



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 16120
2. **NAME** *South Beach Horse Exercise Area (1833 - present)*
OTHER NAME C Y O'Connor Beach
3. **LOCATION** Beach between South Beach and the Power Station, Hamilton Hill and Cockburn
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 1. The whole of Reserve 24787 comprising of Lot 1759 on Deposited Plan 205558 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3139 Folio 27, Lot 1818 on Deposited Plan 205891 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3139 Folio 28 and Lot 1957 on Deposited Plan 240202 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3139 Folio 29
 2. Lot 313 on Deposited Plan 49599 being Sea Bed and unallocated Crown land and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3141 Folio 234 and Lot 314 being Sea Bed and unallocated Crown land and being the whole of the land contained in Crown land Title Volume 3141 Folio 235as defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No 16120 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Cockburn
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia
(As to 1. Management Order to City of Cockburn)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	09/05/2006
	Permanent Entry	30/03/2007
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Entered	August 2004
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
• Register of Aboriginal Sites	(Robb Jetty Camp)	
	Permanent	
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

South Beach Horse Exercise Area, a managed coastal landscape of parks, beach facilities, groynes, public art, fenced and unfenced tracks, dune vegetation and re-vegetation, and a beach with archaeological remains, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place was the site of the first official horse race in Western Australia in October 1833 and has been used for exercise and training of horses, both recreational and sporting, in particular horse racing from that time to the present;

the place was used regularly for horse training by C.Y. O'Connor, Engineer-in-Chief, who died there in 1902, and by the 10th Light Horse Regiment during World War I in preparation for service overseas;

the place has associations with numerous champion horses and outstandingly successful trainers and jockeys;

the place has played an integral part in the history of the horse racing industry in Western Australia, in particular in the 1830s, and in the period from c. 1900 to the mid-1970s, when the industry thrived in Fremantle;

the place includes sites of Aboriginal heritage significance, including mythological sites pre-dating European settlement, and the site of the Aboriginal stockmen's camp at Robb Jetty;

the place is valued by the horse racing community for the integral role it played and continues to play in the lives of many involved in the State's horse racing industry, as commemorated in the public artworks erected at the place in the late 20th century, and by the wider community who value its recreational use as a beach and park; and,

the place is an attractive managed coastal landscape with views to Garden, Carnac and Rottnest Islands, together with vistas to Woodman Point and Fremantle.