

Australian National University

Acton Campus — Site Inventory



Study Item/ Area	Liversidge Court Apartments, 10-12 Liversidge Street
Acton Campus Precinct	LIVERSIDGE Precinct
Building Nos. & Names	78 A-F (Apartments A-F)

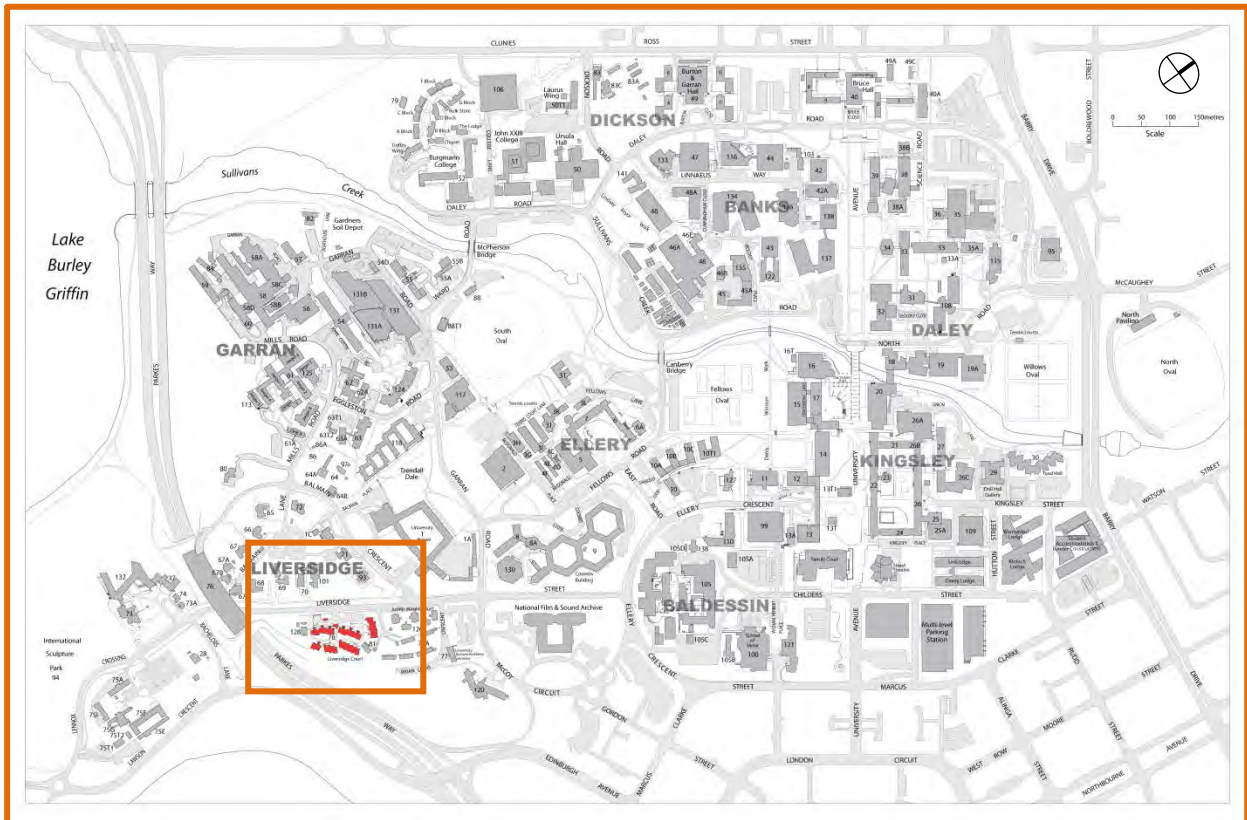


Figure 1: Location of study area within the ANU Acton Campus site.

Heritage Ranking	Liversidge Court Apartments—Neutral—Meets the criteria for Commonwealth Heritage List
Heritage Listing	The Liversidge Court Apartments are not individually listed on the Commonwealth Heritage List (CHL).
Condition—Date	The condition noted here is at February 2012. The buildings are well maintained and are in excellent condition for the purpose of short term accommodation.
Relevant Documentation	There is no current relevant documentation.

Context of the Buildings

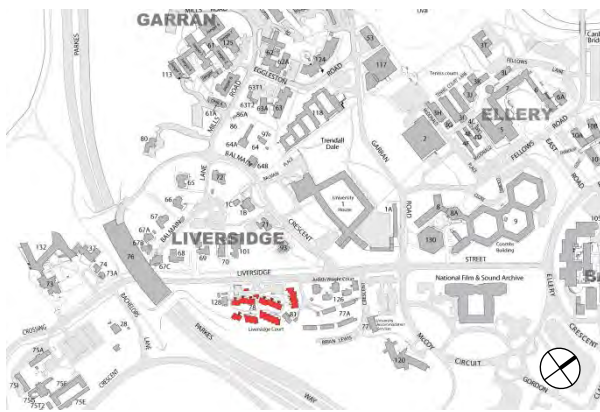


Figure 2: Liversidge Court apartments in the context of the Liversidge and Ellery precincts.

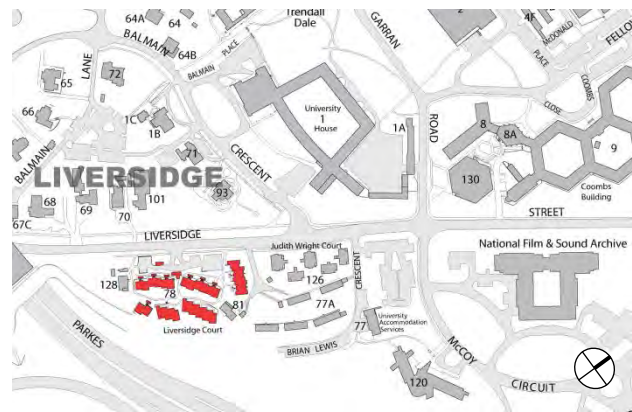


Figure 3: Liversidge Court apartments in relation to University House and the National Film and Sound Archive.

