

Study Item/ Area	Burton & Garran Hall
Acton Campus Precinct	DICKSON Precinct
Building Nos. & Names	49 (Burton & Garran Hall: Amenities Block, Wings A-D)

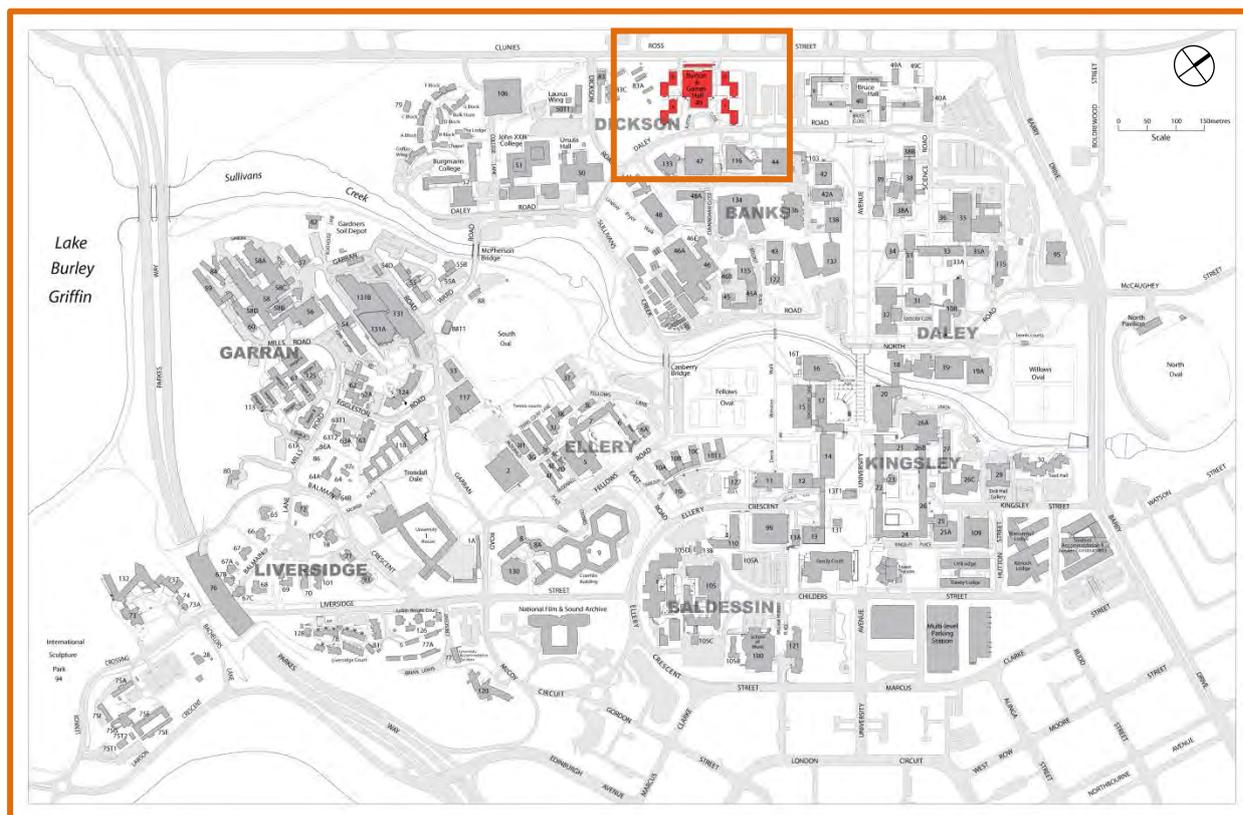


Figure 1: Location of study area within the ANU Acton Campus site.

Heritage Ranking	Burton & Garran Hall— Low —Commonwealth Heritage value
Heritage Listing	Burton & Garran Hall is not individually listed on the Commonwealth Heritage List (CHL).
Condition—Date	The condition noted here is at February 2012. Condition is excellent and is well maintained for use as a hall of residence
Relevant Documentation	There is currently no relevant documentation for Burton & Garran Halls.

