



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 3956
2. **NAME** *Monument Hill & War Memorials, Fremantle* (1929; 1952/1953; 1967; 1972; 1975; 1984; 1991; 1994; 1995; 1996; 1999)
OTHER NAMES Obelisk Hill; Memorial Hill; Memorial Reserve; Fremantle War Memorial
3. **LOCATION** High, Knutsford and Bateman streets, Fremantle
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 Fremantle Lot 1519, being Crown Reserve 9335 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3037 Folio 374.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Fremantle
6. **OWNER** City of Fremantle.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim 29/05/2001
 Permanent 28/08/2001
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: -----
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Monument Hill & War Memorials, Fremantle, comprising the prominent hill overlooking Fremantle, eleven memorial structures and landscaping and planting used both as parklands and as a place of remembrance, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:
 - the place, together with Fort Clarence, Albany, and Kings Park, is one of the three most impressive monumental war memorials in Western Australia;
 - since the 19th century, the place has been a popular lookout and beauty spot for both locals and visitors of Fremantle;

the place is one of the most significant landmarks within Fremantle;

the place is held sacred by many people, including members of various ex-service organisations associated with the place, and since the erection of the Fallen Sailors' and Soldiers' Memorial in 1929 the place has been the chosen site both for various memorials commemorating other wars and for many commemorative ceremonies;

the complete panorama (and the view of Fremantle and Gage Roads in particular) afforded from the place, its urban parkland containing mature trees and open spaces, and the open character and almost constant breeze at its summit (particularly in the warmer months) are all aesthetic characteristics of the place that continue to attract visitors and locals alike and contribute to the community's sense of place;

the Fallen Sailors' and Soldiers' Memorial within the setting of the place is a cultural landscape valued for its aesthetic characteristics including the monumentality of the sandstone masonry pillar and podium, its siting on the summit of the hill, the symbolism of the structures and plantings, and the aspects (sequential and static);

the place has been the site of a main Fremantle landmark or trig from before 1874;

the place has been the vantage point of a number of artistic works depicting the developing settlement of Fremantle; and,

the place contains the first memorial to the personnel of the Royal Navy in Australia.