



**HERITAGE
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REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES INTERIM ENTRY

1. **DATA BASE No.** P1355
2. **NAME** *Kobeelya, Katanning* (1902, 1924, 1939, 1960)
FORMER NAME (or OTHER NAMES) Kobeelya Church of England Girls School,
St Michael & All Angels Chapel
3. **LOCATION** Lot 131 Kobeelya Avenue, Katanning
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 1. Portion of Lot 131 on Diagram 52651 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1674 Folio 497;
 2. Portion of Kobeelya Avenue Road Reserve;
together as shown on HC Curtilage Map P1355-0.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Katanning
6. **OWNER AT INTERIM REGISTRATION**
 1. The Baptist Union of Western Australia Inc.
 2. State of Western Australia (Statutory Authority: Shire of Katanning)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Registration	07/11/2017
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	14/06/1999
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:		-----
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Kobeelya, Katanning comprising Kobeelya House, a substantial two storey residence designed in the Federation Queen Anne style (1902), a Coach House

(1902), a Chapel (1939) and associated buildings including classroom blocks, a dining room and commemorative bells, all set in landscaped grounds in a prominent position overlooking the township of Katanning, with an avenue of trees leading up the place, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

Kobeelya House and Coach House were constructed in 1902 for Frederick Henry Piesse a prominent businessman and the first Member of Parliament for the Williams area, who with his brother Charles was instrumental in the development of Katanning and surrounding districts for many years;

Kobeelya House, a fine substantial 17 room two storey residence in the Federation Queen Anne style was designed by prominent architect Edwin Summerhayes and is a fine example of his residential work that retains much of its original interior detailing;

Kobeelya, Katanning is a rare example of a substantial two storey Federation Queen Anne style residence in a regional area;

the place as a whole comprises a significant religious cultural environment that demonstrates historic associations with the provision of education for girls by the Church of England, and from 1986 to the present for its use as the centre for the Baptist Church in Katanning;

Kobeelya, Katanning is a reminder of the growth in wealth that occurred in Katanning in the late 1890s and early twentieth century, as the town developed into an important agricultural centre following the opening of the Great Southern Railway between Perth and Albany;

the place has social value for former students of the school and their families, many of whom are members of the Old Kobeelyan's Association, formed in 1982, and which since 2007 to the present (2015) has maintained the Coach House as a school museum

Kobeelya House has landmark status due to its scale and prominent location on high ground overlooking the town of Katanning. Of particular importance are the remnant plantings of the former tree lined entry drive (Carob Tree, *Ceratonia siliqua* & Oak, *Quercus spp*) now contained within the street verge to Kobeelya Avenue; and

Kobeelya, Katanning is representative of a substantial residence adapted for use as a Church of England residential girls' school.

The following buildings are of little or no significance; Transportable Classroom; Baptist Church Office; Kitchen; White House; Sheds and Outbuildings; Rotunda and Barbeque. Much of the planted vegetation to the place is of little cultural heritage significance, particularly in the vicinity of the buildings, with many elements being recent ad hoc ornamental plantings.