



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**

OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES PERMANENT ENTRY

1. **DATA BASE No.** 3518
2. **NAME** *Wireless Hill Park (1912)*
3. **LOCATION** Canning Highway, Ardross
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Swan Locations 8404 and 8534, being Crown Reserve 29813, and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3046 Folio 218.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Melville
6. **OWNER** City of Melville
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 09/05/1997
Permanent Entry 02/09/1997
 - National Trust Classification: 03/08/1992
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: 19/12/1994
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Wireless Hill Park, comprising brick and tile radio operations buildings, brick and tile staff accommodation buildings, concrete tower bases, culturally modified landscape settings and urban bushland, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

radio telecommunication provided one of the important links between Australia and the rest of the world at a time when these links were significant to a relatively small community in one of the most remote cities in the world;

the radio communications station has played a part in the development of commercial radio broadcasting and experimental shortwave radio as well as functioning as a communications vehicle for state government instrumentalities and marine safety;

it once contained all the elements of a working radio communications station from the nascent development to eventual phasing out. The place retains sufficient 1912 fabric to remain a fine example of an early radio communications station;

the place was one of five main radio telecommunication stations in Australia participating in international, national, statewide and regional radio communications and broadcasting; and;

the mast is remembered as a highly visible and prominent landmark both by day and with its lighting at night, until decommissioned. Today, the park forms the basis of a highly valued area of urban bushland.