



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 3511
2. **NAME** *Lord Forrest Olympic Pool (1938)*
3. **LOCATION** Cnr Cassidy & McDonald Streets, Kalgoorlie
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
That portion of Kalgoorlie Lot 1140, being part of Crown Reserve 6589 and being part of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3042 Folio 97 as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 3511 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing and Cruickshank Pty. Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
6. **OWNER** City of Kalgoorlie Boulder
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 07/01/2000
Permanent Entry 12/05/2000
 - National Trust Classification: Classified 03/07/1995
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: -----
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Lord Forrest Olympic Pool, a swimming pool and recreational complex built in the Inter-War Functionalist (Art Deco) style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is an excellent example of the Inter-War Functionalist (Art Deco) style applied to a swimming pool complex. It is the only example of this style applied to a swimming pool complex in Western Australia;

at the time of building, the place represented the forefront of technology in water filtration and purification, in mechanical cleaning, and in underwater lighting;

situated diagonally in its surrounding parkland and addressing the corner of intersecting streets, the place provides a distinctive aesthetic to the streetscape of Kalgoorlie;

the place was designed by the prominent Perth architect, W.G. Bennett, an important exponent of the 'moderne' style of the 1930s, as interpreted in Western Australia;

from 1938 until 1999, the place served the community as a public recreational, competitive and teaching swimming pool in Kalgoorlie, providing enjoyment and valuable relief from the high summer temperatures;

the place represents the modern, forward-looking and confident attitude of the Kalgoorlie community in the late 1930s, due to prosperity and gold based wealth; and,

the place was the first Olympic pool to be built in Western Australia, remaining the only such pool until Beatty Park pool was built in 1962. As the only Olympic swimming pool in the State from 1938 to 1962, it was the place of origin of a number of notable State, National, and Olympic level swimmers and divers.

The water slide, fences, lighting devices, diving structure, grandstand shelters and awnings are considered to have little cultural heritage significance.