



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 15265
2. **NAME** *Floriculture Nursery (fmr), Kalamunda (c.1935)*
OTHER NAMES Asphodel, House and Floriculture Nursery (fmr)
3. **LOCATION** 120 Heath Road, Kalamunda
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 1394 on Deposited Plan 249022 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1956 Folio 11.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Kalamunda
6. **OWNER** State Planning Commission
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 24/07/2001
Permanent Entry 11/08/2009
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 21/07/1997
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Floriculture Nursery (fmr) Kalamunda, comprising remnants of a floriculture nursery (c.1935) has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is rare as it contains original plants from its establishment that illustrate the development of the floriculture industry in Western Australia;

the place is an early representative example of European land use in the Darling Ranges before population pressures and rising land values rendered agricultural land use largely unviable;

the place contains mature specimens of several exotic plants no longer widely available due to changes in fashion and horticultural practices, that illustrate their potential growth patterns and horticultural requirements;

the dam and remnant dry rock-wall terracing are rare examples of a traditional land use practice where the topography of a site was modified

to provide an ideal growing site by utilising the inherent fertility of the soil and a natural water source; and,

the remnant orchard plants at *Floriculture Nursery (fmr) Kalamunda* can provide a gene pool for older cultivars that have now been superseded due to changes in horticulture. The exotic trees, shrubs and bulbs could be a useful source of clonal material for the propagation of 'period' plants.