

Subject to this variation the Committee approved generally of the colour scheme. Mr. Harris indicated that he was not in agreement with the scheme and asked that this be recorded.

GRIFFITH: WAR SERVICE HOMES SECTIONS 63-8

A communication from the Director of Works addressed to the Secretary, Department of the Interior, was received - Reference C. 25034 - with which was forwarded a sketch showing a proposal for the siting of 20 War Service Homes in an area in Griffith facing Captain Cook Crescent and between Bremer, Wild and La Perouse Streets.

The Committee referred to its previous consideration of the planning of this area when it was disclosed that this country was considered excellent quality for buildings of a good type, in regard to which many persons had made enquiries.

The Committee had then expressed its opinion that the area should be reserved for larger type houses and that private enterprise should be given an opportunity to take up blocks therein.

The Executive Member pointed out that the average type of War Service Home was very reduced in cost, accommodation and general standard and, in his opinion, this particular area would be unsuitable for such development.

As a result of the discussion the Committee resolved that it would not be desirable to allocate blocks in the area in question for the usual type of War Service Home.

CANBERRA DEVELOPMENT:

A communication addressed to the Secretary, Department of the Interior - Ref. C. 24366 - was received from the Director of Works, and covered a copy of Plan TP 52/48, showing areas proposed for residential development to meet the housing requirements of part of the anticipated population growth of 30,000 for the next ten years.

The plan showed areas which are now the subject of detailed planning, as the result of discussion with the Committee, to meet expansion during the next few years. The Director of Works explained that the areas coloured light pink demand provision for engineering services.

The Committee noted the information contained in the plan and requested that a copy be filed in its records.


NARRABUNDAH: DEMOUNTABLE HOUSING AREA: PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

A communication from the Director of Works - Ref. C. 25034 - covering sketch drawing A.C.T. 17498, depicting a suggested building to provide community facilities for the demountable area at Narrabundah, was considered.

The proposal had been developed as a result of discussion at the previous meeting, and Sketch Drawing No. 17947 indicated proposed development of the community section of the area.

The Committee observed that provision had been made to include a Mothercraft Centre and space for additional community facilities as additions to the recreation hall. The construction proposed was "econo" steel framework, pressed metal roof covering and external finish of cement render or impregnated fibre board.

In considering the proposals shown in Sketch A.C.T. 17498, the Committee felt that there was the same objection to the position of the kitchen as had been indicated in the plan previously prepared. It considered that there would be inconvenience in giving service in the main hall from the kitchen through the main entrance. It would be desirable to reverse the positions of the kitchen and women's lavatory and store in order that provision might be made for access from the kitchen into the main hall for service without traversing the main vestibule or the passageway leading to the Mothercraft Centre.



The Executive Member proposed that further consideration be given, also, to the Hobbies Room, after a review of the requirements for the various activities likely to be undertaken therein.

It was resolved to suggest that the design be reconsidered, in line with these views.

COMMONWEALTH
BANK PREMISES:
GRIFFITH:
(MANUKA):

The Executive Member presented for the Committee's consideration correspondence received from the Commonwealth Bank and also from the Treasury in relation to the urgency for providing accommodation for Commonwealth Bank purposes at Manuka Centre, Griffith.

He reminded the Committee that some years ago Block 3 of Section 1A, Griffith, had been tentatively reserved for the purpose of a Commonwealth Bank, the scheme contemplating a balanced development on either side of the Capitol Theatre, by allotting Block 1 for a Post Office, the general idea being that the flanking buildings should be designed in general harmony and in relation to the theatre.

The Commonwealth Bank, in its correspondence, indicated its willingness to erect a temporary building of standard type if authority for the provision of a permanent building could not be granted at the present time.

After reviewing the matter in connection with recent proposals for a Post Office in the same area the Committee resolved to recommend as follows:

- (i) that Block 3 of Section 1A, Griffith, be allotted for the purposes of a building for the Commonwealth Bank of Australia;
- (ii) that approval be not given for the erection of a temporary building in the proposed location;
- (iii) that a permanent building be designed in architectural conformity with the Post Office proposed for erection on Block 1 of Section 1A in order that a unified building group may be achieved;
- (iv) that sympathetic consideration be given to the proposal for erecting such a permanent building for the Commonwealth Bank as soon as practicable.

COMMONWEALTH
BANK PREMISES:
KINGSTON:

In connection with the consideration of the allocation of Blocks 11 and 12, Section 22, Kingston, for building purposes the Committee was requested by the Executive Member to note that the Commonwealth Bank had made urgent representations in regard to the necessity for providing a building for its activities near the Kingston shopping centre.

As in the case of Manuka the Commonwealth Bank had indicated its willingness to erect one of its type buildings of temporary construction or alternatively to proceed with the construction of a permanent building subject to a suitable site being provided and a building permit issued for this purpose.

Reference was made by members of the Committee to the scheme to which preliminary consideration had been given and which provided for the erection of banking and professional chambers on Block 11. The Commonwealth Bank had been willing, if such chambers had been erected, to lease a section for its purposes. Difficulties in relation to the use of the land for the proposed purpose, owing to objections lodged by residential lessees in Section 22, might be responsible for holding up the scheme for the proposed banking and professional chambers and the Committee considered an alternative which might enable the bank to proceed more rapidly with an independent scheme for the provision of a building for its requirements.

