



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 2867
2. NAME. *Balladong Farm Group* (1831+)
3. LOCATION Cnr Avon Terrace & Parker Road, York
4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY
Lot 12 on Plan 10990 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1399 Folio 919, and Lot 9 on Diagram 13502 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1102 Folio 705.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of York
6. OWNER Shire of York
7. HERITAGE LISTINGS
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 14/05/1996
 - Permanent Entry 08/10/1996
 - National Trust Classification: 01/05/1985
 - Shire of York Town Planning Scheme: 18/03/1983
 - Appendix 7
 - Municipal Inventory: 16/10/1995
 - Register of National Estate: 21/03/1978
8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
Balladong Farm Group comprising farm site (1831) and associated fencing, farm gates, timber and iron milking shed, stockyards, timber and thatch animal shelters and piggery, stone and shingle stables (1850s), brick and shingle granary (1850s), timber and shingle shearing shed and rendered brick and shingle butchers shop (1850s, 1885), site of the slaughter house, mill ruins, ruined building, Heal's cottage (original footings and floor), orchard, site of the hay shed, and site of the chaff shed, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place was the first inland farm in the Swan River Colony, following settlement of the Avon Valley in 1831;

the place comprises fine examples of the Old Colonial Georgian style of architecture and has aesthetic value as a unified group of farm buildings set in the landscape;

the place is representative of a phase of agricultural development of the State and the York District;

the place has a close association with settlers William Heal, Henry Bland, and Stephen Parker, who were significant in the establishment of farming activities in York;

the place is highly regarded by the local and general community as a place of aesthetic and historic interest; and,

the place has rarity as a relatively complete example of its type.

Associated historical components, no longer part of *Balladong Farm Group* because of changes in title and boundary, but both significant and relevant to the history and interpretation of the place, are: site of the chaff shed, Bridge House (1860), Balladong House (1890s), and the nearby course of the Avon River.

The modern shed (1979+), toilets (1979+), forge (1979), visitor control building and gift shop, Heal's cottage (reconstruction), interpretation and education centre, modern entrance and carpark, and manager's residence, are considered to have low significance, but contribute to the overall interpretation of the site.