



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 00114
2. **NAME** *Wallcliffe House & Landscape (1865, 1988-89)*
3. **LOCATION** Wallcliffe Road, Prevelly
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 1. Lot 1 on Diagram 95797 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2138 Folio 882
 2. Portion of Sussex Location 4862 being part of Reserve 41545 and part of the land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume 3092 Folio 671, portion of Lot 4661 on Deposited Plan 214218 being part of Reserve 8431 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3069 Folio 199

together as are defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No 0114 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd as amended and dated 27 June 2005.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Augusta/Margaret River
6. **OWNER**
 1. Rosemary Margaret Chaney
 2. State of Western Australia

(Management Order to the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River as to Reserves 41545 and 8431)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	20/05/2003
	Permanent Entry	26/08/2005
• Register of the National Estate	Permanent	21/03/1978
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	16/12/1976
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	17/06/1996
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Wallcliffe House & Landscape, consisting of Wallcliffe House, a two storey stone, shingle and corrugated iron homestead designed in the Victorian Georgian style, remaining outbuildings and designed landscape setting, together with the adjacent Bushland, Wallcliffe Cliffs, Wallcliffe Cave and the Bushland Scarp on the northern side of Margaret River which represents the original view from the property, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is important in bringing together a diverse range of exceptional elements significant for their Aboriginal, European and natural values;

the place is a site of great beauty. The attractive natural landscape first drew settlers to this area and many of the views and vistas have changed little since the start of European settlement. The picturesque siting of Wallcliffe House marks a European influence on the landscape, without intruding on the natural magnificence of the site;

the establishment of the dairy and pastoral industries at *Wallcliffe House & Landscape* by the women of the Bussell family represents the important role that women played in the early rural development of the Colony;

Wallcliffe House is an excellent and well-crafted example of a Victorian Georgian homestead, and its design represents the aspiration of many early colonists to emulate a British country gentleman's residence. It is rare as a two-storey residence of this type constructed in stone;

the place marks the beginning of agricultural development in the Margaret River region and was the focus of the pioneering agricultural enterprise of the family of Alfred and Ellen Bussell;

Wallcliffe House is a distinct and important landmark due to its isolated location and the contrast of its limestone walls against the darker bushland vegetation;

the place has long associations with the Terry and Hohnen families, each long standing families in the Margaret River community and in WA business circles; and,

the place demonstrates changes in land use and agricultural practices, and the economic fortunes of owners from first settlement to the present time.

The post-1987 gardens adjacent to the house, whilst skillfully designed in a formal English country-house style so as not to obscure the open views and vistas, are of little significance. The gymnosperm hedges in the House Landscape are intrusive.