

 <p>HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA</p>	<h1 style="text-align: center;">REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Permanent Entry</h2>
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1. **DATA BASE No.** 03568
2. **NAME** *Old Butter Factory, (1918, 1930, 1975-2001)*
OTHER NAME Busselton Butter Factory (fmr), Old Butter Factory Museum
3. **LOCATION** Peel Terrace, Busselton
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 Lots 1 and 2 on Diagram 1723 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 1375 Folio: 11 and Lot 328 on Deposited Plan 153145 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 1021 Folio: 81
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Busselton
6. **OWNER** Shire of Busselton
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register of Heritage Places: • National Trust Classification: • Town Planning Scheme: • Municipal Inventory: • Register of the National Estate: 	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Interim Entry</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20/12/2002</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Permanent Entry</td> <td style="text-align: right;">24/04/2003</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">-----</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-----</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adopted</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20/06/1996</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">-----</td> </tr> </table>	Interim Entry	20/12/2002	Permanent Entry	24/04/2003		-----	Yes	-----	Adopted	20/06/1996		-----
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8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Old Butter Factory, including a brick and weatherboard butter factory building with a corrugated iron roof (1918), a weatherboard and corrugated iron boiler house (c.1930s), smoke stack (1918), and surrounding Vasse Estuary wetlands, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is the oldest of only seven known examples of early butter factory buildings in the State, and contains several important items of equipment from the early period of operation;

the butter factory building is a good example of post WW1 industrial architecture of a simple robust form, reflecting its earlier manufacturing function, and, together with the boiler house and stack, is the most prominent building within the site;

the place was crucial to the early development of Busselton, the local dairy industry and to the local and regional economy. It was assisted by the increase in dairy farming resulting from the post WWI Group Settlement Scheme implemented in the south-west of Western Australia.

the place was important in assisting Western Australia's dairy industry in becoming self sufficient, and in making dairying viable beyond the immediate Perth hinterland;

the place was established by the State government in 1918 to replace an earlier 1898 dairy, which was the first butter factory to be established in Western Australia. Its changing uses to the present reflect the technological changes and growth and decline of the dairy industry in Western Australia in general, and in the south-west in particular; and,

as a community based museum, research centre for the local historical society, and tourist attraction, the place has acquired contemporary social value and contributes to Busselton community's sense of place;

While not significant as individual elements, the relocated Machinery Display Shed, Group Settlement Structures, School and Railway Station contribute to the place as interpretative elements.

The 1990 extension to the current Research Room and the earlier brick extensions to the west end and upper level of *Old Butter Factory* are considered to be of little significance. Modifications and additions to the rear of the building, undertaken by the Busselton Historical Society and the local Pottery Club, and the lean-to additions to the Boiler House and Stack are considered to be intrusive.

The Shearing Equipment display, the toilets and the contemporary Workshop/Store are considered to be intrusive.