



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 00043
2. **NAME** *Albany Pilot Station (fmr)* (1889; 1902)
OTHER NAMES Pilots' Houses
3. **LOCATION** Semaphore Point, Albany
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 That part of Albany Lot 1353 on Land Administration Plan 15136, being part Crown Reserve 34218 and being part of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3098 Folio 943 as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No 0043 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Albany
6. **OWNER** Albany Port Authority
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	22/01/2002
	Permanent Entry	20/09/2002
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:		23/09/1999
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Albany Pilot Station (fmr), comprising Pilot Crew Quarters, a stone, timber and iron duplex building (1902) and Coxswain's Quarter's, a timber and iron cottage (1884, 1889 & 1902) constructed to provide accommodation for the officers guiding vessels in and out of Princess Royal Harbour in the 19th and early 20th centuries has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:
 the place is rare for its demonstration of the location and living conditions of one of the earliest pilot stations in Western Australia, with a sequence of buildings on the site having been used as pilots' quarters from 1853 to 1936;

the place has landmark value as a group of simple yet functional structures located on a prominent point in the naturally scenic environment of King George Sound, and contributes to a precinct of significant harbour related activities associated with communication and defence, which include the gun emplacements and *Point King Lighthouse Ruin*;

the place is valued by the local community for its association with the early port functions at Albany, having occupied the site since 1854 when the first accommodation was provided for the Pilot and boat crew of the Albany port, then Western Australia's major port, to enable their function of guiding vessels in and out of Princess Royal Harbour in the 19th and early 20th centuries;

the place represents the level of early accommodation provided for port officials at Albany, and is indicative of the State Government's lack of support for Albany as the major port of the State during the 19th century; and

the place is closely associated with the function of Harbour Master and Pilot at Albany in the mid 19th century, in particular with Captain William Pretious (1853-1868), who fulfilled most of the official duties required at the port at that time.

The grain cleaning industrial facilities (c.1995), located at the west of the site and the garage and carport standing close but apart from the east elevation of the Pilot Crew Quarters are of low significance. The industrial equipment scattered across the site to the north of the cottages is intrusive.