



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 3976
2. **NAME** *Northam Cemetery* (1856+)  
**OTHER NAMES** Pioneer Section; Little Pansy's Tree; Hubert (Harold) Bartlett-Day's Tree.
3. **LOCATION** Katrine Road, Northam
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Avon Location 20511, Northam Suburban Lots N28, N47, N48, N49, N50, 97 and 98 and portion of Avon Location 29200 together being part of Reserve 13238 and being part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3109 Folio 496 and adjacent unnumbered and unnamed road reserve together as shown on Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No. 3976 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Northam & Town of Northam
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia  
(Management Order: Shire of Northam)  
(Responsible Agency as to road: Town of Northam)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	18/03/2005
	Permanent Entry	17/03/2006
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		05/10/1993
• Municipal Inventory:		25/02/1998
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*Northam Cemetery*, a planned burial ground, with a wide variety of grave markers, roads, young and mature plantings, located on a hillside site, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is one of the oldest and longest serving public cemeteries in the State, having operated continuously from 1856 to the present (2005);

the place contains many well crafted fine examples of monumental masonry, as well as complete clusters of monuments and surrounding railings, together with some good mature plantings that collectively have strong aesthetic appeal;

the place contains the remains of individuals and families associated with the opening up of the Avon Valley for pastoral and agricultural purposes from the 1830s, the first major pastoral expansion in the colony, including the Throssells, Chidlows, and Byfields, and generations of the local community from various socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds associated with the development of the Northam district since 1856; and,

as a result of migrant camps in the area the place has a particular concentration of the graves of migrants from the post World War Two period, together with graves of nineteenth century Chinese and Afghan immigrants.

The fabric of the perimeter fences, pergolas, toilets, working shed, car park, and road surfaces and kerbs are of little cultural heritage significance.