



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

DOCUMENTATION OF PLACES FOR ENTRY IN THE REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

1. **DATA BASE No.** 14880
2. **NAME** *Gwambygine Farm and Pool* (c. 1836-7)
3. **LOCATION** Great Southern Highway, Gwambygine
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 1. That portion of Lot 36 on Deposited Plan 224735 as shown labelled M on Deposited Plan 53446 and being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 840 Folio 53
 2. Lot 300 on Deposited Plan 53445 being portion of the Avon River and its river bed and the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3149 Folio 241

together as defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing 14880 prepared by Midland Survey Services
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of York
6. **OWNER**
 1. Brian Merton Clifton
 2. State of Western Australia
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Permanent Entry	16/05/2008
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:		-----
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Gwambygine Farm and Pool, a property situated near Gwambygine Pool in the Avon River, comprising a pise farmhouse dating from the mid-late 1830s, associated barn and shearing shed, pigsty, post and rail fencing, machine sheds, garden and orchard remnants, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a rare example of a rural homestead dating from the early settlement of Western Australia and its regions;

the place has strong links to the historic development of the York district and the Avon Valley, an area which was important to the ongoing economic survival of the Swan River colony;

Gwambygine Pool is important for its natural ecosystems and riparian vegetation, for historic social associations with the farmhouse together with the farming pursuits on the associated farm, and now as a rare natural deep pool on the Avon River;

the homestead, the barn and shearing shed, the pigsty and the post and rail fencing, are representative examples of a Colonial Vernacular style in the design, use of materials and construction methods adopted by early settlers on the original farming Land Grants in the Avon Valley and elsewhere; and,

the place is associated with Colonial Chaplain Reverend John Burdett Wittenoom, the original land grantee, and the Wittenoom family; Thomas Carter, a highly regarded settler in the district; and subsequently with the Hicks and Clifton families who later acquired the property.