



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**

OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

### PERMANENT ENTRY

1. **DATA BASE No.** 0344
2. **NAME** *Leschenault Homestead* (1846, 1854-74)
3. **LOCATION** Lot 963 Estuary Drive, Vittoria
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Portion of Lot 963 on Deposited Plan 220558 being part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3115 Folio 894 as shown on Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing A.910 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Bunbury
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia  
(Responsible Agency: Bunbury Port Authority)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	19/05/1992
	Permanent Entry	20/12/2011
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	06/04/1970
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	31/07/1996
• Register of the National Estate:	Permanent	21/03/1978
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*Leschenault Homestead*, comprising the original wattle and daub weatherboard clad cottage (c.1846), the main single-storey building (c.1854-70) of weatherboard clad adobe and shingles, the original round stone water tank, and the grounds and setting, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place has important historical associations with the Wakefieldian Australind settlement scheme and with prominent people engaged in that settlement;

the place is important as being a former centre of the colonial government of the Bunbury region;

the place is important for its evidence of historical development phases of the City of Bunbury and the South West Region, including its farming and timber industries;

the place has the potential, through the use of archaeological methods, to yield information about the lives of the former occupants of the site providing a rich source of information about early colonial life in Western Australia;

the place has a wide range of buildings, including rare wattle and daub buildings, evidence of the importation of prefabricated buildings of that era and a remarkable collection of water collection and storage structures;

the place is aesthetically and historically important, for the exotic gardens immediately surrounding the homestead, bordered by the working yards of the farm and situated in a natural bushland and riverine setting;

the place was located within easy access to the convict-built old Coast Road, which was the main route between Bunbury and Australind; and,

the place is socially important for its recreational value to the local community and contributes to the community's sense of place and social cohesion.