



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **NUMBER** 0032

2. **NAME** *Strawberry Hill Farm & Gardens*

3. **DESCRIPTION OF ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY (GENERAL)**

The old farm is a fine early example of a country gentleman's residence and estate, comprising a main residence and associated ancillary buildings. The composition is asymmetrical and the stone construction is clearly evident, with grey slate roofs complementing the earth colours of the walls. The main residence is two storey and entry is via a central vestibule which connects the larger and smaller buildings. Particularly important are the mature trees and landscaping of the entrance drive and the old orchard.

4. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Albany (T)

5. **LOCATION** Middleton Rd, Albany

Lot Pt 19 P 190

Albany Lot 1105, Reserve 24684

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 held by that body as a classified building with the following statement of significance:

The farm dates from 1827 when it was a government garden supplying the military detachment at King George Sound and is one of the earliest cultivated sites in Western Australia. It was turned into a country residence and estate by Sir Richard Spencer in 1833. It is significant for its architectural/technical accomplishment and demonstration of a way of life as well as having historical significance and scarcity value.

The place has also been assessed by the Australian Heritage Commission and has been entered in the Register of the National Estate with the following statement of significance:

Strawberry Hill is historically significant as the first farm in Western Australia, being originally a government farm established in 1827 as a military outpost. The present house has a two storey portion erected in 1836 with historical associations with Sir Richard Spencer who resided at the farm from 1833 to 1889. In the period from then until 1956 there are historical associations with the Bird family. Francis

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Bird, who was an architect, renovated the old portion of the house in 1889 and his work is evident today.

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

Interim Entry 17/7/1992

Permanent Entry 2/7/1993

9. CONSERVATION ORDER

10. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

11. REFERENCES

National Trust Assessment Exposition
Register of the National Estate