



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 08804
2. **NAME** *'The Arthur' Wool Shed Group* (1910; 1953)  
**OTHER NAMES** Piesses Shearing Shed & Piesses Shearers' Quarters, Old Tillelan
3. **LOCATION** Cnr. Wagin Road & Albany Highway, West Arthur
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
 Part of Williams Location 13914, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2008 Folio 491.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of West Arthur
6. **OWNER** Gary William Robinson and Christina Lelia Robinson.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Register of Heritage Places:</li> <li>• National Trust Classification:</li> <li>• Town Planning Scheme:</li> <li>• Municipal Inventory:</li> <li>• Register of the National Estate:</li> </ul>	<div>Interim Entry</div> <div>Permanent Entry</div>  <div>Adopted</div>	<div>22/01/2002</div> <div>20/09/2002</div>  <div>27/03/1997</div>
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8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*'The Arthur' Wool Shed Group* comprising the shearing shed (a single storey timber and iron vernacular structure, c.1910), and the shearers quarters (a single storey stone and iron vernacular building, c.1910), the sheep dip (a 'T' shaped structure constructed of brick with cement render finish, c.1953), and the concrete cricket pitch (c.1910), has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:
 

the place is a landmark on Albany Highway and has an impact on the vistas of the surrounding pastoral environment;

the place is an important example of a substantially intact shearing shed, shearers quarters and associated structures dating from the early twentieth century;

the use of local materials in the construction of both buildings are important indicators of the rural vernacular style;

the place was part of land settlement in the area; the development of the Piesse property called "The Arthur", the Western Australian Land Company in c.1908, the War Settlement Land Scheme in c.1947, and the establishment of community shearing facilities in the 1950s;

the place was owned by well known individuals Bill Nicholls, Chairman of the West Arthur Road Board; John Leggoe and Ray Ladyman, who established the place as a community shearing centre; and Charles A. Piesse, a prominent personality of the colony/state as a Justice of Peace and member of the Legislative Council for the South East Province;

the place is evidence of processes associated with the pastoral use of the land and a distinctive way of life of the shearers who lived and worked there and also the changes taking place in the 1950s in relation to the use of the place as a community shearing centre; and,

each component of the group is representative of its type with a high degree of integrity and authenticity.

The tank stand of the shearers' quarters is of little cultural heritage significance. The installation of the louvred windows in the shearing shed and shearers' quarters buildings (c.1950), the enclosure and the provision of bathroom and toilet services on the rear verandah of the quarters, and the installation of water tanks and new guttering on shearing shed and quarters are intrusive.

The conservation works of June 2000 have been completed in a manner compatible with heritage values and built in accordance with current conservation principles. Notwithstanding this, they are of little cultural heritage significance.