



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

### Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 04151
2. **NAME** *Yanchep National Park* (late 1800s, 1907, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1936, c1946, 1948, 1949, late 1950s, 1961, 1962, 1965, 1966, 1971, 1979, c1980, 1981, 1990s, 2000, 2001)
3. **LOCATION** 3499 Wanneroo Road, Yanchep
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Lot 13711 on Diagram 90753 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3118 Folio 186, Lot 13712 on Deposited Plan 194893 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3118 Folio 187 and Lot 11544 on Deposited Plan 217799 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3093 Folio 635 together comprising the whole of Reserve 9868.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Wanneroo
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia  
(Management Order to Conservation Commission of Western Australia)  
(Lease to Yanchep Inn Nominees Pty Ltd as to portion of Lot 11544 only)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places:

Gloucester Lodge & Poi	16/06/1992
(Interim)	
Yanchep Inn Hot	16/06/1992
(Interim)	
Tram Cottages (Interim)	16/06/1992
McNess Guest Hous	16/06/1992
(Interim)	
Ghost House Ruin	16/06/1992
Chauffeur's Room	
Garage (Interim)	
Administration Buildin	16/06/1992
(Interim)	
Army Bunkers – Rad	16/06/1992
Installation (Interim)	
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- National Trust Classification: Gloucester Lodge & Pool 06/04/1987  
(Classified)  
Yanchep Inn Hotel 06/04/1987  
(Classified)  
Tram Cottages 06/04/1987  
(Classified)  
McNess Guest House 06/04/1987  
(Classified)  
Ghost House Ruin 06/04/1987  
Chauffeur's Room  
Garage (Classified)  
Administration Building 06/04/1987  
(Classified)  
Army Bunkers – Radar Installation 06/04/1987  
(Classified)
- Town Planning Scheme: -----
- Municipal Inventory: (Adopted) Gloucester Lodge & Pool 25/05/1994  
Yanchep Inn Hotel 25/05/1994  
Tram Cottages 25/05/1994  
McNess Guest House 25/05/1994  
Ghost House Ruin 25/05/1994  
Chauffeur's Room  
Garage  
Administration Building 25/05/1994  
Army Bunkers – Radar Installation 25/05/1994  
Yanchep National Park 25/05/1994  
Avenue of Trees 25/05/1994  
Crystal Cave 25/05/1994
- Register of the National Estate: McNess Guest House 08/04/1988  
(permanent)

## 8. CONSERVATION ORDER

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## 9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

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## 10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

*Yanchep National Park*, a recreation area comprising an open woodland park, lakes, caves, natural bushland and landscaped gardens, together with army bunkers and built structures of limestone, imitation 'half-timbering', and tile, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place contains *Yanchep Inn*, *Gloucester Lodge*, *McNess Hostel*, the *Administration Building* and other built structures, which form a significant precinct characterized by a homogeneity of materials and forms established in the 1930s using local materials and motifs of the Inter-War Old English and Inter-War California Bungalow styles;

the place has aesthetic value arising from the contrast between the ornamental, open park landscape, complete with lakes and numerous built structures, and the natural bushland within which it is set;

the place demonstrates the community's fascination with caves in the nineteenth century which often led to their exploration and opening as tourist sites and is representative of the development of areas adjacent to caves to support recreational visitation;

the place has provided a recreational experience for many Western Australians since its official opening in 1931, and many have a feeling of proprietary interest over the Park, similar to that felt for Kings Park, the caves at Yallingup and Rottneest;

the place demonstrates the principles of the Garden City and City Beautiful movements of the 1920s and 1930s with the emphasis on 'taming' the natural environment and modifying the landscape;

the place is associated with Government employee Louis Shapcott and businessman and benefactor Sir Charles McNess, who were instrumental in the development and promotion of the Park as a public facility;

the place is associated with Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester, who stayed at the Park in 1934;

the place is associated with Sir George Grey, Sir John Septimus Roe and Governor Hutt, who were the first recorded Europeans to explore the caves at Yanchep;

the place was occupied by the RAAF Radar Squadron during World War II who used *Yanchep Inn* and *Gloucester Lodge* for the No. 4 Convalescent Unit and the No. 4 Medical Rehabilitation Unit;

the place demonstrates Western Australian Government attempts to provide work during the Depression with assistance from private funds; and,

the place is the site of the first 'Ranger Training Course' held in the state in the 1960s.

The Park Staff Office, Chawn Mia Tearooms, Koala Enclosure, Wangi Mia, Golf Course Clubhouse, Motel units to the south of *Yanchep Inn* and the roads and parking areas are considered to be of little significance.