



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 04231
2. **NAME** *Norwegian Bay Whaling Station (ruins) (1915; 1920s; 1950s)*
OTHER NAME Point Cloates Whaling Station
3. **LOCATION** Norwegian Bay N of Point Cloates, Ningaloo
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Portion of Lot 173 on Deposited Plan 220577 being part of Crown Lease 29/1977 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3085 Folio 468, portion of Lot 144 on Deposited Plan 240276 being part of Reserve 40079 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3123 Folio 687 and portion of Marine Reserve No. 2
together as defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No. 4231 prepared by Whelans and dated 15 February 2005.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Exmouth
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia
(As to Lyndon Location 173: Lease to Noel Pierce Corinthia Lefroy, Bettye Duffell Lefroy and Australian Wildlife Conservancy
As to Reserve 40079: Management Order to Marine Parks and Reserves Authority
As to Marine Reserve 2: Responsible Agency Marine Parks and Reserves Authority)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 26/08/2005
Permanent Entry 22/08/2006
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: -----
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Norwegian Bay Whaling Station (ruins), comprising the site and extensive ruins and artefacts of a bay whaling station, guano factory and associated elements, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is the site of the only bay whaling station to operate successfully and over a long period in Western Australia during the first half of the twentieth century, having operated intermittently from 1915 to 1957;

the place forms a cultural environment in the harsh natural land and seascape which provides physical evidence of a way of life and an industry no longer practised;

the place is valued for its significant aesthetic and landmark characteristics;

the place has considerable value as an archaeological site;

the place was established by the Western Australian Whaling Company (a Norwegian based organization) as part of their expansion in the southern hemisphere and represents the re-establishment of the whaling industry in the State;

the successful operation of the place in the 1950s encouraged the establishment of a number of shore stations around Australia; and,

the place is important for its association with Norwegian and other Scandinavian whaling men, three of whom are buried in the dunes near the place.