



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 15695
2. **NAME** *Soldiers' Park, Collie* (1921-1930; 1990; 2000; 2006)
3. **LOCATION** 316 Johnston Street, Collie
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Part of Reserve 7818 being portion of Lot 316 on Deposited Plan 222272 and being part of the land contained in Crown Land Certificate of Title Volume 3002 Folio 345 as shown on Interest Only Deposited Plan 66952.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Collie
6. **OWNER**
Department for Regional Development and Lands – State Land Services
Management order held by Shire of Collie as Trustees of Reserve 7818
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	02/09/2008
	Permanent Entry	25/05/2010
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:		-----
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Soldiers' Park, Collie, a pentagonal area of landscaped park on the bank of the Collie River, comprising the Collie War Memorial (1921), Honour Avenue planted with mature Camphor Laurel Trees (1921), Commemorative Arch and Gates (1930), Memorial Rose Gardens (1990) and Memorial to Aboriginal Servicemen (2000), with other formal and informal plantings, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is unusual for the variety of memorial forms it includes in one place, being: an obelisk, rose gardens, an honour avenue, a Memorial to Aboriginal Servicemen, and memorial gates;

the Memorial to Aboriginal Servicemen at the place is rare in Australia;

the place is an uncommon example of a war memorial erected in conjunction with the centenary of European settlement in Western Australia;

the place has been the focus of ANZAC Day services since 1921, and is esteemed by the local community as a significant social landmark;

the place is a good representative example of the practice of regional towns erecting war memorials, and includes a memorial to local Victoria Cross recipient, Captain M O'Meara, and to Australia's first Korean casualty, Ken Sketchley; and,

the place is associated with local architect Walter Dobson Pusey who designed both the War Memorial and Commemorative Arch and Gates.

The gazebo is of no heritage significance.