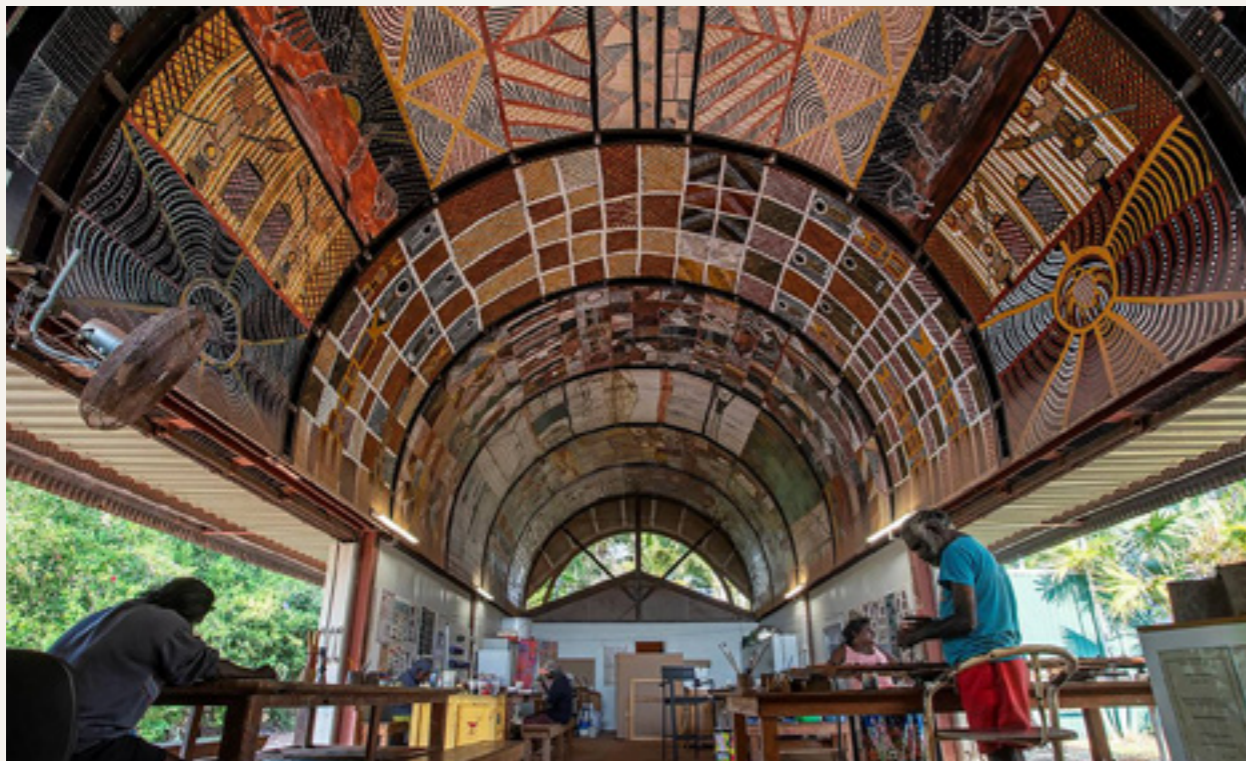
The Council had four meetings in 2021-22, as follows:

- 27 August 2021
- 3 December 2021
- 4 March 2022
- 3 June 2022

In the course of 2021-22, several matters were also dealt with out of session via email.



Dr David Bridgman addressing members of the Heritage Council and others at Lyons Cottage, 3 March 2022. Photo by Shaana McNaught.



Keeping Place, Wurrumiyanga. Photo taken by Tobias Titz and supplied by John and Joy Naden.

FEATURE ARTICLE

THE KEEPING PLACE AT WURRUMIYANGA

Construction of the Keeping Place at Wurrumiyanga on Bathurst Island began in 1979, with the famous ceiling mural completed in 1986.

The Keeping Place was built during a vibrant, dynamic and political period in Aboriginal self-determination, for the purpose of conserving, celebrating and exhibiting Tiwi cultural traditions. The Keeping Place is singular in its design and widely acknowledged as being distinctive and beautiful. In the 1980s it earned the name 'Tiwi Sistine Chapel'.

