

Australian National University

Acton Campus — Site Inventory



Study Item/ Area	Counselling Centre & Health Services/Sport & Recreation Centre
Acton Campus Precinct	DALEY Precinct
Building Nos. & Names	18 (Counselling Centre & Health Services), 19 (Sport & Recreation centre), 19A (Sports Union extension)

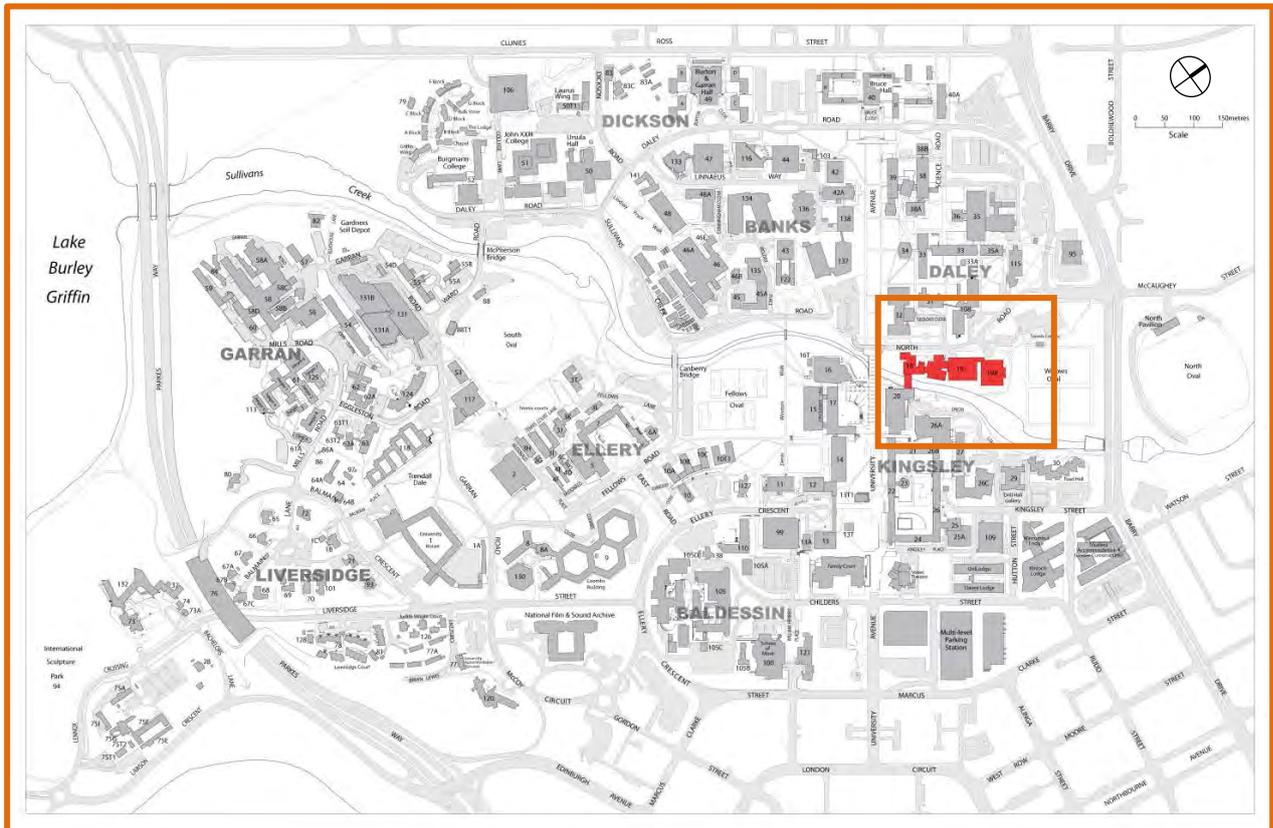


Figure 1: Location of study area within the ANU Acton Campus site.

