



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Amended Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 1546
2. **NAME** *Grasmere* (1886)
3. **LOCATION** Spinaway Crescent, Brentwood
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**

That part of Lot 9001 on Deposited Plan 41379 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2570 Folio 794 and described as Lot 134 on Deposited Plan 49265 prepared by McMullen Nolan Surveyors.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Melville
6. **OWNER** Spinnaway Investments Pty Ltd
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 15/12/2000
Permanent Entry 14/05/2002
Amended Entry 28/04/2006
 - National Trust Classification: 15/02/1979
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: 01/01/1995
 - Register of the National Estate: 28/09/1982
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Grasmere, a single storey, rendered brick and corrugated iron homestead (1886) in the Victorian Georgian style, together with various framed construction and iron clad outbuildings, set in what remains of a rural landscape, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a rare and fine example of a single-storey homestead in the Victorian Georgian style dating from the 1880s in metropolitan Perth. In spite of changes to the fabric, the place manages to retain its original design qualities and the plan form and the proportions of all the rooms of the original house are as constructed and provide pleasant living spaces;

located on a rise above Bull Creek, the place has landmark quality as a gentle, simple and aesthetically pleasing vista. The remnants of the late

nineteenth and early twentieth plantings, in particular the palm and pine trees, contribute to the overall setting;

the place has historic associations with the Canning River, which was the major transport route for goods and people travelling to and from *Grasmere* before a road was built to the property. A private jetty was located at the bottom of the gardens, which extended from the house to the river;

the place is of social value in the context of the development of Western Australia as one of the earliest extant homesteads representing the early development of areas to the south of the Swan River; and,

built as a holiday and weekend retreat in the 1880s, the place became the homestead for the property as it was developed and worked by the prominent Fremantle based Bateman family, through the late nineteenth century and for more than 70 years of the twentieth century.

The current perimeter fences are considered to have low significance. The metal framed and metal clad sheds are considered to be intrusive. The young plantings of eucalypts and birch trees are considered to have low significance.