



**HERITAGE
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REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES PERMANENT ENTRY

1. **DATA BASE No.** 3346
2. **NAME** *Langley Park* (1920-present)
FORMER NAME Reserve 12510
3. **LOCATION** Riverside Drive, Perth
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 1. Reserve 12510 being Lot 565 on Deposited Plan 205268 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume 3062 Folio 491.
 2. Reserve 13949 being Lot 483 on Deposited Plan 70497 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume 3016 Folio 897.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Perth
6. **OWNER**
 1. State of WA (Management Order - City of Perth)
 2. State of WA (Management Order - Minister for Water Resources)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places:

Interim Entry	13/05/2011
Permanent Entry	14/10/2011
Permanent Entry - Pumping Station only [in listing of <i>Low Level Sewage Pumping Stations No.s 1 & 2, Perth</i>]	17/03/2006
 - National Trust Classification:

Classified - Pumping Station only [in listing of <i>Low Level Sewage Pumping Stations No.s 1 & 2, Perth</i>]	07/12/1992
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 - Town Planning Scheme:

Adopted	01/04/2008
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 - Municipal Inventory: -----
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Langley Park, an 11.7 hectare public park (Class A Crown Reserve No. 12510), featuring the No. 2 Low Level Sewage Pumping Station, public change rooms and children's playground, and bounded by Terrace Road, Plain Street, Riverside Drive and Victoria Avenue has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is very highly valued for both social and cultural associations, as the venue for a large number of both organised and informal activities, including a wide range of sporting and leisure activities, exhibitions and displays, and for its association with aircraft and motor rally events;

the place was part of the ongoing reclamation of the Swan River foreshore to create a network of public open spaces and river amenities aimed at linking the city environment to the river, and is a continuation of the vision for the foreshore developed in the 1880s, which encompassed the ideals of the City Beautiful Planning Movement;

the place has considerable historic value as the site of Perth's first aerodrome between 1920 and 1924. It is associated with aviator Major Norman Brearley who established Western Australian Airways in 1921 and flew the first regular air mail service in Australia departing from this site;

although it no longer serves as a regular airfield, the place has been in continuous use as a landing strip since 1920, and is now used by intermittent air services such as RAAF Caribou aircraft transporting accident victims to Perth;

the place is the site of the No. 2 Low Level Sewage Pumping Station which, as well as being part of Perth's first sewerage system, is an example of fine craftsmanship and design in a utilitarian structure;

the place, since its reclamation, has provided an open 'green' space with river views for city workers, residents and visitors, and contributes significantly to the Perth community's sense of place; and

the Narrows Interchange, Esplanade Reserve, Supreme Court Gardens, Barrack Square and *Langley Park* collectively define the southern edge of the city and provide contrasting qualities in the stretch of public space adjacent to the Swan River.

The public change rooms and children's playground are of little significance. The car parks, chain link fences and signage are considered to be intrusive.