



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 08604
2. **NAME** *Whitby Falls Hostel* (c. 1854; 1897; c. 1899; 1900s; 1930s; 1958; 1963; 1970s; 1980s)
OTHER NAMES Whitby Falls Estate; Whitby/Whitby Falls Lunatic Asylum; Whitby/Whitby Falls Hospital for the Insane; Whitby/Whitby Falls Home
3. **LOCATION** South Western Highway, Whitby
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Portion of Lot 4590 on Deposited Plan 226079 being part of Reserve 7125 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3120 Folio 558
Portion of Lot 4589 on Deposited Plan 226080 being part of Reserve 7125 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3120 Folio 557
Portion of Lot 4594 on Deposited Plan 248376 being part of Reserve 7125 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3120 Folio 562
Portion of Lot 4592 on Deposited Plan 249323 being part of Reserve 7125 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3120 Folio 560
Lot 4591 on Deposited Plan 245403 being part of Reserve 7125 and the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3120 Folio 559
as shown on Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing 8604 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia
(Management Order to the Minister for Health)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Permanent Entry	16/05/2008
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	31/07/2000
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Whitby Falls Hostel, comprising the remains of Whitby Falls Residence (1854), stone and iron construction Toolshed (1900), stone and iron construction Stables (1930s), stone and construction Stores and Poultry Runs and Sheds and Cool Room (1934), a brick and iron Incubator Room (1934), brick and tile Hostel (1958 and 1963) and former Staff Quarters (1963), brick and tile Deputy Head, Cook (c.1971), and Farm Manager's Cottages (c.1971), brick and corrugated asbestos Dairy (1972), and Sheds (various post c.1970), a dam (1996) in a picturesque setting that includes Whitby Falls to the east, two brooks, orchards, a pine tree grove, and numerous tree plantings, had cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place was the longest operating facility in Western Australia for the care and treatment of mental illness, particularly long-term care for men in a rural setting, offering such services from 1897 to 2006;

the place is significant for its association with the farming history of the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale since the 1840s and with local pioneering families, and has the potential to reveal information about colonial farming techniques;

the remaining collection of farm buildings, combined with their setting and the remains of the original house have strong aesthetic value for their simple brick and stone walling and elegant appearance in a picturesque rural setting; and,

Whitby Falls is a readily recognisable natural landmark feature viewed from the South West Highway.

The metal-framed sheds are of little significance and noxious garden escapees are intrusive.