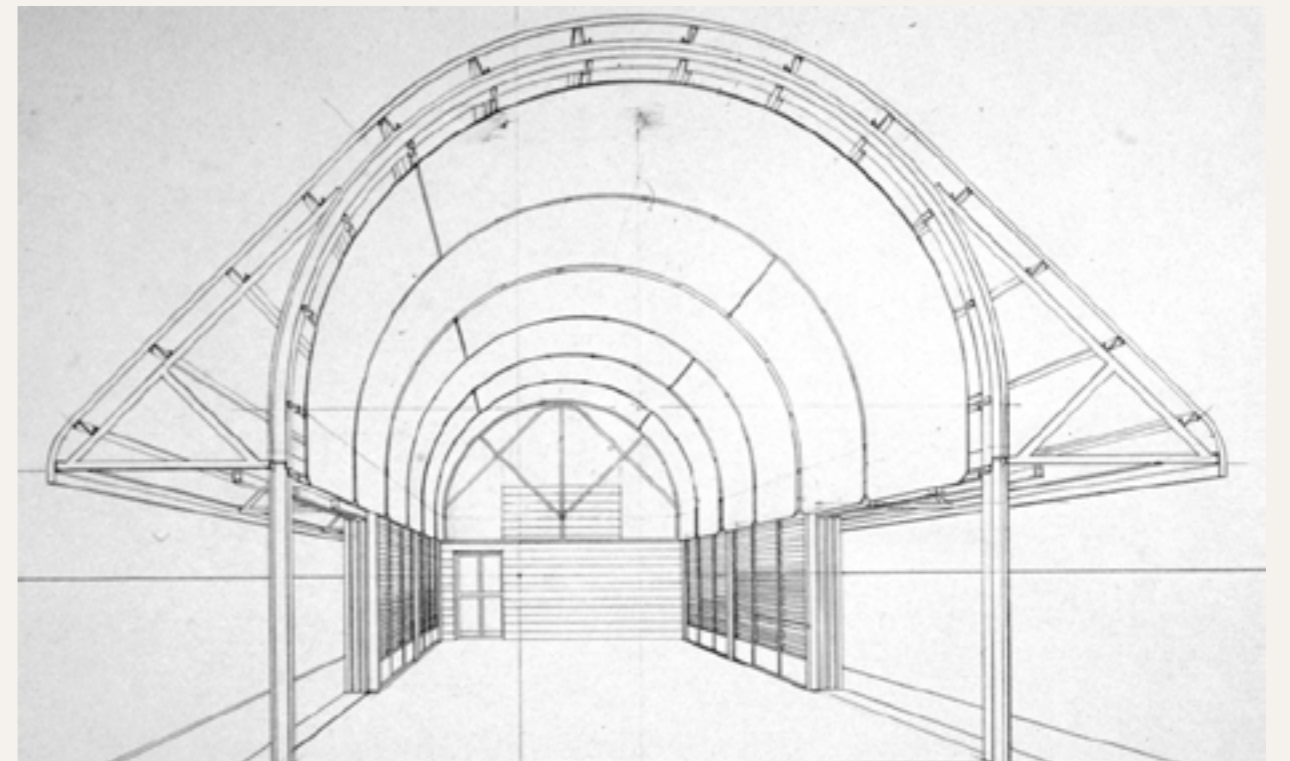
The Keeping Place was built on a shared vision that there would be many such keeping places across the country: cultural centres returning control of Aboriginal art and culture to local Aboriginal communities.

Designed by celebrated architect Peter Myers, the Keeping Place was made to resemble an elevated traditional bark shelter: stringy bark sheeting on a

sapling framework. It has a striking barrel vaulted arch underneath the roof, providing uninterrupted views of a vaulted ceiling adorned with eight panels of art, each spanning 10 metres by two metres, and painted by accomplished and highly regarded artists of the time.

The steel beams that form the arches were prefabricated by Vickers Cockatoo Dockyard in Sydney, which had a long history of naval ship building. Given the tradition of painting inside curved wet season shelters, the art painted on the walls of the Keeping Place cannot be separated from the historical and cultural significance of the curved structure itself.

The eight panels, from west to east, were painted by Kirin Mukwakinni, George Norm (Pangiraminni), Edward Portaminni, Terisina and Eulalie Munkara, Sabo Tipiloura, Alfie and Josie Puruntatameri, Alphonso Pauatjimi and Maria Josette Orsto.



Sectional perspective 1982. Drawing supplied by Peter Myers.

In later years, the Sabo Tipiloura panel was damaged beyond repair and a replacement was completed by a family member.

Today, the Keeping Place is the home of the Ngaruwanajirri Arts Centre. Ngaruwanajirri means 'helping one another'. It was originally set up for Tiwi artists living with disabilities, but now includes all artists. There is a tradition amongst some of the artists to sit under the artwork of their family, for connection and inspiration. Initially conceived as a gallery space, the contemporary use of the building as a communal art studio by local Tiwi artists is an excellent example of an appropriate contemporary use of a heritage place. On the inclusion of the Keeping Place to the Heritage Register, John and Joy Naden of the Ngaruwanajirri Arts Centre said "Ngaruwanajirri is so grateful to have our artists' home heritage listed for future Tiwi artists and the community to respect, be inspired by and enjoy".



