



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 0556
2. **NAME** *Gnarlbine Soaks* (1864; 1896; 1950)
3. **LOCATION** Victoria Rock Road, near Bullabulling
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Ngalbain Location 112, being Crown Reserve 2180 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3100 Folio 787.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Coolgardie
6. **OWNER** Waters and Rivers Commission.

7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim	05/05/1992
	Permanent	28/08/2001
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	06/12/1976
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	27/05/1995
• Register of the National Estate:	Permanent	21/03/1978

8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*Gnarlbine Soaks*, comprising two stone lined wells and a memorial plaque and plinth, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place was an important, reliable source of water for the local Aboriginal population, and for Europeans dating from the 1860s to 1903;

the construction of the wells by Charles Hunt in the 1860s, and their subsequent development by the Public Works Department Water Supply Division in the 1890s, represents one of the earliest significant developments of a groundwater source in the Eastern goldfields district;

the wells and their surroundings are associated with the provision of water to early explorers, gold seekers, travellers and people of the Coolgardie district since 1863, a district which holds particular importance in the history of the State for its association with the 1890s goldrush;

the place is associated with a number of explorers and travellers through the area, including H. M. Lefroy (1863), C. C. Hunt (1864-6), and John Holland and his party (1893); and,

the place is highly valued by the local and wider community for its associations with the development of the Eastern Goldfields, demonstrated by the erection of commemorative plaques at the place by the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society, and the establishment of the York to Goldfields Heritage Trail which follows Charles Hunts track.