Brief Historical Overview

The Liversidge Court Apartments were constructed in 1989 by Playoust Constructions and designed by John Playoust. The Court is currently in use as short term accommodation for visitors to the ANU.

Architecturally, the design is reminiscent of the Sydney School or 'Nuts and Berries' style of architecture common throughout the 1960s.

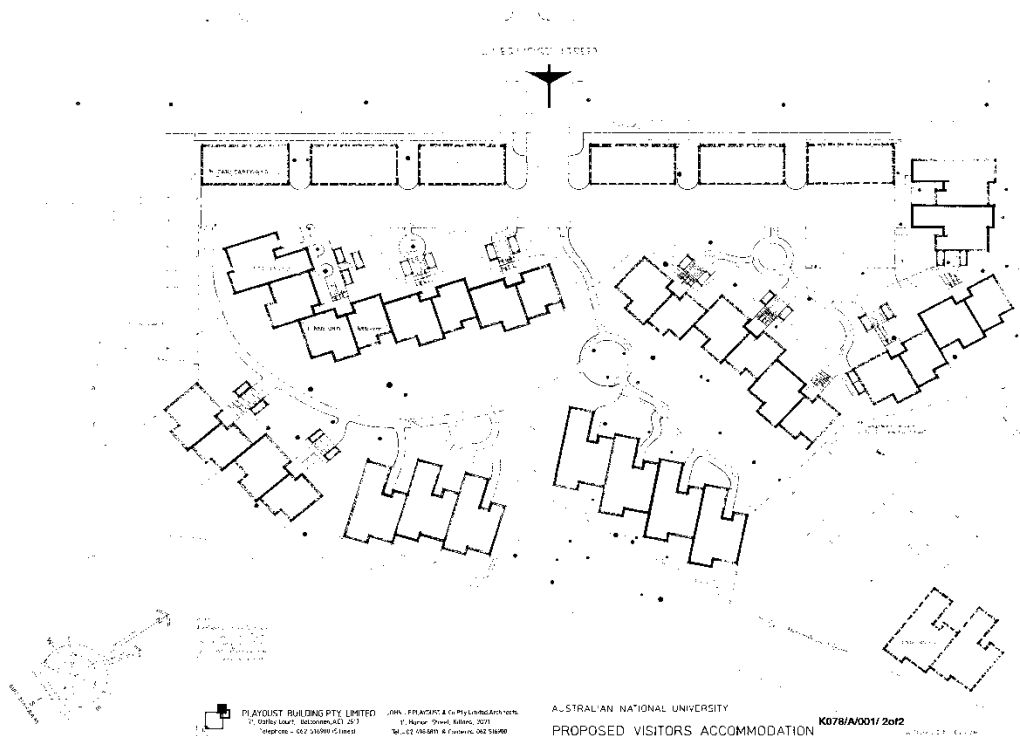


Figure 4: Proposed layout of the Liversidge Court Apartments drafted October 1986 by John Playoust of Playoust Building.

Description of the Liversidge Court Apartments

Buildings

The buildings are double storey light brick with terracotta roof tiles. Windows are glass with red, powder coated aluminium casements. They have multiple opening styles. Stairs are metal framed with concrete treads, metal balustrades and stained wooden rails. Internally the buildings consist of plasterboard walls and ceilings with mostly carpet interior and tile and vinyl flooring in wet areas with modern fixtures and fittings.

Landscape

The landscape consists of bedded gardens with native shrubs and leaf litter style mulch. Includes semi mature eucalypts.

Significance Assessment against the Commonwealth Heritage criteria

Statement of Significance

N/A

Criteria	Assessment
(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.	Liversidge Court does not meet CHL criterion (a) for historic values.
(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.	Liversidge Court does not meet CHL criterion (b) for rarity values
(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.	Liversidge Court does not meet CHL criterion (c) for scientific values

Significance Assessment against the Commonwealth Heritage criteria

<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>Liversidge Court does not meet CHL criterion (d) for representative values</p>
<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>Liversidge Court does 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>Liversidge Court does 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>Liversidge Court does not meet CHL criterion (g) for social values</p>

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(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.

Liversidge Court does not meet CHL criterion (h) for associative values

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

Liversidge Court does not meet CHL criterion (i) for Indigenous values

Photographs



Figure 5: Front view of Liversidge Court Apartments. (Source: ANU Heritage Office 2012)



Figure 6: View of Liversidge Court Apartments. (Source: ANU Accommodation Website <http://accom.anu.edu.au/UAS/193.html>)

Significance Assessment against the Commonwealth Heritage criteria



Figure 7: View of the interior of Liversidge Court Apartments lounge area. (Source: ANU Accommodation Website <http://accom.anu.edu.au/UAS/193.html>)



Figure 8: View of the interior of Liversidge Court Apartments bedroom area (Source: ANU Accommodation Website <http://accom.anu.edu.au/UAS/193.html>)

Management Issues

Constraints and Opportunities

As The Liversidge Court Apartments are of neutral significance, no **constraints** are noted.

These buildings are ranked as being of 'Neutral' significance as they do not embody, reflect or demonstrate Commonwealth or National Heritage values. The buildings make no contribution to the site nor do they detract from the overall heritage values of the ANU Acton campus.

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 Liversidge Court Apartments are able to tolerate a substantial amount of change through development. Removal of neutral elements is not necessary unless it allows for heritage values of the campus to be regained, reinforced or conserved.

As The Liversidge Court Apartments are of neutral 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.