



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 16612
2. **NAME** *Frenchman Bay Whaling Station (ruin)* (1914)
OTHER NAME Norwegian Whaling Station
3. **LOCATION** Whalers Beach, Frenchman Bay Road, Albany
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Portion of Lot 300 on Deposited Plan 46683 being part of Reserve 21337 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3136 Folio 715 and Lot 301 on Deposited Plan 53420 being unallocated Crown land and the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3149 Folio 236 as shown on Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing 16612 (DP53432) prepared by Midland Survey Services.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Albany
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia
(As to Reserve 21337. Management Order to the City of Albany)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

Register of Heritage Places:	Permanent Entry	02/09/2008
National Trust Classification:		-----
Town Planning Scheme:		-----
Municipal Inventory (Vancouver Spring):	Adopted	30/06/2001
Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Frenchman Bay Whaling Station (ruin), has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place has considerable value as an archaeological site, being rare as a place where the original purpose is clearly apparent, thus having the ability to reveal characteristics of the early structures of the place;

the place was established in the 20th century and represented an attempt to re-establish the whaling industry in Western Australia;

the freshwater spring has historical significance with recorded use over more than 200 years, and usage also predating European settlement;

the set of concrete steps built in 1914 has aesthetic value as a rustic and aged element in the natural beach and bush setting; and,

the place is important for its association with the Norwegian and other Scandinavian whaling men who worked in a harsh, noxious and often dangerous industry in an isolated environment.

The buildings associated with the former hostel and caravan park have some significance for their social and historical value but are outdated and substandard for the purpose for which they are intended and are not readily redeemable.