



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 15263
2. **NAME** *Cole's Shaft (fmr)* (1846-7)
OTHER NAMES Kelmscott Mine; Neerigen Brook Mine; Forbes' shaft
3. **LOCATION** Summit View, Armadale
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 49 on Deposited Plan 33541 being Reserve 46948 the whole of the land contained in Crown land Title Volume: 3130 Folio: 42
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Armadale
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 24/04/2003
Permanent Entry 09/09/2003
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: -----
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Cole's Shaft (fmr), a vertical mineshaft about 10 metres in depth, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is the earliest extant mining shaft in Western Australia. It illustrates early prospecting activities in the Perth area in the depression years of the 1840s, and marks the beginnings of mineral exploration and the commencement of the mining industry in Western Australia;

the place has historic value for its association with the principals and shareholders of the Western Australian Mining Company, the first mining company to be formed in the State in September 1846. These included Messrs John Septimus Roe, Samuel Moore, Henry Charles Sutherland, Bartholomew Urban Vigors, William Knight, Robert Habgood, Charles Sholl, George Shenton, George Leake, Patrick

Marmion and Henry Laroche Cole, all early Western Australian colonists of great influence, a number of whom went on to other successful mining ventures in the State;

the place is also associated with the German mineralogist, Dr Ferdinand von Sommer, who later became the first Government Geologist of WA; and,

the shaft and its surroundings have potential, as an archaeological site, to yield information regarding early mining practices.