



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 3277
2. **NAME** *Araluen Botanic Park* (1931-)  
**FORMER NAME** Araluen Park
3. **LOCATION** Croyden Road, Roleystone
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Canning Location 523, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1747 Folio 741
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Armadale
6. **OWNER** Western Australian Planning Commission
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 29/11/1996  
Permanent Entry 12/12/1997
  - National Trust Classification: 06/06/1990
  - Town Planning Scheme -----
  - Municipal Inventory: 21/08/1995
  - Register of National Estate: 09/09/1992
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*Araluen Botanic Park*, covering approximately 59 hectares straddling the valley of Stinton Creek and consisting of bushland and exotic planting and containing a number of buildings and landscape features, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

it was an early recreational camp for young people in Western Australia and is an example of the work of the Young Australia League, a National organisation founded in Western Australia;

it is the site of a water powered timber mill set up by Hugh Buckingham who took up the land in 1907; it is also associated with J.J. Simons, the founder of the Young Australia League, and with various benefactors such as T.V. Healey, who financed the development of the camp;

the aesthetic characteristics created by the landscape in which the many planted exotic species in a relatively small area contrast markedly with the natural vegetation;

its potential to contribute to an understanding the natural and cultural history of Western Australia as a teaching site and as a type locality, having several plant communities within the area which are closely associated with the soil type and being an example of a phase in the history of domestic architecture in Western Australia;

many of the exotic trees were planted by eminent visitors to Araluen and represent the countries which Y.A.L. boys had visited; and,

the place is an early example of the concept of recreational camps for boys, many of the buildings, paths and roads having been constructed on weekends and holidays by Young Australia League boys who were also responsible for much of the landscaping.

[The Toilet Block, a recently constructed building with corrugated iron roof and cement rendered walls, and a transportable kiosk, both located at the entrance to the park, and a large garden shed (1996) situated east of City of Brisbane Bungalow, are not included as they have no significant historical or architectural qualities.]