Context of the Buildings

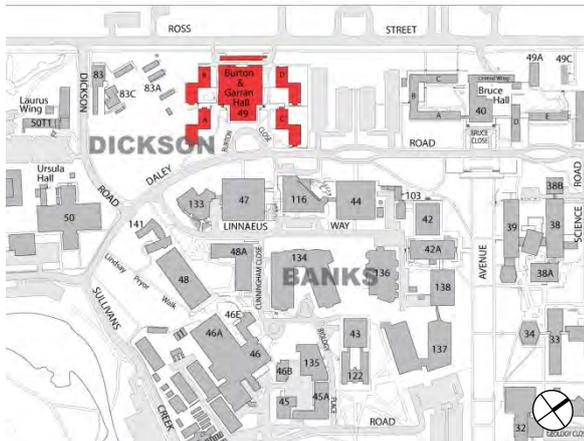


Figure 2: Burton & Garran Halls in the context of the Dickson and Banks precincts.

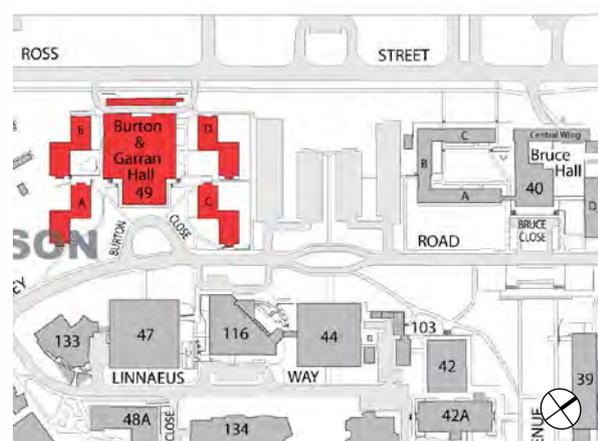


Figure 3: Burton & Garran Hall in relation to Bruce Hall and Linnaeus Way.

Brief Historical Overview

Burton & Garran Hall was, as the name suggests, originally two separate Halls, both were designed by Leith and Barlett Architects.

Burton Hall was established as a fully catered Hall of Residence in 1965. It was named after Professor Herbert 'Joe' Burton CBE (1900-1983), a Queenslander and Rhodes Scholar (1922) who, during his lifetime played an active role in Australian tertiary education, holding numerous university teaching roles. In 1949, Burton was appointed Principal and Professor of Economic History at Canberra University College. When the college became the Australian National University in 1960, Burton was made Principal of the School of General Studies, a position he retained until his retirement in 1965. As a beneficiary of Professor Burton's will, the Hall received books, furniture and a substantial bequest for the provision of student bursaries.

Garran Hall, also established in 1965, was named after Sir Robert Randolph Garran (1867-1957) in recognition of his contributions to university education and to the development of Canberra. Along with a distinguished career in government, Garran is remembered for his devotion to Canberra. Garran found it 'unthinkable' that there should not be a university in Canberra: what he prophetically called a 'National University at Canberra'. He was able to canvas enough support to establish Canberra University College, chairing the new University's council from 1930 to 1953. Garran also served on the Interim Council of the Australian National University from 1946 to 1951 – becoming the University's first graduate when he was awarded an honorary law doctorate. In 1983, the two Halls combined to become Burton & Garran Hall.