Heritage Ranking	Counselling Centre and Health Services— Low —Does not meet the criteria for Commonwealth Heritage List Sports and Recreations Centre and Extension— Low —Does not meet the criteria for Commonwealth Heritage List
Heritage Listing	The buildings within this study area are not individually listed on the Commonwealth Heritage List (CHL).
Condition—Date	The condition noted here is at January 2012. The extant buildings and trees in the study area continue to be well maintained and are in reasonable condition.
Relevant Documentation	There is no relevant documentation for the buildings in this study area.

Context of the Buildings

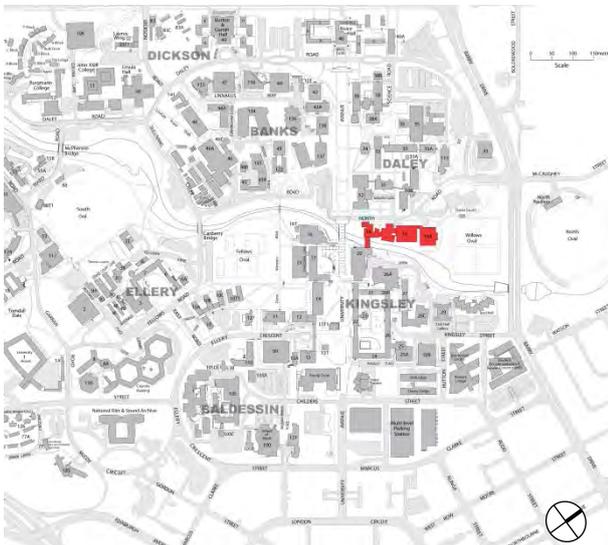


Figure 2: The configuration of the study area buildings with Sullivans Creek to the east.

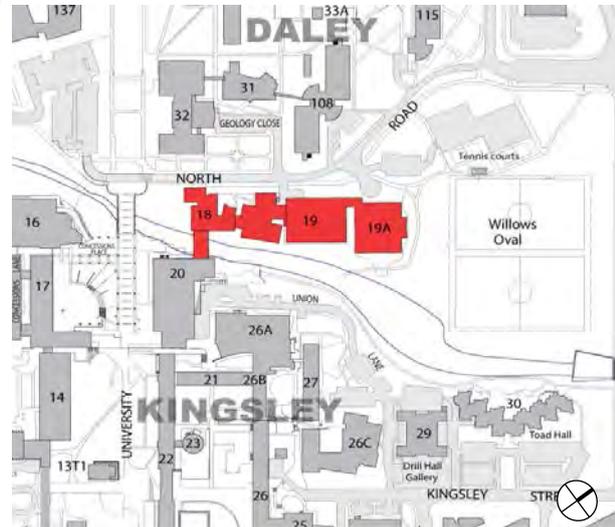


Figure 3: Configuration of the three buildings of the study area in relation to University Avenue and Sullivans Creek.

Brief Historical Overview

Building 19, the Sports and Recreation Centre, was completed in December 1972 by Westland Building Company. It was designed by Smith, Potter and Madden and was named the David Cocking Fitness Centre. The Centre has undergone internal modifications during its lifetime in 1978, 1979, 1980, 1987 and 1993. An extension, Building 19A, was added in 2003 by Manteena Pty Ltd and was designed by Facility Design Group Architects.

Building 18 houses the Health Centre and the Counselling Centre. Both were originally housed in the Copland Building and moved when the Counselling Centre and Health Services Building was completed in 1973. It was constructed by Leighton Constructions and was designed by Yuncken Freeman. On completion it was linked to the Union Building over Sullivans Creek.

