



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 3644
2. **NAME** *Cheyne's Beach Whaling Station* (1952-1979)
OTHER NAME Albany Whaling Station, Whaleworld
3. **LOCATION** Frenchman Bay, King George Sound, Albany
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 That part of Plantagenet Location 7620, being a part of Crown Reserve 36721 and being part of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3083 Folio 162 as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 3644 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing and Cruickshank Pty. Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Albany
6. **OWNER** Shire of Albany.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 27/02/1998
 Permanent Entry 15/05/1998
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: -----
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Cheyne's Beach Whaling Station, an industrial site formerly used for processing whales, comprising a number of large steel and concrete sheds and workshops, smaller timber-framed offices and amenities buildings, as well as tanks and boilers, and comprising the whale chasing vessel, *Cheyne IV*, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is the most tangible evidence of the mid-twentieth century history of whaling in the Albany region and is of local, national and

international importance as a rare example of a largely intact whaling station complex;

the place is an important element of the maritime history of the Albany region and of the history of whaling in the region, which extends back to the early nineteenth century;

the place is historically significant as a regional industry developed at a time when its international counterpart was centred on Albany;

as a surviving industrial complex, the place is important as an educational resource for demonstrating the processing of whales; and,

the place is of social value to the people who built the station and operated it, its vessels and aircraft.

Other buildings on the site are the Visitor Centre and Museum building. The Visitor Centre, a large brick building located to the north of the Station, is used as the entrance to Whaleworld with visitor facilities, cafe, display and exhibition areas and souvenir shop. The Museum is located on the western extremity of the site, away from the Station proper and houses aircraft used for whale spotting, a number of other aeroplanes unrelated to the Whaling Station, and associated artifacts. A recently constructed pergola is considered intrusive. The timber floor of the Cutting Up Deck is currently being replaced using the wrong materials.