The ceiling of the Keeping Place being painted in 1990. Photo supplied NT Library PH0730-0305.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

On 4 September 2020, the Council endorsed Terms of Reference prepared by the Department of Territory Families, Housing, and Communities. These Terms of Reference include a requirement for the Council to report against four Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

The Council's performance against these KPIs in 2021-22 is shown in the following table:



| KPI | Measure | Outcome 2020-21 |
|---|--|--|
| Meetings held | Number of meetings held in the financial year. | Four meetings were held |
| Assessments completed within statutory timeframes | % of assessments the Council completed within the statutory time period. | 60% of the assessment reports completed in 2021-22 in relation to places nominated since the commencement of the Heritage Act 2011 were considered by the Council within 6 months of the nomination being accepted. |
| Applications for minor work processed within statutory timeframes | % of decisions made within statutory timeframes | In 2021-22, in 85% of cases, the Council made a decision within 14 days of having received an Application for minor work. |
| Applications for major work processed within statutory timeframes | % of times the Council provided advice within statutory timeframes | In 2021-22, in 100% of cases, the Council made a recommendation to the Minister within 30 days of receiving an Application for major work. |

ASSESSMENTS AND DECLARATIONS

Starting the Process

The heritage listing process starts by:

- someone nominating a place or object for heritage listing under section 20 of the *Heritage Act 2011* (the Act); or
- the Council deciding to assess the significance of the place or object under section 22 of the Act; or
- the Minister directing the Council to assess the significance of the place or object under section 36 of the Act.

The Council accepted nominations for **seven** places during 2021-22, namely:

- Overland Telegraph Line - Owen Springs Reserve
- Wurrumiyanga Church Precinct, Bathurst Island
- The Esplanade, Darwin
- Palmerston Rail Yard Drainage Culvert and Retaining Wall 1885
- WWII P40E Crash Site located within the Shoal Bay Hunting Reserve
- Virginia Town Site
- Wilkinson's Cottage, Old Timer's Village, Alice Springs

Assessments

Once the assessment process has started, the Council must apply the heritage assessment criteria set out in the Act, in order to determine whether the place or object is of heritage significance.

The heritage assessment criteria for a place or object are set out in section 11 of the *Heritage Act 2011*, and are as follows:

- whether it is important to the course, or pattern, of the Territory's cultural or natural history;
- whether it possesses uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of the Territory's cultural or natural history.
- whether it has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the Territory's cultural or natural history;
- whether it is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural or natural places or environments;
- whether it is important in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics;
- whether it is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement during a particular period;
- whether it has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons, including the significance of a place to Aboriginal people as part of their continuing and developing cultural traditions;
- whether it has a special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in the Territory's history.

In 2021-22 the Council assessed the significance of **five** places, as follows:

- Tempe Downs Homestead, central Australia
- Former Retta Dixon Home, Darwin
- Kahlin Compound / Old Hospital Site, Darwin
- The Esplanade, Darwin
- Fort Dundas/Punata, Melville Island

Progress was delayed on completing assessments due to the remoteness of some of the places nominated, and travel restrictions arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

As at 30 June 2022, assessments were yet to be completed on the following **nine** places:

- Coniston Massacres Sites, central Australia
- Greater Red Lily Lagoon Area
- Cobourg Saw Mill
- Overland Telegraph Line - Owen Springs Reserve
- Wurrumiyanga Church Precinct, Bathurst Island
- Palmerston Rail Yard Drainage Culvert and Retaining Wall 1885
- WWII P40E Crash Site located within the Shoal Bay Hunting Reserve.
- Virginia Town Site
- Wilkinson's Cottage, Old Timer's Village, Alice Springs

Decisions not to invite public submissions

The Council decided not to invite public submissions as to whether the former Retta Dixon Home in Darwin should be permanently declared as a heritage place.

Decisions not to declare

In the following cases, the Council made a recommendation to permanently declare the place as a heritage place, but the Minister decided not to permanently declare the place as a heritage place:

- Parliament House, Darwin
- Supreme Court, Darwin

Declared heritage places and objects

The following places were permanently declared as heritage places in 2021-22:

- Hermannsburg Stone House
- Keeping Place, Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island
- Patakijiyali Museum, Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island

The ELDO Satellite Tracking Antenna was permanently declared as a heritage object in 2021-22.

Revocations

No declarations of heritage places or objects were revoked in 2021-22.

The State of the Register

The Northern Territory Heritage Register includes a total of **303** places and objects that have been declared as heritage places and objects since the commencement of the *Heritage Conservation Act* in 1991.

Under the transitional provisions of the 2011 Act, all places and objects declared under the 1991 Act have the same status under the 2011 Act.

A complete list of all declared places and objects as at 30 June 2022 is provided in the Appendix.

The Heritage Register can be searched online at nt.gov.au/heritageregister.

Significant upgrades to the online register went live in July 2021, providing much improved functionality and a more user-friendly interface.



