



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 16819
2. **NAME** *Lesmurdie Group*
CONSISTING : St Brigid's College (1913-21, 1938, 1965, 1967-78, 1971, 1998)
 St Swithun's Church (1909, 1950)
 Lesmurdie House & Estate (c.1906, 1910, 1912, 1913, 1955-6, 1960)
FORMER NAME St Andrew's School, St Andrew's Convalescent Home (St Brigid's College)
3. **LOCATION** 12 Catherine Place, 195 and 200 Lesmurdie Road, Lesmurdie
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 1. That portion of Lot 123 on Diagram 4886 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1778 Folio 916
 Lot 1 on Plan 7081 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 1403 Folio: 696
 2. Lot 300 on Deposited Plan 45638 being the whole of Reserve 5232 and the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3134 Folio 896 and being the subject of Crown Lease 872/1912
 3. Lot 122 on Diagram 71913 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 1776 Folio: 752
 together as are defined on Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey drawing No. 1261 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Kalamunda
6. **OWNER**
 1. St Brigid's Convent of Mercy Perth Inc
 2. State of Western Australia (as to Reserve 5232)
 (Lease Diocesan Trustees of the Church of England)
 3. Perth Diocesan Trustees

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	12/11/2004
	Permanent Entry	28/06/2005
National Trust Classification:		-----
Town Planning Scheme:		-----
Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	21/07/1997
	(as 3 separate places)	
Register of the National Estate:		-----

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Lesmurdie Group, comprising Lesmurdie House & Estate (1910, 1913), a two-storey stone and brick residence in the Federation Queen Anne style, constructed on the site of and as extensions to an 1898 two-room cottage (demolished 1910), with an orchard store and a garden bathing-pool set in expansive landscaped grounds, St Swithun's Church, a single-storey Federation Gothic style church of local laterite stone with brick quoining, and St Brigid's College, a complex of Federation Anglo-Dutch school buildings and grounds, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the group is rare in Western Australia as the heart of a planned village-style community modeled on traditional British class society, funded by and built on land originally owned by local developer, lawyer and State politician Archibald Sanderson, and designed by his brother-in-law, prominent Perth architect George Herbert Parry;

St Brigid's College is a landmark as an elegant complex of Federation Anglo-Dutch buildings, set within an attractive garden setting, and featuring light-coloured smooth walling, picturesque Dutch parapeted gables, and intricately modelled facades with ornate scrolling and round windows;

Lesmurdie House & Estate is a good representative example of a Federation Queen Anne style residence, developed as a private retreat in the hills district east of Perth;

St Brigid's College is a rare as a literal translation of the South African Cape Dutch Revival style into a Western Australian setting;

the group, through its associations with the influential early Sanderson family, and provision of educational, health and religious services, is closely linked to the development of the Kalamunda district in the 20th century, and particularly the locality of Lesmurdie, which derives its name from Lesmurdie House & Estate;

St Swithun's Church is a modest and representative example of a Federation Gothic style church, exhibiting pleasing proportions and simple Gothic details, and set within a bushland garden setting, which combine's with the Church to produce attractive environs;

Lesmurdie House & Estate includes a good example of Federation garden style landscaping, which combines with the nearby native forest to produce pleasing environs;

Lesmurdie House & Estate was chosen by Government officials to accommodate the Duke and Duchess of York for a weekend retreat during their Australian tour in 1927, which generated publicity to boost the growing hills tourism industry in the Interwar years;

St Brigid's College is closely connected with the expansion of Catholic education in Western Australia, and the activities of the Sisters of Mercy in Western Australia, and continues to be part of the Catholic education system to the present (2005); and,

St Brigid's College was used for the provision of care for convalescent returned World War One military personnel.

The lean-to added to the south of Lesmurdie House is intrusive. The verandah infill to the orchard store at the Estate is of some significance but is also intrusive. The single-storey brick and tile Rectory (1987) located immediately east of St Swithun's Church has little significance.