



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 01088
2. **NAME** *Cowalla Homestead Group* (c. 1852; 1863; 1889; 1891; 1955)
3. **LOCATION** Cowalla Rd, Cowalla
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Portion of Swan Location 465 on Deposited Plan 231047 and being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2223 Folio 389 as shown on Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No. 1088 prepared by Midland Survey Services and dated 18 January 2005.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Gingin
6. **OWNER** Sidney Charles De Burgh & Josephine Ruth Ottaway
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 03/06/2005
Permanent Entry 26/05/2006
 - National Trust Classification: 11/06/1973
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: 17/11/1994
 - Register of the National Estate: 21/03/1978
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Cowalla Homestead Group, comprising a colonial Georgian-style mud brick and iron Homestead, mud brick and iron kitchen, mud brick and iron coach house, mud brick, asbestos and iron cottage, iron worker's dwelling, and mature plantings, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is rare as an intact collection of mid to late nineteenth century mud brick buildings;

the place was an important stopping place on the northern stock route in the nineteenth century, as it is adjacent to a ford on the Moore River used by travellers on the route;

the place is a cohesive collection of farm buildings, including a good, intact and substantial example of a Colonial Georgian style residence, which together with the mature plantings form a picturesque pastoral environment set on the banks of the Moore River;

the place demonstrates the evolution of farming in the region from its initial opening up by European settlers in the 1850s to the present; and,

the place was owned by prominent land owner Robert de Burgh who was Superintendent of the Convict Depot in Toodyay, Director of the Western Australian Bank, and employed 60 ticket of leave men from 1852 until 1873.

The Worker's Dwelling and the post World War II extensions to the cottage are of little significance.

The site of the 1908 bridge over the Moore River at Cowalla Pool is outside the curtilage, approximately one mile southwest of the homestead.