Heritage Council member Stephen Ashford at Ryan Well, 28 September 2021, on the occasion of an event held to mark the completion of conservation works. Photo supplied by NT Heritage Branch.

PROMOTION

The Chairperson hosted two significant events during the year that were intended to promote the Northern Territory's unique and diverse heritage.

On 20 November 2021, a new sign was unveiled near the Deckchair Cinema in Darwin, on the 150th anniversary of the first telegraph message being sent from Java, Indonesia to Darwin via the newly laid subsea telegraph cable. The event was attended by Her Honour the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran, Administrator of the Northern Territory.

On 18 February 2022, in a moving ceremony at Dripstone Cliffs in Darwin, the Chief Minister and the Japanese Ambassador to Australia, His Excellency Shingo Yamagami, unveiled a new memorial to commemorate the loss of the 80 Japanese crew members who died when the Japanese submarine I-124 was sunk not far from Darwin on 20 January 1942.



Heritage Council Chairperson Allan McGill speaking at the event held on 18 February 2022 to unveil the new memorial to the crew of the I-124, at Dripstone Cliffs, Darwin. Photo supplied by NT Heritage Branch.

CASE STUDY

**ADAPTIVE REUSE - 75 HARTLEY STREET,
ALICE SPRINGS**

Located within the Alice Springs Heritage Precinct, the house at 75 Hartley Street has seen many uses. From a family home to vibrant hub for community based organisations, it is an excellent example of successful adaptive re-use.

The house was one of twelve designed by principal government architect BCG ('Beni') Burnett between 1939 and 1941, to accommodate senior public servants in the developing town of Alice Springs.

It was one of four 'AS3' type homes built by Emil Martin in 1939, all of which remain in Hartley Street. Beni Burnett designed buildings with the climate in mind, and the houses he designed in Alice Springs are important examples of residential buildings built to deal with the hot dry climate of Central Australia prior to the advent of air conditioning.

The house at 75 Hartley Street features a central masonry 'core' designed to provide both a cool refuge from the summer heat and an area that can be heated in winter. The wide verandahs are built out of lightweight materials and cool down quickly, and were the place to sleep in the summer months.



75 Hartley Street. Photo taken by Barry Skipsey.



75 Hartley Street. Photo taken by Barry Skipsey.

The house is remarkably intact and retains many of its original features, but there have been a few modifications to support its adaptive reuse. Air conditioning has been installed and some additional partitioning and upgrading allows the building to function as effective office space.

The first occupants of the house were Senior Mechanic and Foreman of the Public Works Department Garage, JM McConville and his family. For a time it was the home of the Alice Springs Toy Library and was then used by the Central Land Council as its main office.

In 2008, Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment Corporation Pty Ltd purchased the property, and since that time has undertaken a great deal of work to faithfully reinstate original features of the building.

75 Hartley Street, c. 1940s. Photo supplied by David Hewitt.



75 Hartley Street today. Photo taken by Barry Skipsey.

WORK APPROVALS

Any construction work or proposed development on a heritage-listed property in the Northern Territory is regulated and controlled under the *Heritage Act 2011*. Owners of heritage-listed properties seek permission for minor and major work through a Work Approval application.

The following Work Approvals were issued in relation to minor work to heritage places:

| Name of Place | Nature of Work | Date of Decision |
|--|---|-------------------|
| Jiwarrjiwarra shelter, Limmen National Park | Archaeological excavation | 5 July 2021 |
| Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Director's Residence, Alice Springs | Upgrades to rear of the property | 9 July 2021 |
| Alice Springs Telegraph Station | Installation of new irrigation equipment | 9 July 2021 |
| Angurugu Heritage Precinct, Groote Eylandt | Various works including construction of a new roof to the church | 16 July 2021 |
| Jervis and Lucy Creek Stations | Relocation of minor lithic scatters and isolated stone artefacts | 10 September 2021 |
| 14 Railway Terrace, Alice Springs | Renovation of the bathroom and laundry | 9 October 2021 |
| RFDS Tourist Facility and Museum, Alice Springs | Renovation of a small room | 19 October 2021 |
| 16 Railway Terrace, Alice Springs | Bathroom renovation | 23 December 2021 |
| Jiwarrjiwarra shelter, Limmen National Park | Archaeological excavation | 28 March 2022 |
| Rogers Dam WWII Loading Platform | Stabilisation and fencing works | 28 March 2022 |
| Heenan Building, Alice Springs | Installation of new roller shutters | 17 June 2022 |
| Old Hermannsburg Cemetery | Construction of a fence on the western side of cemetery | 17 June 2022 |
| RFDS Café, Alice Springs | Relocation of the cooktop and provision of two roof mounted air ducts | 17 June 2022 |

