



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
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REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Register Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 3289
2. **NAME** *Heathcote Hospital Precinct (fmr), Applecross (1926-1939)*
FORMER NAME Point Heathcote Reception Home, Heathcote Hospital
3. **LOCATION** Duncraig Road, Point Heathcote, Applecross
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 1. Reserve 47152 comprising Lot 304 on Deposited Plan 44663 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume LR3135 Folio 662 and Reserve 48970 comprising Lot 300 on Deposited Plan 44663 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume LR3135 Folio 658;
 2. Lot 15050 on Deposited Plan 37306 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2984 Folio 646;
 3. Lot 688 on Deposited Plan 403813 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2904 Folio 897;
 4. Lot 31 on Deposited Plan 49745 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2652 Folio 451;together as shown on HC Curtilage Map P3289 -1
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Melville
6. **OWNER AT REGISTRATION**
 1. State of Western Australia (Responsible agency: Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage; Management Order: City of Melville)
 2. City of Melville
 3. Private owner
 4. Leseur Investments Pty Ltd
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim	25/06/1993
	Registered	14/06/2021
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	06/03/1991
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	19/12/1994

- Register of the National Estate: -----
- Aboriginal Sites Register (18623) Listed 21/09/2001

8. ORDERS UNDER SECTION OF THE ACT

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

Duncraig House, 56 Duncraig Road, 14 July 2004

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Heathcote Hospital Precinct (fmr), Applecross, comprising the Administration Building (1926), Murray House (Male Ward (fmr) 1926), Canning House (Female Ward (fmr) 1927), the Kitchen (1927), the Water/Clock Tower (1928), Duncraig House (Nurse's Quarters (fmr) 1929), Swan House (Treatment Block (fmr) 1939), and encompassing the lower and upper lands of Point Heathcote, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the establishment of the place in 1929 illustrates a major change in the treatment of mental illness in Western Australia, having been designed on the reasoning underpinned in the *Mental Treatment Act of 1927*, to provide separate facilities for patients who were deemed to have 'recoverable' mental illness, and allow for the admission of voluntary patients;

the place is rare in its design as a purpose built psychiatric hospital that demonstrates a deliberate move away from the previous austere institutional approach to this type of health facility, by the provision of communal and quiet reflective spaces, which was unique at the time of its construction;

the place, comprising remnant buildings, including the Water/Clock Tower, the native vegetation that fringes the area from the lower land on the Swan River to the crest of the plateau, and limestone headland form an aesthetically pleasing setting that collectively form a landmark site visible from the Swan River;

the place has significance to both the local and wider communities for its former role as a mental health institution, and in particular for patients and their families, hospital staff and members of the community involved with the place during its operation from 1929 to 1994;

the site has significance to the Whadjuk Noongar people for its spiritual and cultural associations and contributes to its sense of place;

the Water/Clock Tower is important for its innovative achievement and is a landmark and a focal point for the complex;

the remnant 1920s buildings are fine representative examples of institutional buildings designed by the Public Works Department at this time, and in particular with W. B. Hardwick, Principal Architect of the Department from 1917 to 1927.

The contemporary residence located on Lot 31 (c.2009), modern fitouts to the buildings, including the pergola to the northern façade of Canning House, new roads, car parks and playgrounds are of no heritage significance.