

## Government House, Canberra

Government House Canberra, the Governor-General's Canberra residence, was purchased by the Commonwealth in 1913. The main residence, a fine three-storey building, had been the homestead of the Yarralumla property. Used as living quarters for visiting dignitaries, such as members of parliament, in the years of Canberra's construction, the Yarralumla residence underwent extensive alterations and additions during 1925–26 to equip it as the Governor-General's residence on the relocation of the seat of government to Canberra in 1927. Further alterations were made to the building in 1936.

### Records relating to Government House

The National Archives in Canberra holds a range of architectural plans and drawings that document the alterations and additions to the Yarralumla residence. Examples of these are included in the tables that follow.

### Architectural drawings for Government House

Title or description of record	Date range	Series, item number
<u>Architectural drawings with AA prefix</u>	1925–28	A2501
<u>Details of picture rails</u>	1925–30	A2501, AA155
<u>Alterations to Porte Cochere Official Entrance</u>	1925–30	A2501, AA157
<u>ADC quarters – Pilasters to entrance</u>	1925–30	A2501, AA196
<u>New stable block – amended plan</u>	1925–30	A2501, AA201
<u>Suggested sites for conservatory and fuel shed</u>	1925–30	A2501, AA329
<u>Stable block boiler</u>	1925–30	A2501, AA338
<u>Sentry box</u>	1925–30	A2501, AA472
<u>Architectural drawings with AC prefix</u>	1925–31	A2503
<u>Half inch detail of east elevation (AC917)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 4
<u>Details of entrance and vestibule (AC918)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 4
<u>Alterations and additions (AC919)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 4
<u>Joinery details, windows to dining room (AC946)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 5
<u>Doors and sidelights to official entrance (AC949)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 5

<u>Alterations to gables (AC950)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 5
<u>Joinery details – Secretary’s Office (AC952)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 5
<u>Joinery details – servants’ quarters (AC953)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 5
<u>Government House – alterations and additions (AC476)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 3
<u>Details of boiler room (AC908)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 4
<u>New stable block(AC910)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 4
<u>Fire places in Governor-General’s and ADC’s room (AC911)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 4
<u>Details of ceilings, first and second floors – main building (AC913)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 4
<u>Details of stairs to lookout on main roof (AC915)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 4
<u>ADC’s quarters (AC922)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 4
<u>Alterations to bays, first floor (AC934)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 5
<u>Full size detail (AC936)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 5
<u>Details of doors and windows to Governor-General’s room (AC938)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 5
<u>Details of fireplace and mantles to drawing room (AC945)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 5
<u>Detail of veranda near Private Secretary’s room (AC956)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 5
<u>Government House – cottages (AC1401)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 7
<u>Detail of conservatory (AC1500)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 7
<u>Entrance gates – Royal Coat of Arms (AC1538)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 8
<u>Entrance gates – Australian Coat of Arms (AC1539)</u>	1913–30	A2503, folder 8
<u>Architectural drawings with AF prefix</u>	1925–30	A2505
<u>Full size detail of cornice</u>	1925–30	A2505, AF541
<u>Detail of box framed windows</u>	1925–30	A2505, AF571
<u>Detail of balcony</u>	1925–30	A2505, AF521
<u>Detail of joinery</u>	1925–30	A2505, AF561
<u>Architectural drawings with AG prefix</u>	1930	A2506
<u>Staircase</u>	1930	A2506, AG209
<u>Detail of dining room</u>	1930	A2506, AG198
<u>Servants’ quarters</u>	1930	A2506, AG207
<u>Alterations and additions to stable block</u>	1930	A2506, AG202
<u>Aperture cards for ACT architectural plans and drawings</u>	1921–59	A9663
<u>Amended site plan</u>	undated	A9663, 10875
<u>Installation of dumb waiter</u>	undated	A9663, 15808
<u>Extension to 2nd floor fire escape</u>	undated	A9663, 15862
<u>Details to staff cottage</u>	undated	A9663, 17790
<u>Drainage scheme</u>	undated	A9663, AC939
<u>Staircase</u>	undated	A9663, AF51

Box framed windows	undated	A9663, AF57
Servants' quarters	undated	A9663, AG207
Alterations and additions	undated	A9663, 9956A
Reception room	undated	A9663, 10626
New fireplace – sitting room	undated	A9663, 21929