



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 15740
2. **NAME** *Eclipse Island and Lighthouse* (1926)
3. **LOCATION** Eclipse Island, Albany
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**

Plantagenet Location 7847, being part of Crown Reserve 44685 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3087 Folio 7.

Plantagenet Location 8069, being part of Crown Reserve 44685 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3118 Folio 238.

Plantagenet Location 7861, being the whole of Crown Reserve 44686 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3107 Folio 835.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Albany
6. **OWNER** Conservation Commission of Western Australia
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 14/12/2001  
Permanent Entry 30/08/2002
  - 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**

*Eclipse Island and Lighthouse*, an inter-war lightstation comprising a concrete construction lighthouse (1926), the three family brick and fibro roofed quarters (1926) and other ancillary structures (associated outbuilding bases, generator shed, numerous concrete tanks and tank bases, an unidentified building base south-west of the lighthouse, concrete pads, the landing on the south side of the island, the winch house, the trestle based light gauge railway with its cable tower and the helipad), is set high on the island off the coast of Albany and has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place demonstrates the re-affirmation of the importance of Albany as a harbour in the inter-war period, the navigational aids that were

constructed to improve its safety for shipping approaching from the west and the development of a manned lightstation in the inter-war period;

the place is rare as a complete complex of inter-war structures illustrating part of the history of development of lightstations in Western Australia;

the place has value as a potential benchmark site for lightstation developments in Western Australia in the inter-war period;

Eclipse Island is an object of natural aesthetic value in its own right and has considerable conservation value because of its diversity of habitats and could possibly support a wild or reintroduced population of the nationally endangered dibbler (*Parantechinus apicalis*)

Eclipse Island is part of the complex of islands and headlands that make up the harbour system to Albany and the island is one of the harbour's natural landmarks; and

Eclipse Island is significant as an island site to which Aboriginal people were brought against their will in the pre- and possibly postcolonial period;

The solar panels and battery system are considered to have low significance. The garden plant Arum lily is considered intrusive. The generator shed is considered to have little cultural heritage significance.