



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 03933
2. **NAME** *Bullabulling Rock Water Catchment & Dams (1894-1898)*
3. **LOCATION** Reserve 2919, Bullabulling
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 100 on Deposited Plan 235169 being the whole of Reserve 2919 and the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume: 3123 Folio: 776
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Coolgardie
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia
(Vested in the Western Australian Railways Commission now known as the Public Transport Authority)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 19/03/2004
Permanent Entry 13/08/2004
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 15/10/1998
 - Register of the National Estate: -----

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bullabulling Rock Water Catchment & Dams, an extensive granite outcrop with a soak, a network of rock catchment walls, various slab rock channels and two dams, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is highly important for its key role as a water source, firstly for travellers on the Goldfields' Road, and then as a water source for the steam locomotives of the Eastern Goldfields Railway line from 1895 to c.1956, supporting the development of the eastern and northeastern goldfields;

the place is a dynamic cultural feature in a harsh natural environment, exhibiting a creative response to water collection, storage and supply by way of a soak, rock catchment walls, channels and dams;

the place symbolises the importance of water in the goldfields district in particular and Western Australia in general;

the man made features of the place complement and contrast with the natural environment, with low scale meandering rock catchment walls, slab rock channels, picturesque water filled dam and raised dam embankments, all providing a built aesthetic on the otherwise harsh natural goldfields landscape;

the place is associated with Public Works Department engineer William Herbert Shields who designed the place, together with other similar railway water supply facilities between Northam and Coolgardie;

the innovative design and construction of the place demonstrate high technical and engineering achievement, and have the capacity to provide information on processes associated with steam trains and the railways that are no longer practiced;

the place is a good representative example of an 1890s railway water supply facility utilising a rock catchment, and represents an innovative example of engineering associated with the use of local materials; and,

the place, together with Bullabulling Tavern, is all that remains of the built form of Bullabulling township.