



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 1698
2. **NAME** *Boolarly Homestead Group* (c. 1875+)
3. **LOCATION** Beringarra-Pindar Road, about 194 kilometres north, north-east of Pindar.
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
That portion of Nookawarra Location 18, being part of the land comprised in Crown Lease 146/1966 as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 1698 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Murchison
6. **OWNER** Dorothy Mary Richards, Stanley Whitfield Richards and John Whitfield Richards.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register of Heritage Places: • National Trust Classification: • Town Planning Scheme: • Municipal Inventory: • Register of the National Estate: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interim Permanent Classified Adopted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30/05/2000 29/05/2001 02/09/1985 ----- 27/06/1996 -----
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8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Boolarly Homestead Group, comprising a collection of Victorian Georgian buildings, including the main homestead, old store, shepherd's cottage, blacksmith's shop, feed, fuel and windmill rooms, saddle, harness and motorcycle rooms, store, office and bookkeeper's room, jackeroo's quarters, married couple/cook's quarters, meathouse, engine room, cart shed, F. Wittenoom House and other associated buildings and structures, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is unusual in that it is a large collection of largely intact, pastoral buildings. The full development of the property, from the original shepherd's cottage dating from the late 1870s, to the plane hangar of the 1960s, is evident in the built fabric;

the place has considerable aesthetic value, both in the design, scale and materials of the individual elements and as a sizable collection of Victorian Georgian pastoral buildings;

the place is closely associated with the early pastoral settlement of the Murchison Region and with a number of Aboriginal people who worked and lived on the property. The place is has also been associated with the Wittenoom and Lefroy families since 1888;

the place demonstrates considerable achievement in construction in a remote environment through the use of local materials, including stone, mud brick, mulga and ant bed;

the place is associated with builder Alf Couch, well known throughout the Murchison for his unique curved corrugated iron roof constructions;

the place is closely connected with the operations of local government in the Murchison area; and,

the place is highly regarded in the Murchison Region as an important pastoral property.