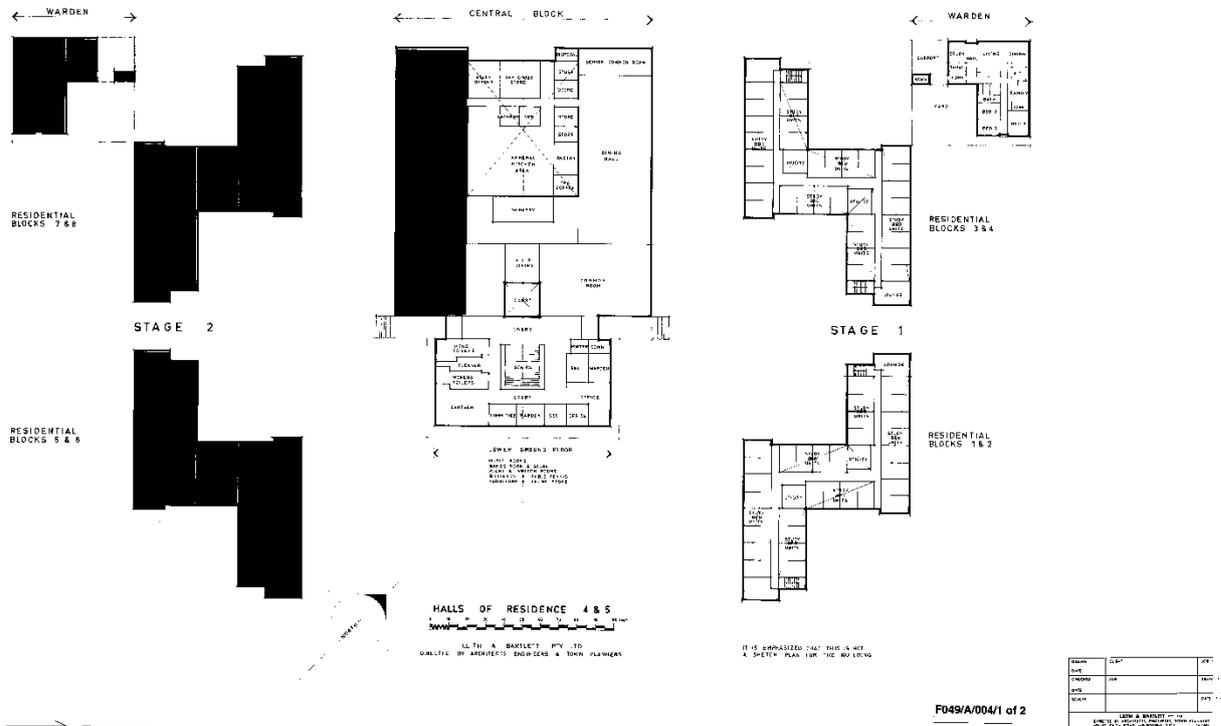


Figure 4: Site plan of Burton and Garran Halls Stage one, including residential blocks and Central Administration Block and allowance for Stage Two. Plans drawn by Leith and Bartlett 1963.

Description of the Burton & Garran Halls

Buildings

Burton & Garran Halls consist of a series of four storey redbrick buildings for residential purposes with a central two storey building for communal activities. Windows are metal framed with tinted glass, top hinging, with fly screens. The roofs are flat with metallic exterior plumbing.

The interior includes vinyl flooring and some carpet tiling, with a combination of painted brickwork and stained timber. The ceiling is plasterboard with modern electrical and light fittings.

Landscape

The landscape of Burton and Garran Halls is mixed with bedded plantings of both natives and exotic species. There also includes mature eucalypts in the vicinity of the buildings and concreted paths running between buildings.

Summary Significance Assessment against the Commonwealth Heritage criteria

Statement of Significance

N/A

Criteria	Brief 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>	Burton and Garran Hall does not meet criterion (a) for historic values.
<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>	Burton and Garran Hall does not meet criterion (b) for rarity values.
<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>	Burton and Garran Hall does not meet criterion (c) for scientific values.
<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>	Burton and Garran Hall does not meet criterion (d) for representative values.

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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>Burton and Garran Hall does not meet 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>Burton and Garran Hall does not meet 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>Burton and Garran Hall does not meet 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>Burton and Garran Hall does not meet criterion (h) for associative values.</p>

Summary Significance Assessment against the Commonwealth Heritage criteria

(i) Indigenous

The place has significant heritage value because of the place's importance as part of Indigenous tradition.

Burton and Garran Hall does not meet criterion (i) for Indigenous values.

Photographs



Figure 5: Burton & Garran Hall main vehicle entrance, including landscaping. (Source: ANU Heritage Office 2012)



Figure 6: View of Burton & Garran Hall Residence Building A. (Source: ANU Heritage Office 2012)



Figure 7: Front foyer of the Central Administrative Building of Burton & Garran Halls, including timber finished staircase and balustrade. (Source: ANU Heritage Office 2012)



Figure 8: Foundations of the Burton & Garran Halls being constructed in 1964. (Source: ANU Archives)

Photographs



Figure 9: Foundations and initial stages of Burton & Garran Halls at July 1964. (Source: ANU Archives)



Figure 10: Burton & Garran Halls' construction almost completed, 1965 (Source: ANU Archives)

Management Issues

Constraints and Opportunities

As Burton and Garran Hall are of low significance, no **constraints** are noted.

The Burton and Garran Hall are ranked as being of 'Low' significance as they contribute to the overall significance/values of the ANU Acton campus, however they do not fulfill 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. Burton and Garran Hall are able to tolerate a moderate amount of change through development.

As Burton and Garran Hall is 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.