HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Amended Entry

**1. DATA BASE No.** 02325

**2. NAME** *Chesterfield Inn (fmr)*(1855)
OTHER NAMES Rockingham Arms (fmr), Chesterfield House

**3. LOCATION** Chesterfield Road, East Rockingham

**4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 2 on Diagram 57296, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1549 Folio 228 and portion of Lot 1 on Diagram 57295 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 1549 Folio: 227 together with portion of Chesterfield Road as is defined in HC Curtilage Map P2325-0.

**5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Rockingham

**6. OWNER** Industrial Lands Development Authority (as to Lots 1 & 2)
City of Rockingham (as to road portion)

**7. HERITAGE LISTINGS**

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| • Register of Heritage Places: | Interim Entry | 27/ 06/ 2003 |
| | Amended Entry | 23/ 08/ 2016 |
| • National Trust Classification: | Classified | 11/ 10/ 1999 |
| • Town Planning Scheme: | | ---------- |
| • Municipal Inventory: | Adopted | 22/ 12/ 1998 |
| • Register of the National Estate: | | ---------- |

**8. CONSERVATION ORDER**

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**9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

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**10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
*Chesterfield Inn (fmr),* a substantial single storey building, built of rubble limestone and brick masonry walls with a corrugated iron roof and mostly wooden floors and designed in a vernacular Queen Anne Revival style, together with a dairy of similar construction and concrete floors, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is among the earliest land grants in the Rockingham region, and the inn is one of the region's oldest built structures. Together with a number of other sites in East Rockingham the place provides tangible

evidence of the district's early history and is associated with a number of the district's pioneering families and other individuals who were prominent in the early history of the district;

the place was one of the earliest stopping places for travellers on the road between Fremantle and Mandurah, and is one of the few remaining wayside inns in Western Australia that was established during the first fifty years of this state;

notwithstanding its current condition, the architectural composition of the façade of *Chesterfield Inn (fmr)* has aesthetic merit for its restrained detailing, comfortable proportions, and the symmetrical arrangement of its fenestration which makes the front door the focus of the elevation;

the place played an important part in the social and civic development of the district, being the oldest commercial building in the City of Rockingham and also the district's first post office (1915-1918), ;

the dairy is representative of a class of outbuildings commonly constructed in the East Rockingham area in the mid twentieth century using stone that was locally available. The layout of the dairy is able to demonstrate aspects of the process of milking as this was carried out in the 1930s through to the 1960s; and,

the stonework and other fabric of the dairy has acquired a patina from many years of exposure to the elements, and in the context of a fallow field has aesthetic value for its compositional and textural qualities.

Apart from the cyclone mesh fence recently erected around the perimeter of the house, the site contains no cultural fabric that is deemed to be intrusive to the character of the place.