



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

### Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 16599
2. **NAME** *Salmon Gums Research Station (fmr) (1926+)*  
**OTHER NAMES** Salmon Gums Experimental Farm
3. **LOCATION** 1663 Machens Road, 2 kilometres west of Salmon Gums
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Portion of Lot 1663 on Deposited Plan 240339 being part of Reserve 19549 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3127 Folio 102 as shown on Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No. 16599 prepared by McMullen Nolan Surveyors
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Esperance
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia  
(Management Order to the Minister for Education)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	20/02/2009
	Permanent Entry	09/10/2009
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:		-----
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*Salmon Gums Research Station (fmr)*, comprising Manager's Quarters (1928), Married Man's Quarters (1928), Stables (1928, 1965), and post-1960 farm and accommodation buildings and various other elements, in a cleared rural setting, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place was the venue of important and successful research into the development of pastures on the alkaline soils of the Southern Mallee and

soils subject to salinity that enabled the expansion of agricultural production in such soils;

the place is associated with scientific work in propagating Wimmera Rye Grass, which was highly successful as a pasture in Mallee areas;

the place is illustrative of State Government support for land settlement and agricultural advancement, with various schemes developed since the late 1880s to improve farming conditions and encourage people to take up agricultural land; and,

the place represents an agricultural research station that embodies government initiatives to support farming in the difficult mallee area of the State, and illustrates a way of life in agricultural research that is no longer practised.

Little significance: machinery sheds, shearing shed, silos, meteorological station, 1968 workers quarters, 1970 technical officers' quarters and new manager's house, 1970s office/conference room.

No significance: small sheds, garages, swimming pool.