The Council made recommendations to the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage in relation to applications for the following major work:

| Name of Place | Nature of Work | Council's Recommendation | Minister's Decision |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 77 Bath Street, Alice Springs | Demolition of all structures | Work should be approved | Not approved 7 December 2021 |
| Old Admiralty House, Darwin | Removal of raintree | Work should be approved | Approved 27 April 2022 |
| 77 Bath Street, Alice Springs | Demolition of all structures and new building | Work should be approved | Approved 12 August 2022 |
| Lyons Cottage, Darwin | New air conditioning, new ramp and other upgrades | Work should be approved | Approved 28 July 2022 |

CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

NT Heritage Grants Program

Owners of heritage places not owned by the Northern Territory Government are eligible for assistance under the Northern Territory Heritage Grants Program (NTHGP). The Council's role is to assess applications received under the NTHGP and to make recommendations to the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage about the allocation of funding.



| Recipient | Project | Amount |
|--|--|-------------------|
| Central Australian Aviation Museum | Restoration of a Heron Aircraft | \$ 3 000 |
| Joseph Murphy | Knott's Crossing Gallon Store Precinct upgrades - Stage One | \$ 20 000 |
| Australian National Aviation Museum | Conservation and restoration of 7 Mile Aerodrome community/mess rooms | \$ 15 000 |
| Hamilton Downs Youth Camp Association Inc | Chimney repairs | \$ 17 025 |
| The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NT) | Conservation works for Adelaide House - Stage 2 | \$ 18 000 |
| Domenico Pecorari | Repairs to Original Water Tank Stand, 16 Railway Terrace, Alice Springs | \$ 10 000 |
| Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, Central Operations | Conservation work to Royal Flying Doctor's Residence and Communication Base Alice Springs. | \$ 17 880 |
| Consolidated Pastoral Holdings | Repairs to Junction Hotel, Newcastle Waters | \$ 10 000 |
| | | \$ 110 905 |

Conservation Program for Government-owned Heritage Assets

The Northern Territory Government leads by example in the conservation of the Territory's natural and cultural heritage by undertaking an annual Repairs and Maintenance and Minor New Works Program to declared heritage places that are owned or managed by the government.

The implementation of the program is an operational matter for the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, working with the NT Heritage Branch within the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities. The Council is involved when Work Approvals are required and is provided with an annual update on work completed under the program.



Overland Telegraph Line Memorial



Telegraph line mural, Darwin Waterfront



Ryan Well.
Photos supplied by NT Heritage Branch.



Ryan Well.

POLICY AND STRATEGY

A major strategic focus of the Heritage Council in 2020-21 was the development of a Strategic Plan.

The Strategic Plan was adopted by the Council in July 2021 to guide its decision-making over the next three years. Nine out of 40 actions set out in the Plan were completed in 2021-22, with a further 15 in progress.

Another key focus of the Council in 2021-22 was Aboriginal cultural heritage management.

In June 2021, the Council resolved to adopt the recommendations and best practice standards of *Dhawura Ngilan: A vision for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage in Australia* (Heritage Chairs of Australia and New Zealand, 2020, Canberra), to help inform its work relating to the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the Northern Territory.

More broadly, the Council was provided with regular advice about processes being led by the Australian Government intended to modernise Aboriginal cultural heritage management in Australia.

In the course of the year, it became increasingly clear to the Council that there were shortcomings in the legislative and policy framework in the Northern Territory in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage management, compared to the best practice standards set out in *Dhawura Ngilan*.

The Council was also aware of an incomplete process started in 2017 to consider amendments to the Act intended to improve its operation.

In November 2021, the Council wrote to the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage requesting that the government revive that process and also suggesting that the time was right to consider other amendments to the Act intended to improve the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the Northern Territory.

The Minister agreed and at the time of writing, this matter is progressing.



Subsea cable telegraph landing site. Photo supplied by NT Heritage Branch.

APPENDIX

The Register can be searched at nt.gov.au/heritageregister

Declared heritage places and objects as of 30 June 2022

A

A65-115, a C-47 aeroplane wreck, Darwin Harbour
 Adelaide House, Alice Springs
 Adelaide River Pioneer Cemetery
 Adelaide River Railway Siding and Railway Bridge
 Adelaide River War Cemetery and Wartime Civilian Cemetery
 Administrator's Offices, Darwin
 Aileron Homestead
 Albert Namatjira's House, near Hermannsburg
 Albert Namatjira's Memorial, near Hermannsburg
 Alcoota Fossil Beds, Plenty Highway
 Alice Springs General Cemetery
 Alice Springs Heritage Precinct
 Alice Springs Telegraph Station Historical Reserve
 Alice Well and Police Station, south of Alice Springs
 Angurugu Heritage Precinct, Groote Eylandt
 Anna's Reservoir Conservation Reserve, north of Alice Springs
 Anthony Lagoon, Tablelands Highway
 Anzac Hill Memorial, Alice Springs
 Araluen Homestead Precinct, Alice Springs
 9th Aust. Advanced Ordinance Depot Camp, Alice Springs
 Avon Downs

