



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Interim Entry

1. **NUMBER** 2681
2. **NAME** *Ghost House Ruin, and Chauffeur's Room and Garage*
3. **DESCRIPTION OF ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY (GENERAL)**

The Register entry includes the Ghost House Ruin, Chauffeur's Room and Garage, and the land on which they stand being part of Swan Location 11544 on Reserve 9868, as defined in Heritage Council drawing number YNP-6.

The Ghost House Ruin is some 5 kms from the main Park buildings along a rough track requiring a four wheel drive vehicle. The old access road, nearer the coast, is through heavy sand and also requires four wheel drive. Some 400 metres to the east of the ruins of the house are the walls of the room with lean-to garage attached and built for the chauffeur when the house was used by L E Shapcott, Secretary of the Premier's Office which administered the State Gardens Board in the 1930's. Both buildings were erected for Mr Shapcott, who spent a lot of time at the Park at that period. Later disused, they have fallen into ruin and the materials from them were taken for use elsewhere - both legally and pilfered. Trees planted when the buildings were in use remain. Around the house are fig trees, a lemon, flame trees, peppermints, a Norfolk Island Pine and a large fir (*Cupressus sempervirens*).

Both buildings were of local stone with cement quoins to doorway. The ruins of the chauffeur's room are more substantial, most of the walls standing. Inside is a brick fireplace with the remains of a Metter's stove and there are alcoves in the wall with shelves.

4. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Wanneroo
5. **LOCATION** Yanchep National Park, Yanchep
6. **OWNER**
7. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE (ASSESSMENT IN DETAIL)**

The place has been assessed by the National Trust of Australia (WA) and has been entered in the Register of that body as a classified building with the following statement of significance:

The area is of interest in the Park as an historic site, containing as it does relics of the Park's early development. It is also of interest for its association with L E Shapcott a well known if somewhat controversial civil servant of the period who used the cottage for entertaining at weekends. The setting, with both native and introduced trees, is most attractive.

**8. REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES
(DATE OF GAZETTAL)**

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9. CONSERVATION ORDER

10. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

11. REFERENCES

National Trust Assessment Exposition