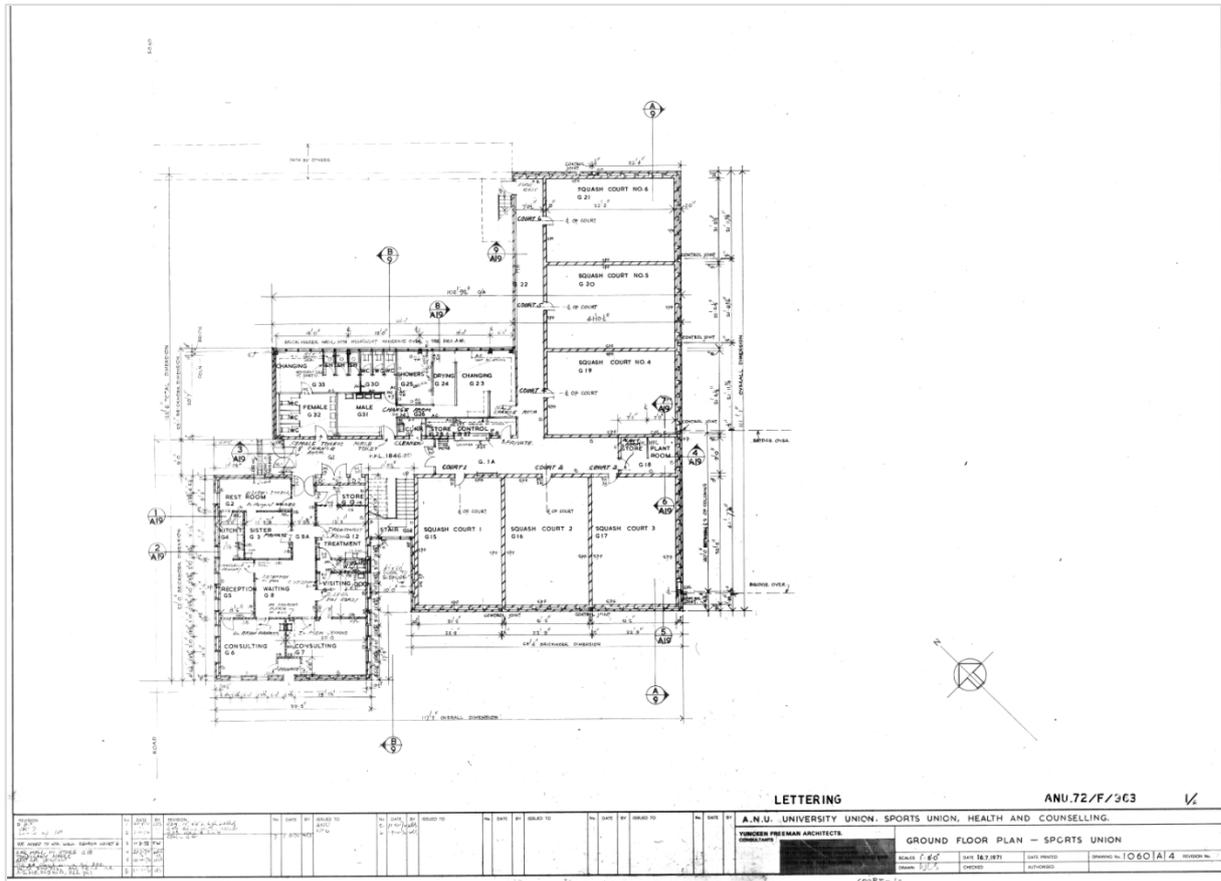


Figure 4: Ground floor plan of the University Union Sports Union, Health and Counselling Building, 1972. (Source: ANU Drawing Office)

Description of the Counselling Centre & SRA

Buildings

Building 18 consists of block like elements with a white flat roof and simple flat surfaces. Windows are vertical and horizontal strip layout. One wing has fascia flush with brickwork, and is linked to Building 20 with a distinctive steel framed structure. The interior is constructed of painted brick and block work walls with plasterboard ceiling. Floors have various finishes including vinyl tiles, carpets and concrete. Door frames are metal. The exterior of the building is dark brown brick with raked joints and pebble finished concrete block coping. Grey pointed timber windows and concrete base are seen between brick panels.

Building 19 is a brick building with main courts behind angular steel façade. The entry wing has simple vertical windows and a horizontal parapet. On the interior, the ceilings are vermiculite sprayed to underside of wattle slab suspended ceilings and areas of parquet flooring.

Building 19A is a modern building which has been heavily clad in corrugated metal with orange sheeting on the lower exterior.

Landscape

The Landscaping around the buildings is minimal with the main plant forms being mature exotic trees and shrubs. Much of the area is paved for pedestrian and vehicular traffic. To the east (behind the buildings) is the northern part of Sullivans Creek .

