



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 2412
2. **NAME** *Maylands Aerodrome (fmr)* (1923-1963)
PRESENT NAME WA Police Reserve
3. **LOCATION** 2 Swan Bank Road, Maylands
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
(Firstly) Swan Location 7881, being Crown Reserve 41307 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3000 Folio 860. and (secondly) that portion of Swan Location 7880, being a part Crown Reserve 28185 and being part of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3000 Folio 859, and (thirdly) that part of Swan Location 9437, being a part of Crown Reserve 33966 and being part of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3092 Folio 847 as together are defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 2412 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing and Cruickshank Pty. Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Stirling
6. **OWNER** City of Stirling (Reserves 41307 and 33966).
The Crown (Reserve 28185)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	15/05/1998
	Permanent Entry	02/09/1998
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:		-----
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Maylands Aerodrome (fmr), a group of brick, steel and timber framed, corrugated iron and timber clad airfield and police buildings, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place, which commenced operation in 1924, was the birthplace of commercial aviation in Western Australia, was the first permanent aerodrome in Perth and functioned as its principal aerodrome throughout the 1920s, the 1930s and the first half of the 1940s. It also contributed to the national war effort during World War II and continued to be an important facility for general aviation activities until its closure in 1963;

as a government facility, the place formed part of a national civil and defence aviation network and was part of the imperial and interstate air mail service;

the place is associated with many local pioneering aviation companies established in the inter-war period, with the Aero Club of Western Australia and with national organisations such as Australian National Airways, the Aircraft Production Commission, the Bureau of Meteorology and the Department of Civil Aviation;

the group of remaining aerodrome buildings provides physical evidence of the former use of the place and are indicative of the economic and technological level of development of the State at the time they were erected;

the two hangars with curved roofs are distinctive landmarks in the locality when seen at close range; and,

the place is valued by the some members of community for its association with the history of the locality and the State, first as a colonial farm, then an aerodrome and now a police facility; it also has meaning for wartime workers at the aerodrome, former trainees at the Police Academy and police personnel serving at the WA Police Reserve.