



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

### Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 00301
2. **NAME** *Broome Cemetery – Japanese / Chinese / Muslim Section (1890s)*
3. **LOCATION** Port Drive, Broome
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Portion of Lot 369 on Deposited Plan 222188 being part of Reserve 1647 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3139 Folio 455, portion of Lot 591 on Deposited Plan 210893 being part of Reserve 1647 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3139 Folio 456, portion of Lot 852 on Deposited Plan 210893 being part of Reserve 1647 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3139 Folio 458, as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No. 0301 (Deposited Plan 49627) prepared by Midland Survey Services
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Broome
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia  
(Responsible Agency Shire of Broome)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 11/04/2008  
Permanent Entry 18/11/2008
  - National Trust Classification: Classified 07/06/1983
  - Town Planning Scheme: -----
  - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 30/06/1996
  - Register of the National Estate: Permanent 18/04/1989
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*Broome Cemetery – Japanese / Chinese / Muslim Section*, comprising three separate cemeteries within the Broome Cemetery, each with distinctive headstones and alignments specific to the particular culture, and presenting a

street frontage to Port Drive, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a rare example in the State of three non-Christian cemeteries, in close association to each other, each demonstrating the influences of their separate and distinct burial customs through form, materials, script, style, alignment and presentation;

the place has considerable historic value as a record and burial place of the non-Christians who were pioneers and workers in Broome who contributed much to the economic development of the region and the State through the pearling industry;

the place has aesthetic significance as a fine representative and distinctive cultural example of the specific responses to commemoration by the various cultures involved;

the Japanese cemetery in particular bears testimony to the dangers of the pearling industry, evident in the number of divers lost to occupational hazards such as the bends and the effect of inclement weather;

the place is highly valued by the local and wider community, and by the associated cultural groups. It contributes to their sense of place as the burial place of over a thousand persons who died between the 1890s and the present, many having descendants living locally; and,

the place has the potential to yield information on the non-Christian populations of Broome.