Significance Assessment against the Commonwealth Heritage criteria

Statement of Significance

N/A

Criteria	Assessment
<p>(a) Historic The place has significant heritage value because of the place's importance in the course, or pattern, of Australia's natural or cultural history.</p>	<p>The Counselling Centre and the SRA do not meet CHL criterion (a) for historic values.</p>
<p>(b) Rarity The place has significant heritage values because of the place's possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of Australia's natural or cultural history.</p>	<p>The Counselling Centre and the SRA do not meet CHL criterion (b) for rarity values.</p>
<p>(c) Scientific The place has significant heritage value because of the place's potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Australia's natural or cultural history.</p>	<p>The Counselling Centre and the SRA do not meet CHL criterion (c) for scientific values.</p>
<p>(d) Representative The place has significant heritage value because of the place's importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: A class of Australia's natural or cultural places; or A class of Australia's natural or cultural environments.</p>	<p>The Counselling Centre and the SRA do not meet CHL criterion (d) for representative values.</p>

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<p>(e) Aesthetic The place has significant heritage value because of the place's importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group.</p>	<p>The Counselling Centre and the SRA do not meet CHL criterion (e) for aesthetic values.</p>
<p>(f) Creative/Technical The place has significant heritage value because of the place's importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.</p>	<p>The Counselling Centre and the SRA do not meet CHL criterion (f) for creative/technical values.</p>
<p>(g) Social The place has significant heritage value because of the place's strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.</p>	<p>The Counselling Centre and the SRA do not meet CHL criterion (g) for social values.</p>
<p>(h) Associative The place has significant heritage value because of the place's special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in Australia's natural and cultural history.</p>	<p>The Counselling Centre and the SRA do not meet CHL criterion (h) for associative values.</p>

Significance Assessment against the Commonwealth Heritage criteria

<p>(i) Indigenous The place has significant heritage value because of the place's importance as part of Indigenous tradition.</p>	<p>The Counselling Centre and the SRA do not meet CHL criterion (i) for Indigenous values.</p>
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Photographs



Figure 5: View of Building 19 David Cocking Sport & Recreation Centre. (Source: ANU Heritage Office 2012)

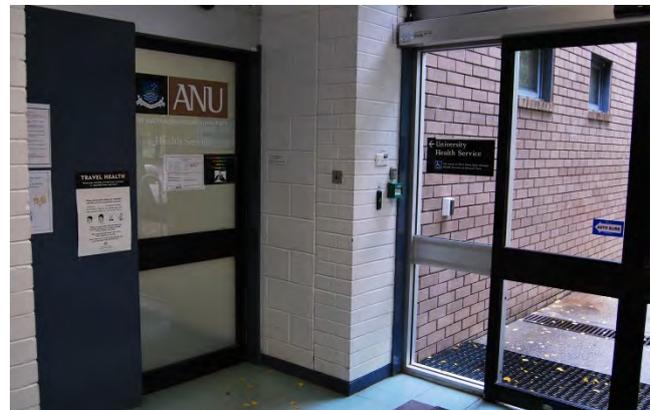


Figure 6: Foyer of the Counselling and Health Services Centre. (Source: ANU Heritage Office 2012)



Figure 7: View of the Purple Pickle Café as a part of Building 19, the David Cocking Building. (Source: ANU Heritage Office 2012)



Figure 8: Front entrance of Building 18 the Counselling and University Health Centre. (Source: ANU Heritage Office 2012)

Management Issues

Constraints and Opportunities

As the Counselling Centre and SRA are of low significance, no **constraints** are noted.

The buildings are ranked as being of 'low' significance in that they contribute to the overall significance/values of the ANU Acton campus; however they do not fulfil criteria for heritage listing on their own merit.

The **Tolerance for Change** heritage management tool, outlined in Section 7.6 of the ANU Acton Campus Heritage Study 2012, will assist in conserving heritage values through a process of change. The Counselling Centre and SRA are able to tolerate a moderate amount of change through development.

As Counselling Centre and SRA are of low significance, no **opportunities** are noted.

Recommendations

Photographic recording for the ANU archives should be undertaken prior to substantial change to buildings or landscaping in any future development.
