



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 3103
2. **NAME** *Marrinup Prisoner of War Camp* (1943)
3. **LOCATION** 4 km north-west of Dwellingup, within State Forest No. 23, Marrinup Forest Block.
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Portion of Marrinup Forest Block being part of State Forest No. 23, as defined in drawing number 3625 prepared for the Department of Conservation and Land Management by Mandurah Survey Services.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Murray
6. **OWNER** Department of Conservation and Land Management
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 20/10/1995
 - Permanent Entry 04/04/1996
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Shire of Murray Planning Scheme: -----
 - Register of National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Marrinup Prisoner of War Camp, an archaeological site, spread over an area of approximately 18 hectares and, at its peak, capable of housing 600 German and Italian POWs in Livingston (timber) huts, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the camp is the only example of a purpose built World War Two prisoner of war camp constructed in Western Australia;

the place is highly representative of military humanitarian philosophy and customs in Australia, and an example of the Australian Government's compliance with the requirements of the Geneva Convention in relation to the detention of prisoners of war;

the place is historically and socially important as a reminder of the impact of World War Two on Western Australia, and the employment of prisoners of war in the south-west agriculture and timber-milling industries to alleviate manpower shortages caused by the war;

the camp is closely associated with the hundreds of men - German Italian and Australian - who were either prisoners or personnel at the camp; and,

the place is a rich source of physical and archaeological evidence relating to the activities of a prisoner of war camp in Australia during World War Two.