



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 3553
2. **NAME** *Beatty Park Leisure Centre & Beatty Park* (1962, 1994)
FORMER NAME Reserve 884, and Beatty Park Aquatic Centre, City of Perth Aquatic Centre
3. **LOCATION** Vincent Street, Perth
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Swan Location 1618 being the whole of Reserve 884 and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume: 3044 Folio: 188 and portions of Vincent Street and Morriston Street Road Reserves as shown on Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No. 3553 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Town of Vincent
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia
(Management Order to: The Town of Vincent)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 23/01/2004
Permanent Entry 17/12/2004
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 27/11/1995
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Beatty Park Leisure Centre & Beatty Park, a swimming pool complex constructed in brick and concrete with a fibrous cement roof structure in the Late Twentieth Century International style and aquatic leisure centre complex constructed in steel and blockwork, with metal roofs in the Late

Twentieth Century Structuralist style, in a park like recreation ground setting, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the City of Perth Aquatic Centre portion of the place was built as the aquatic centre for the VIIth British Empire and Commonwealth Games, and was the first purpose built aquatic centre in Western Australia designed and built for international competition and one of three major projects undertaken by the City of Perth for the Games, the first such international competition held in Perth;

the City of Perth Aquatic Centre component of the Beatty Park Leisure Centre is a good example of the Late Twentieth Century International style applied to a major sporting facility;

the place was designed by W. A. Mcl. Green, the influential Town Clerk for City of Perth from 1945 to 1966, Milton Boyce, City of Perth Architect, and Lionel H. Steenbohm, Director of Parks and Gardens, who were responsible for the design of a number of the British Empire and Commonwealth Games facilities that played an important role in the success of the games;

Beatty Park was important as one of a number of reserves, parks and gardens developed by the City of Perth between 1896 and 1936; and,

the place is highly valued by the community as one of the older recreational reserves in the metropolitan area, as a significant reminder of the VIIth British Empire and Commonwealth Games, as a swimming centre for the public and schools, and as a well recognised landmark in the Town of Vincent.

The 1994 adaptations of the original City of Perth Aquatic Centre, the later additions to the north of the original complex completed in 1994, together with the associated car park, and the Alfred Spencer Pavilion are of little cultural heritage significance.