



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Interim Entry

1. **NUMBER** 2680
2. **NAME** *McNess Guest House*
3. **DESCRIPTION OF ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY (GENERAL)**

The Register entry includes McNess Guest House and the land on which it stands, being part of Swan Location 11544 on Reserve 9868, as defined in Heritage Council drawing number YNP-3.

After the Park was taken over by the State Gardens Board in 1931 work began on construction of a Lodge, which was completed the following year. It was of stone and incorporated in it was the original small cottage, also of stone, called Cave House and possibly built during the tenure of the Caves Board. The name was given to honour Sir Charles McNess whose donations helped establish the Park and give employment in depression years.

At the back of the building is a large living room with a fireplace at one end and leadlight windows along the side opening onto a verandah, which is now enclosed.

The future of the building is uncertain and it is not in use except for a small area at the front which serves as a kiosk for sale of snacks, drinks, etc.

4. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Wanneroo
5. **LOCATION** Yanchep National Park, Yanchep
6. **OWNER**
7. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE (ASSESSMENT IN DETAIL)**

The place has been assessed by the National Trust of Australia (WA) and has been entered in the Register of that body as a classified building with the following statement of significance:

The building is important as the first accommodation for visitors to the Park and for its connection with Sir Charles McNess. Incorporated in it is the original Cave House. The style of the building is in character with the Inn. Gloucester Lodge and the Administration Building and few structures of this type now remain.

8. **REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES
(DATE OF GAZETAL)**

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9. CONSERVATION ORDER

10. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

11. REFERENCES

National Trust Assessment Exposition