HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 10520

2. NAME *Leonora-Gwalia Water Supply Group* (1903-07)
OTHER NAMES Stone Tank, Station Creek Reservoir

3. LOCATION Station Creek, Mt George & Leonora

4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY

Leonora Lots 263 and 264 and Portion of Leonora Lot 451 being part of Reserve 8575, portion of Lot 81 on Deposited Plan 92003 being part of Reserve 11267 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3040 Folio 281, portion of Stock Route Reserve 9699, the whole of Reserve 7146, and Malcolm Location 30 being the whole of Reserve 36387 together as shown on Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No. 10520 prepared by Whelans.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Leonora

6. OWNER State of Western Australia

(Management Order to Minister for Water Resources as to Reserve 8575)

(Management Order to Water & Rivers Commission as to Reserve 11267)

(Responsible Agency Dep't of Industry & Resources as to Reserve 9699)

(Responsible Agency Water Corporation as to Reserve 7146)

(Responsible Agency Department for Planning & Infrastructure as to Reserve 36387)

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry Permanent Entry	09/05/2006 19/01/2007
• National Trust Classification:		----------
• Town Planning Scheme:		----------
• Municipal Inventory:	Stone Tank, Old Dam Adopted	17/02/1998
• Register of the National Estate:		----------

8. CONSERVATION ORDER
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9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT
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10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Leonora-Gwalia Water Supply Group, comprising a rectangular Stone Tank (1903) in Leonora, Station Creek Reservoir and two wells (1907) in the Station Creek bore field, and three sets of Stone Tank Stands (1907) on Mt George, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a fine and rare example of a group comprising an entire early 1900 water supply system in a remote north eastern goldfield, including Stone Tank Stands and a Stone Tank that are rare examples of their type;

the place was constructed to address the scarcity of water in the area, a problem common in inland regional Western Australia, and to provide a regular water supply to sustain the local mining industry, supplying water for Leonora and Gwalia and their associated mining operations, including the Sons of Gwalia Mine;

the form and proportion of the Stone Tank, the Station Creek Reservoir and the Stone Tank Stands demonstrate strong aesthetic values;

Mt George is a strong natural element in the landscape and is enhanced in its landmark quality by the Stone Tank Stands;

the Stone Tank is a landmark commanding views over the town of Leonora and surrounds; and,

the place was closely associated with William Snell, Mayor of Leonora, whose experiences in the goldfields prompted his lifelong interest in improving water supplies in the arid regions of the State.

Station Creek pump house and the operational tank storage at Mt George and Leonora are of little significance.