

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 02379

2. NAME Wesley College, South Perth (1923+)

3. LOCATION Coode Street, South Perth

4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY

Portion of Lot 504 on Deposited Plan 27361 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2653 Folio 885 as defined on Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No. 2379 prepared by Midland Survey Services

5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of South Perth

6. OWNER Wesley College

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Wesley College, South Perth, a school complex comprising two storey brick and tile J. F. Ward Wing (1923), Kefford Wing (1925, 1936, 1957-58, 1962-64), J. S. Maloney House (1937) Clive Hamer Building (1940), and H. R. Trenaman Library and Staff common building (1937, 1970); double volume concrete and metal Old Boys' Memorial Chapel (1961); Old Wesley Collegians' Association Memorial Lych Gate (1953) and Rose Garden (1995); J. F. Ward Oval (1924); and, Jenkins Quadrangle (1978), set in landscaped gardens of grass, shrubs and established trees, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place illustrates aspects of the development of education in Western Australia and is valued by the community of South Perth, the Methodist community and the wider community for its contribution to the education of generations of boys;

Wesley College Old Boys' Memorial Chapel is a fine representative example of Post War Ecclesiastical style, featuring innovative design and building techniques through the use of reinforced concrete ring beams and precast concrete walls and slabs, built to an award-winning 1960 design by Ross Chisholm;

the place is a cohesive complex of educational buildings, developed from the 1920s to the present (2007) in a manner which, on the whole is architecturally sympathetic to earlier elements;

the place contributes to the community's sense of place as it has been in the same locality and performing similar educational functions since 1923, during which time the suburb of South Perth has developed around the school and the place has become an intrinsic part of the streetscape and community; and,

the individual elements of the place collectively form an attractive cultural landscape of significant buildings and structures set within an accessible, inviting and pleasing landscape.

The Science Building (1956), R. E. Blanckensee Centre (1987), Harrison Dormitory (1968-70), Manning House (1999), Joseph Green Centre (1973), Rossiter Oval, Junior and Middle Schools and staff housing contribute to the historical development of the place, and while contributing to historic and social significance, are not essential to its cultural heritage values. The sheds associated with gardening and maintenance of the school located adjacent to the playing fields are considered to have low cultural heritage significance. Collins Oval and Change Rooms (1971) are at a separate site at Thelma Street. All elements listed here have been excluded from the curtilage.