



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 0497
2. **NAME** *Claremont Museum* (1861-62)
FORMER NAME Freshwater Bay School
3. **LOCATION** 66 Victoria Avenue, Claremont
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Melville Suburban Lot 142, being Crown Reserve 5659 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3031 Folio 857.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Town of Claremont
6. **OWNER** Town of Claremont
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 05/11/1996
Permanent Entry 11/03/1997
 - National Trust Classification: 02/11/1981
 - Town Planning Scheme -----
 - Municipal Inventory: 00/11/1991
 - Register of National Estate: 11/08/1987
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Claremont Museum, a single-storied, stone walled building with a hipped corrugated iron roof, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

built in 1861-62, it is a rare example of a school, doubling as a church, constructed to serve the Pensioner Guard community, who lived on sites along the adjacent river bank from the 1850s, and other local residents;

the place had successive roles as a school and church, as a boarding house and, from the turn of the century, as a residence for Police personnel;

its aesthetic qualities imparted by the setting, the simple symmetry of the architecture and the harmonious textures of the limestone walls and the corrugated iron roof; and,

it is associated with the convict era in that the stone for its walls was quarried by convicts and the convict department helped with funds and labour so that the building could be completed in 1862.

The recently constructed buildings sited on a north south axis to the south of the original structure, while not intrusive, are of little significance as they have no historic associations.