



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## **REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES INTERIM ENTRY**

1. **DATA BASE No.** 25664
2. **NAME** *Charcoal Burner Site, Mount Observation*
3. **LOCATION** Mount Observation
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Portion of Lot 1 on Deposited Plan 6754, being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2079 Folio 140
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of York
6. **OWNER AT INTERIM REGISTRATION**  
State of Western Australia  
(Responsible Agency: The Water Resources Ministerial Body)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim 18/01/2019
  - National Trust Classification: -----
  - Town Planning Scheme: -----
  - Municipal Inventory: -----
  - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **ORDERS UNDER SECTION 38 OR 59 OF THE ACT**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*Charcoal Burner Site, Mount Observation*, an early twentieth century charcoal production site including a ruined kiln structure, charcoal pits, timber cutting areas and remnant metal structures, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is exceptionally rare as a known, extant example of the operation of a small-scale charcoal burning site dating to the twentieth century, utilising natural resources and simple building materials; and represents a way of life no longer practiced;

the place demonstrates the ad hoc construction of working in the bush, characterised by inventive use of materials and simple construction techniques;

the place is associated with Western Australia's use and dependence on charcoal, even into the early twentieth century, the utilisation of the forests between Perth and York for a range of products as settlement expanded; and,

the place has archaeological potential that may contribute to the understanding of the methods, construction and economics of charcoal burning in the twentieth century.