



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 0424
2. **NAME** *Wonnerup Precinct* (c.1859 +)
3. **LOCATION** Layman Rd, Busselton
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 Lot 2 on Diagram 45895 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1372 Folio 873 and Sussex Location 4933 being Crown Reserve 33895, the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3099 Folio 262.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Busselton
6. **OWNER** National Trust of Australia (WA)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 14/05/1996
 - Permanent Entry 08/10/1996
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Shire of Busselton Planning Scheme: 04/02/1983
 - Town Planning Scheme No 5, Appendix VII
 - Municipal Inventory 01/06/1996
 - Register of National Estate: 21/03/1978
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Wonnerup Precinct which comprises: House (B1, pre 1859) a limestone and brick walled structure with a timber shingle roof. House (B2 1859+) a limestone walled structure with a timber shingle roof. Blacksmith's Shop (B3) a limestone structure with a corrugated iron roof, Stables (B4) a rubble stone walled structure with a corrugated iron roof, School Room (B7, 1873), Teacher's House (B8, 1884) both timber framed structures clad in Jarrah weatherboards and roofed in timber shingles, Memorial Gates (B10, 1934) of wrought iron, Warden's Cottage (B5, transferred to site in 1972) a timber framed structure clad in weatherboards and roofed with corrugated iron, Tea Rooms (B6, transferred to site in 1972) a timber framed structure clad in

weatherboard and asbestos sheeting, Abergeldie Cottage (B9, 1922, transferred to site in 1984) a timber framed structure with corrugated iron roofing, and the landscape in which the buildings are sited including the various native and introduced trees, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

it demonstrates the principal characteristics of the nineteenth century homesteads associated with the spread of European settlement throughout the south west of Western Australia;

the School Room and Teacher's House demonstrate Government involvement in education in the district between 1872 and 1912;

the place is associated with the opening of the Ballarat timber line in 1871 and the railway link to Busselton in 1895, events which had great impact on the development of the local farming and timber industries;

the place is significant as the site of the spearing of George Layman (the elder) in 1841, an event which illustrates the mixed relationship and attitudes between the local Aborigines and European settlers at the time;

the place is significant for its close association with three generations of the Layman family, with Robert Heppingstone and with the Molloy family;

the nineteenth century buildings have aesthetic qualities valued by the community;

the cultivated gardens surrounding the Homestead and School Room Precincts and the beauty imparted by the Tuart forest to the south and the belt of Melaleuca trees at the edge of the estuary flats contribute to the aesthetic values of the setting

the Homestead and the School Room Precincts have landmark qualities as viewed from Layman Road; and

the introduced buildings, while not being associated with the history of Wonnerup, nevertheless have historical interest in their own right and are of some significance;

The line of *Cupressus sempervirens* ; line of eucalyptus and acacia species; line of eucalyptus species; bore housing; carpark; garden beds lining the south verandah of House B2; fruit tree adjacent to the west verandah of House B2; oval garden bed north of House B2; bamboo clump at north-east boundary; and tree stump south of House B2 are considered to be intrusive elements.

The Public Toilets (1973), Garage and Workshop behind Abergeldie Cottage (1984) are considered to be of little importance.