B

B-24J Liberator Aircraft Wreck Site, Cox Peninsula
 B24-D Liberator "Nothing Sacred", Douglas-Daly
 Bamboo Creek Tin Mine, Batchelor
 Banka Banka mudbrick homestead
 Barrow Creek Hotel
 Barrow Creek Telegraph Station

Beatrice Hill Well & Beatrice Hill Stone Fences, Arnhem Highway
 Birdum Historic Township
 Blyth Homestead, Litchfield National Park
 Boab Tree, Cavenagh Street, Darwin
 Bonney Well, north of Alice Springs
 Borrooloola Police Station Museum
 Bowson Hut, West MacDonnell Ranges
 Bradshaw's Packhorse Cutting, Timber Creek Region
 Brocks Creek Cemetery, Pine Creek Region
 Brocks Creek Chinatown and Temple Site, Pine Creek Region
 Brocks Creek Township, Railway Siding and Military Detention Barracks, Pine Creek Region
 Brown's Mart, Darwin
 Bullita Homestead Precinct and Stockyard, Timber Creek Region
 Bullock Creek Fossil Site, Victoria River
 88 Mile Burrell Creek WWII Chemical Warfare Storage and Maintenance Depot and Camp Site, near Robin Falls
 Burrundie Explosives Magazines, Pine Creek Region
 Butterfly Gorge, Pine Creek Region

C

CWA/Red Cross Shop, Darwin
 Cape Don Lighthouse Complex, Garig Gunak Barlu National Park
 Catalina 4 Wreck Site, Darwin Harbour
 Catalina 5 Wreck Site, Darwin Harbour
 Catalina 6 Wreck Site, Darwin Harbour
 Catalina A24-1 Wreck Site, Darwin Harbour
 Catholic Church Precinct, Alice Springs
 Chain Calibration Site, Alice Springs
 Chambers Pillar Historical Reserve
 Channel Island Leprosarium and Reefs
 Charlie Rye's House, Alice Springs
 Charlotte Waters Telegraph Station Ruins
 12 Mile Chinatown (Settlement and Battery), Pine Creek Region
 Christ Church Cathedral Heritage Precinct, Darwin

Christ the King Church and Sidney Williams Hut, Tennant Creek

Climbing Dune, Jessie Gap, near Alice Springs

Commonwealth Bank, Darwin

Connellan Hangar, Alice Springs

Cypress Pine Overland Telegraph Poles (via Pine Creek Area)

D

Daly River Copper Mine and Graves
 Daly Waters Aviation Complex
 Darwin Botanic Gardens
 Darwin Cenotaph
 Delissaville (Belyuen) Cemetery
 Diesel Locomotive NSU63, Adelaide River
 Djirurri Rockshelter (Djurilirri or Djulirri), Arnhem Land
 Driffield Mine Site, Nitmiluk
 Drover's Rest Boab Precinct, Timber Creek Region

E

ELDO Rocket Shelters
 ELDO Satellite Tracking Antenna
 East Point Fortifications, Darwin
 Elsey Memorial Cemetery, Mataranka
 Emungalan Cemetery, Katherine
 Emungalan Wheel Shrinkage Pit, Katherine
 Escape Cliffs
 Ewaninga Conservation Reserve, south of Alice Springs

F

Fannie Bay Gaol, Darwin
 Fenton Airfield, Douglas-Daly Region
 Fergusson River North Australia Railway Bridge and Boiler
 Fergusson River Overland Telegraph Line Pylons and Oppenheimer Telegraph Poles
 Flying Fox, Daly Waters
 Flynn's Farm, near Batchelor

Fogg Dam, Pump System, Rice Paddy and Sluice Gate, Arnhem Highway

Former Alice Springs Post Office

Former Australian Inland Mission Hospital, Wimmera Home, Victoria River Downs

Former Batchelor Primary School

Former C.W.A. Rooms, Alice Springs

Former Methodist Manse, Darwin

Former Repeater Station, Alice Springs

Former Rum Jungle Mine Manager's House, Batchelor

Former Rum Jungle Mine Single Women's Quarters (Block B), Batchelor

Former Southport Telegraph and Police Station

Former Tunck's Store, Alice Springs

Fort Wellington, Garig Gunak Barlu National Park

Frances Bay Explosives Complex, Darwin

Frew Ponds Overland Telegraph Line Memorial Reserve

Frog Hollow, Darwin

G

Gardens Road Cemetery, Darwin
 Ghan Carriage Washing and Maintenance Shed, Pine Creek
 Ghan's Bore, Tennant Creek
 Gilbert Well, south of Tennant Creek
 Glen Helen Meat House, Namatjira Drive
 2 Gosse Street, Alice Springs
 Government Battery and Cyanide Works, Arltunga
 Government House, Darwin
 Grave of Goolam Rasool Nazar, Alice Springs
 Grave of Kato Osamu, South Goulburn Island
 Gregory's Tree, near Timber Creek
 Grove Hill Hotel, south of Adelaide River
 Gurindji Wave Hill Walk Off Route, Kalkarindji

