



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Interim Entry

1. **NUMBER** 2678
2. **NAME** *Yanchep Inn*
3. **DESCRIPTION OF ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY (GENERAL)**

The Register entry includes Yanchep Inn and the land on which it stands, being part of Swan Location 11544 on Reserve 9868, as defined in Heritage Council drawing number YNP-5.

Yanchep Inn is part of a group of similar buildings which were established in the 1930's as a resort complex on the shores of Lake McNess. The resort is part of Yanchep National Park renowned for wetlands and caves and the complex includes sports fields, animal enclosures, aviaries and gardens in a park setting.

Completed in 1939 this large stone building was intended to have the character of an English Inn with what was considered at the time to be sumptuous accommodation. The architect was W G Bennett and the contractor C W Arnott. The ground floor walls at the front are stone but later additions at the rear and upstairs are framed. The roof is tiled. Wooden panelling and leadlight doors and windows are features of the public room downstairs.

The Inn contains the only visitor accommodation now available within the Park. Motel units were built alongside in 1976 but are not included in this description. Bedrooms upstairs are typical of hotel accommodation of the period, opening off long passages leading to bathrooms and WC's.

During World War II the RAAF had a radar squadron at Yanchep and also used Yanchep Inn and Gloucester Lodge for the No 4 Convalescent Unit and the No 4 Medical Rehabilitation Unit.

4. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Wanneroo
5. **LOCATION** Yanchep National Park, Yanchep
6. **OWNER**
7. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE (ASSESSMENT IN DETAIL)**

The place has been assessed by the National Trust of Australia (WA) and has been entered in the Register held by that body as a classified building with the following statement of significance:

The building is interesting for its Tudor type architecture, with limestone walls and piers, leadlight windows and internal wooden panelling - also for the fact that an attempt was made to reproduce the character of an English Inn. With the other three stone buildings it completes a homogeneous setting of some rarity. The exterior at the front and the public rooms at the front have a distinct character which should be retained.

The place has also been assessed by the Australian Heritage Commission and has been entered in the Register of the National Estate with the following statement of significance:

Yanchep Inn is a two-storey predominantly stone building constructed in 1936 and surrounded by a substantial garden of lawns and beds. It is part of a group of similar resort buildings in Yanchep National Park with characteristics of the Inter-War California Bungalow style expressed in the rustic materials and leadlight glazing. The building is important for demonstrating the type of resort architecture favoured in the 1930's.

The Inn and its garden, as part of the park, is valued for social reasons being a popular visitor destination since its time of construction.

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9. CONSERVATION ORDER

10. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

11. REFERENCES

National Trust Assessment Exposition
Register of the National Estate