



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 3455
2. **NAME** *Geraldine Lead Mine* (1849; c1851; c1854 and c1960s)
3. **LOCATION** off Warribanno Chimney Road, Galena
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Murchison Location 1, being the whole of the land described in Country Enrolment 554.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Northampton
6. **OWNER** Donald David Stone, Bernard Michael O'Hara, Paul Francis O'Hara, Cyril Damien O'Hara, Joyce Barr and Ronald James Campbell.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places:

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| Interim Entry   | 07/04/1998 |
| Permanent Entry | 04/08/1998 |
  - National Trust Classification: Classified 05/02/1990
  - Town Planning Scheme: -----
  - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 14/02/1996
  - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*Geraldine Lead Mine*, an archaeological and geological site with ruins and machinery remnants, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:
  - the Mine was the first commercial mining venture in Western Australia;
  - the Mine represents the early aspirations of the Swan River colony for economic independence;
  - the place contains ruins of some of the oldest buildings in the region and as such, it has the potential to yield invaluable

information about how early settlers coped with living in an isolated environment and how they lived during this period. The place also contains remnants of mine shafts, machinery (including parts of an early steam traction engine), engine houses, knapping or ore-breaking floor, mine manager's house (Collally), cemetery and ore processing remains;

the Mine, together with early pastoral activity, was responsible for opening up the Murchison and Victoria districts and led to the establishment of Geraldton (Champion Bay) and Port Gregory;

the ore breaking floor and the arrangement of compounds and associated buildings have not been found on other mining sites in Western Australia;

the place contains vital information about early mining practices in the state of Western Australia;

the Mine is socially important for the people of Northampton who identify the site as an important component of their local heritage;

as part of a cultural landscape, the place has aesthetic value due to its location on the banks of the Murchison River; and,

the place is associated with the convict period of history, convict labour and the important archaeological site at the failed convict hiring depot at Lynton, with which it shares a common history.