



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 05566
2. **NAME** *Avondale Research Station* (1880s+)
Comprising Homestead (1880s)
Stables (1890s)
Silo (1927)
Laboratory (fmr) (1930)

OTHER NAMES Avondale State Farm, Avondale Seed Farm, Discovery Farm
3. **LOCATION** Waterhatch Rd, Beverley
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Portion of Avondale Estate Lot 3 on Land Administration Plan Avon 1380 being part of Reserve 37765 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume: 3093 Folio: 215
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Beverley
6. **OWNER**
State of Western Australia
(Vested in Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Agriculture)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 15/08/2003
Permanent Entry 19/03/2004
 - National Trust Classification: 06/06/1995
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 26/04/1996
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Avondale Research Station, comprising a single storey brick and corrugated iron Homestead (1880s) in the Victorian Georgian style, a vernacular single and double storey corrugated iron Stables (1890s), a vertical concrete grain Silo (1927), a single storey brick and iron former Laboratory (1930), workers'

dwellings (1928 and 1957) and the museum (1979), has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

established as a State Farm in 1919, the place has been a venue for agricultural research since 1924, and was the site of an important research project into braxy-like disease in sheep in the early 1930s, with the research Laboratory constructed specifically for the project;

the place has a landmark quality within its picturesque rural landscape;

the Stables dating from the 1890s feature very well-detailed timber horse stalls and roof structure, and are a rare example of innovative design;

the place is valued for its role in agricultural research and education, born out by the local community's financial contribution to the establishment of the Laboratory in 1930 and the contribution of farm machinery for the Discovery Farm museum in 1979;

the various components that comprise the place demonstrate specific government initiatives in the establishment and the subsequent development of the place as a site of agricultural research and a showcase of rural work and life;

the Avondale property was one of the earliest pastoral properties established in the Beverley district and the farm's development since 1838 has been indicative of and contributed to the development of the area; and

the place contributes to the local and wider community's sense of place for its links to the early settlement of the Avon Valley and for its ongoing contribution to agricultural research and education in the State.

The workshop (former barn), dwelling associated with the Laboratory, weighbridge, and 1979 entry statement are of little significance.

Other buildings of little significance include the various workers' dwellings dated c. 1960s and later that are scattered around the site, steel framed and clad farm sheds in the vicinity of the Stables and workshop and toilet buildings.