



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Register Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 2329
2. **NAME** *Bell Cottage (ruin), Rockingham (c. 1868)*
FORMER NAME (or OTHER NAMES) Woodbine
3. **LOCATION** 371 Mandurah Road, Rockingham
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Portion of Lot 850 on Deposited Plan 415740 being part of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2972 Folio 966 as shown on HC Curtilage Map P2329-0.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Rockingham
6. **OWNER AT REGISTRATION**
Trecap Pty Ltd.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim 16/03/2001
Indefinite Extension 27/09/2002
Registered 04/11/2020
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: Adopted 24/10/1995
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 24/10/1995
 - Register of the National Estate: Indicative -----
 - Aboriginal Sites Register -----
8. **ORDERS UNDER SECTION OF THE ACT**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Bell Cottage (ruin), Rockingham, an archaeological site comprising the ruins of a limestone cottage with a shingle clad roof in a vernacular interpretation of the

Victorian Georgian style (1868), the ruins of a limestone masonry barn (1868), zones of high archaeological potential, and three peppercorn trees, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is representative of the opportunities for the working classes in colonial Western Australia to advance from humble beginnings to land ownership, business success and respectability;

the place has potential to yield through archaeological investigation specific information relating to the domestic life of Western Australia's early settlers, particularly through comparison with other archaeological and heritage sites that represent different phases of Western Australian settlement from the nineteenth to twentieth century;

the simple vernacular construction of the cottage ruin, together with the barn ruin and peppercorn trees, makes it one of the more evocative and memorable ruined sites in the near vicinity of Perth, and a landmark along Mandurah Road;

the place is important for its close association with James Bell and his family who were pioneers of the district, in particular wife and mother Jane Bell (nee Green) who arrived in Western Australia as an orphan and came to the public eye in a legal case for the murder of her child;

the place is highly valued by Rockingham residents a tangible reference to the district's history; and

the place is representative of the passion and tenacity often expressed by local Western Australian communities in ensuring the retention of their colonial histories.