H

Harts Range Mica Mines Complex
 Heavitree Gap Police Station, Alice Springs

Heenan Building, Alice Springs
 Helen Springs Quarry (Kurutiti)
 Henbury Meteorites Conservation Reserve, south of Alice Springs
 Hermannsburg Historic Village
 Hermannsburg Stone House
 Higgins Theatre, Alice Springs
 Hope Inlet Archaeological Sites, Shoal Bay
 Hore's Homestead, north of Katherine
 Hughes Avenue, Darwin
 Hunter House, Katherine

I

Illamurta Springs Conservation Reserve

J

Jasper Gorge, Victoria River Region
 John Flynn Memorial Church, Alice Springs
 John Flynn's Grave Historical Reserve, near Alice Springs
 John Veal Electronic Distance Measurement Baseline, near Darwin
 John William Ogilvie Bennett Memorial, Darwin

K

Kaporilja Springs, near Hermannsburg
 Katherine Overland Telegraph Pylons
 Katherine Railway Precinct
 Keeping Place, Wurrumiyanga
 Kintore Caves Nature Park
 Knott's Crossing, Katherine
 Kohinoor Adit, near Pine Creek
 Koolendong Waterhole Boabs, Timber Creek Region

L

Little Flower Mission and Cemetery, Arltunga
 Lot 5601, Town of Darwin (Qantas Hangar)
 Lots 7733-7736 inclusive, Town of Alice Springs (Railway Cottages)

Ludmilla Saltpan, Darwin
 Lyons Cottage or British Australian Telegraph Company, Darwin

M

Mac Clark (Acacia peuce) Conservation Reserve
 Maranboy Mining Precinct
 Masterton's Cave and Garden
 McLachlans Tree, south of Darwin
 Milingimbi Mudbrick Houses
 Mitsubishi A6M2b 'Zero' BII-124, Darwin
 Mount Riddock Cemetery
 Munmarlary Homestead Complex
 Mural painted by Robert Czako, St Mary's Chapel, Alice Springs
 Murrarji Track
 Myilly Point Precinct, Darwin
 Myrtle Villa Date Palm, Darwin

N

N'Dhala Gorge Nature Park
 NA1 Steam Locomotive known as Sandfly, Darwin
 NABP13 Passenger Carriage, Pine Creek
 NF5 Locomotive, Pine Creek
 Naval Fuel Installation, Darwin
 Naval Oil Tunnels No. 5 & 6, Darwin
 Navy Victualling Yards, Darwin
 Newcastle Waters Township
 Noltenius Billabong and Grave, Daly River Road
 North Australia Railway Corridor, near The Narrows, Darwin
 North Australia Railway remnants, Pine Creek

O

O'Keeffe House, Katherine
 Observation Post, Sandy Creek, Casuarina Coastal Reserve
 Old Admiralty House, Darwin
 Old Andado Station
 Old Batchelor Hospital

Old Bonrook Station Homestead
 Old Bradshaw Homestead Precinct
 Old Convent Building, Wadeye
 Old Courthouse, Alice Springs
 Old Hamilton Downs Station
 Old Hartley Street School, Alice Springs
 Old Hermannsburg Cemetery
 Old Lutheran Church, Alice Springs
 Old MacDonald Downs Homestead
 Old Mount Riddock Homestead, Plenty Highway
 Old Neutral Junction Homestead
 Old Owen Springs Homestead Complex
 Old Pine Creek Butchery
 Old Playford Club Hotel, Pine Creek
 Old Postmaster's Residence, Tennant Creek
 Old Stone Hut, Alice Springs
 Olive Pink Botanic Gardens, Alice Springs
 Original Glen Helen Homestead, Namatjira Drive

P

Palmerston Cemetery, Darwin
 Patakijiyali Museum, Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island
 Peel's Well, Darwin
 Pine Creek Bakery
 Pine Creek Post Office and Repeater Station
 Pine Creek Railway Precinct
 Pitchi Richi Sanctuary, Alice Springs
 Powell Creek Telegraph Station
 Puritjarra Rock Shelter

Q

Quarantine Anti-Aircraft Battery Site, Alice Springs

R

Raggatt's Structure, Mount Zeil Region
 Remnant WWII No. 6 Oil Tank Wall, Darwin
 Remnants of the former 1872 settlement site known as "The Shackle", Pine Creek Region
 Reserve Bank building, Darwin
 Rogers Dam World War II Gravel Loading Platform, north of Alice Springs

