



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Register Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 25664
2. **NAME** *Charcoal Burner Site, Mount Observation*
3. **LOCATION** Mount Observation
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Portion of Lot 1 on Deposited Plan 6754 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2079 Folio 140 as shown on HC Curtilage Map P25664-0.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of York
6. **OWNER AT REGISTRATION**
State of Western Australia
(Responsible Agency: The Water Resources Ministerial Body)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Registered 30/06/2020
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: -----
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
 - Aboriginal Sites Register -----
8. **ORDERS UNDER SECTION OF THE ACT**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Charcoal Burner Site, Mount Observation, an early twentieth century charcoal production site including a ruined kiln structure, charcoal pits, timber cutting areas and remnant metal structures, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is exceptionally rare as a known, extant example of the operation of a small-scale charcoal burning site dating to the twentieth century, utilising natural resources and simple building materials; and represents a way of life no longer practised;

the place demonstrates the ad hoc construction of working in the bush, characterised by inventive use of materials and simple construction techniques;

the place is associated with Western Australia's use and dependence on charcoal, even into the early twentieth century, the utilisation of the forests between Perth and York for a range of products as settlement expanded; and,

the place has archaeological potential that may contribute to the understanding of the methods, construction and economics of charcoal burning in the twentieth century.