HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 1127

2. NAME *Wilkinson Homestead* (1912)
OTHER NAMES Orange Tree Farm; City Of Gosnells Museum

3. LOCATION Lot 101, Homestead Road, Gosnells

4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY
Lot 101 on Diagram 50481, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1444 Folio 420.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Gosnells

6. OWNER City of Gosnells.

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	27/11/1998
	Permanent Entry	26/02/1999
• National Trust Classification:		----------
• Town Planning Scheme:		----------
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	11/12/1998
• Register of the National Estate:		----------

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

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9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

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10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Wilkinson Homestead, a brick and corrugated iron building constructed in the Federation Bungalow style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is representative of the development of the Gosnells district from the turn of the Twentieth Century, both as a residential area and a major citrus producing area;

the place is important for its historic associations with John Wilkinson, one of the first fruit growers in the district;

the place provides a good example of the type of dwelling owned by a middle class businessman who, by virtue of his personal wealth,

could subscribe to the popular Arcadian ethos of the period, whilst contributing to the agricultural development of the district;

the place is highly valued by the local community for its use as a community meeting place and local history museum;

the place has aesthetic characteristics valued by the community and contributes to the community's sense of place; and,

the place has the potential to enhance an understanding of the district's land use from pre-European settlement to the present.

Although the agricultural shed, outhouse and laundry do not add to the significance of the place, they support its use as a museum. The preservation of the adjacent land in John Okey Davis Park increases understanding of the land uses in the area, including those prior to European settlement because of artefacts found there.

The Orchard no longer exists in its original location. A few remnant trees have been relocated in the 'Heritage Orchard' at the rear of the homestead; however, these are not considered to have cultural heritage significance.