



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 03522
2. **NAME** *Slater Homestead* (c.1856, c.1860, c.1868, c.1889, 1907)  
**FORMER NAMES** Coomarlin, Goomalling
3. **LOCATION** Goomalling-Dowerin Road, Goomalling
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
That portion of Lot 28354 on Deposited Plan 208388 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 1981 Folio: 570 together with Lot 301 on Deposited Plan 29046 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 2216 Folio: 49 as is defined by Heritage Council of Western Australia survey Drawing No. 3522 prepared by Cadgraphics WA.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Goomalling
6. **OWNER** Shire of Goomalling
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	09/05/2003
	Permanent Entry	23/01/2004
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	01/11/1993
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	26/03/1997
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*Slater Homestead*, a group of buildings comprising stone walled and corrugated iron roof homestead (c1856, c1860, 1907), schoolhouse (c1868) and barn (c1860, c1868) designed in the Victorian Georgian style, brick ruins of an inn (c1889) and outbuilding (c1889), stone wells, mature trees lining the roads and surrounding the spring, and various other elements including fences, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:  
  
the place was the first European settlement in the area east of the Avon Valley, and was the place of the initial development of the region and town of Goomalling;

the stone construction homestead, schoolhouse and barn are fine examples of the Victorian Georgian style of architecture, applied in a rural setting, and together with the remaining elements, form a significant rural cultural environment;

the place is one of the few remaining examples in Western Australia, of a property developing from a pastoral outpost in the 1850s through to an agricultural property in the twentieth century, and including the development of a schoolhouse and inn;

the place was established and developed by George Slater, who was the first permanent settler east of the Avon Valley, in the mid 1850s;

the place is associated with significant explorers who mounted their expeditions from the homestead or passed through from the 1860s, and with the many gold seekers and travellers in the 1890s at the wayside inn;

the place is a landmark on the south side of a sweeping bend of the Goomalling-Dowerin Road, and has a significant visual impact on the wheatbelt roadside vista;

archaeological evidence at the place has the potential to provide information on the social, farming and cultural systems in rural Western Australia from the 1850s; and,

the social value of the place is demonstrated by the purchase of the place by the Shire of Goomalling in 2000, to ensure it is conserved for the future use of the community.

The verandah floors of the schoolhouse and inn ruin are of little significance, as are the c.1905 sheep dip and the skylights.

The concrete floors and plaster board ceiling in the homestead is considered to be intrusive.