



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 10411
2. **NAME** *Paxwold Girl Guides Camp* (1957; 1960; 1964; 1970; 1984)
FORMER NAME Paxwold Girl Guides Association Memorial Training Centre
3. **LOCATION** 120 Gilchrist Road, Lesmurdie
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Portion of Lot 3070 on Deposited Plan36440, being portion of Class A Reserve 47881 and being part of the land contained in Certificate of Crown Land Title Volume 3134 Folio 992 as shown on Heritage Council of Western Australia (HCWA) Survey Drawing No. 10411 prepared by HCWA and dated 7 July 2005.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Kalamunda
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia
(Management Order: Conservation Commission of Western Australia)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 26/05/2006
Permanent Entry 20/04/2007
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 21/07/1997
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Paxwold Girl Guides Camp, a predominantly natural bush site of 6 hectares located on the sloping escarpment of the Darling Range containing several single storey brick buildings including Paxwold House (1957, 1960) in the Post-War Melbourne Regional style, ablution blocks (1964), Caretaker's Lodge (1970) and Boomajaril (1973); the formed concrete Ranger Hut (1970); and the Ceremonial Ground (1960), remains of Bimbimbie (1964), the Chapel (1984), and the Campfire, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is significant as the Western Australian state campsite and training centre for the Girl Guide Association, and a meeting place for important international and national gatherings, from 1953 to 2004;

Paxwold House is a fine representative example of the post World War Two design work of Nancy Lorne Allen;

the cohesive aesthetic character of brick structures and low pitched simple roof lines of the place sympathetically combine with the picturesque sloping natural bush landscape of the Darling Scarp;

the place is highly valued by the generations of Brownies, Guides and Rangers, parents and Leaders, who used the place for over fifty years. The sale of the place, prompted by economic reasons has been a significant loss to the Guiding community;

the place is representative of the social and cultural values and attitudes of the inter-war and post World War Two years and as an integral part of the Guide movement, was important for the women's movement in Western Australia; and,

the place is significant for the voluntary community involvement in its development and operation over a fifty year period.

The various metal sheds and the pre-fabricated gazebo on the Ceremonial Ground are of little significance. The Fyfe and Johnston campsites are outside the boundary of the property and have little significance.