



**HERITAGE
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REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

PERMANENT ENTRY

1. **DATA BASE No.** 04183
2. **NAME** *St Ronan's Well, York (c.1832, 1860s)*
3. **LOCATION** Great Southern Highway, St Ronans
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 1. Part of Reserve 10895 being those portions of Lots 501 & 503 on Deposited Plan 70959 labelled "M" on said plan.
 2. Part of road reserve (closed) running through Reserve 10895 being that portion of Lot 502 on Deposited Plan 70959 labelled "M" on said plan.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of York
6. **OWNER**
 1. State of WA (Management Order – WA National Parks & Reserves Association)
 2. State of WA (Responsible agency – Shire of York)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	01/04/2011
	Permanent Entry	24/06/2011
• National Trust Classification:		02/04/1980
• Town Planning Scheme:	Yes	17/05/1996
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	31/12/1995
• Register of the National Estate:	Permanent	29/09/1982
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

St Ronan's Well, York, comprising a stone lined circular well (c.1832) that has overflowed to form a kidney shaped pool, a circular brick lined well (1862) and archaeological remains that may belong to a convict road party station (1860s) have cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the stone well is understood to be the earliest well constructed along a main transport route in Western Australia to provide water to travellers and stock and is the earliest well constructed on the York Road;

the place is an uncommon example of a well and its associated reserve surviving intact to the present day that is still accessible from the road that it originally served;

the place assisted in the development of the York agricultural district as it was an important source of water for travellers and stock during the twentieth century;

the place is associated with the Convict Establishment in Fremantle and the Royal Engineers, Sappers and Miners who were brought out to Western Australia to assist in the development of a public works program for the colony;

the place has the potential to reveal information about the temporary road party station that was established at the site and used in the 1860s by convicts employed on the repair of the York Road; and,

the place presents as a green oasis with large eucalypt species in an area that is comparatively dry and largely dominated by acacias and other species of low growing trees.