Roper River Overland Telegraph Construction Depot
 Roper River Police Station
 Ross River Homestead
 Ross Smith Memorial, Darwin
 Rumbalara Ochre Mine
 Ryan Well Historical Reserve, north of Alice Springs

S

Seven Mile Aerodrome, Alice Springs
 12 Schultze Street, Darwin
 17 Shepherd Street, Darwin
 Silver Bullets (Timber Creek)
 Smith Point Beacon, Garig Gunak Barlu National Park
 Snake Creek Armament Depot, near Adelaide River
 Southport Cemetery
 Spencer Hill Seismic Vault, Alice Springs
 Spencer Hill WWII sites, Alice Springs
 Spring Hill Battery Complex, Pine Creek Region
 Springvale Homestead Heritage Sites, Katherine Region
 St Barbara Catholic Church, Batchelor
 State Square Banyan Tree, Darwin
 Steam Pump House, Darwin
 Stella Maris Hostel, Darwin
 Stone Kerbing and Milkwood Trees, Smith Street Darwin
 Strauss Airstrip, south of Darwin
 Strauss WWII Anti-craft Gun Emplacement, south of Darwin
 Stuart Memorial Cemetery, Town of Alice Springs
 Stuart Town Gaol, Alice Springs
 Subsea Telegraph Cables Landing Site, Darwin
 Sue Wah Chin Building, Darwin

T

Tennant Creek Hospital Outpatients Department
 Tennant Creek Telegraph Station
 The Residency, Alice Springs
 Timber Creek Police Station Precinct
 1960s TJ series Bedford Truck, National Museum of Australia

Tnorala (Gosse Bluff) Conservation Reserve
 Totem Theatre Complex, Alice Springs
 Town Hall Ruins, Darwin
 Tree of Knowledge, Darwin
 Trestle Bridge and NAR Corridor, Katherine

U

Ucharonidge Station Number 1 Bore and 1949
 Comet Windmill
 Union Camp, Newcastle Waters
 Uniya Station

V

VH-CLW Heron Aircraft, Alice Springs
 Vestey's Tank, Darwin
 Victoria Settlement Historical Reserve, Garig Gunak
 Barlu National Park
 1869 Virginia Townsite Survey Markers

W

Warloch Ponds Bridge, Mataranka
 Warloch Ponds North Australia Railway Bridge,
 Mataranka
 Warruwi Church site, South Goulburn Island
 Well, Town of Alice Springs
 Westpac Bank, Darwin
 Winnecke Goldfields Cemetery
 Wishart Siding Fettlers' Mess, McMinns Lagoon
 Woolngi Mine and Settlement, Fergusson River
 World War II (WWII) Coomalie Airstrip, Coomalie Creek
 World War II Degaussing Range, Darwin Harbour
 World War II RAAF Operations Room Site at
 Berrimah, Darwin
 World War II Shipwreck, British Motorist, Darwin
 Harbour
 World War II Shipwreck, Mauna Loa, Darwin
 Harbour
 World War II Shipwreck, Neptuna, Darwin Harbour
 World War II Shipwreck, USS Meigs, Darwin Harbour
 World War II Shipwreck, USS Peary, Darwin Harbour
 World War II Shipwreck, Zealandia, Darwin Harbour
 World War II Sidney Williams Hut (No. 37) Parap
 Camp, Darwin

World War II Winnellie Camp, Darwin
 World War Two (WWII) Larrimah Telephone
 Repeater Station and Powerhouse
 Wreck of SS Ellengowan, Darwin Harbour
 Wreck of the Booya, Darwin Harbour
 Wreck of the Huddersfield, Darwin Harbour
 Wreck of the Kelat, Darwin Harbour
 Wreck of the Young Australian, Roper River
 Wurrurrwuy stone pictures, East Arnhem
 WWII Camp, 16 Mile, Lambrick Avenue, Palmerston
 WWII Former RAAF Explosives Storage Area, Darwin
 WWII Gorrie Airfield Precinct, south of Katherine
 WWII Hughes Airfield, south of Darwin
 WWII K5 Anti-Aircraft Gun Battery Site, Coomalie
 Creek
 WWII Manbulloo Airfield Operations Centre,
 Katherine Region
 WWII Mitsubishi G4M1 Betty Bomber crash site,
 Cox Peninsula
 WWII Noonamah Cricket Pitch and Oval
 WWII Noonamah Railway Siding and Store Depot
 WWII Observation Posts, Brinkin, Casuarina Coastal
 Reserve
 WWII Pell Airfield 4RSU RAAF Engineering
 Workshop and Main Camp
 WWII RAAF No.1 Medical Receiving Station,
 Coomalie Creek
 WWII Wagait Beach Gun Emplacements

Y

Yarar Rockshelter
 Yuendumu Iron Building

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Zuccoli WWII Defence Position, Palmerston

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