



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES - ASSESSMENT DOCUMENTATION

## 11. ASSESSMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The criteria adopted by the Heritage Council in November, 1996 have been used to determine the cultural heritage significance of the place.

### 11.1 AESTHETIC VALUE

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### 11.2. HISTORIC VALUE

*Toodyay Redhill Convict Road Station Ruins* is significant as a physical remnant of the era of convict transportation and the rural establishments built to house the convicts themselves. (Criterion 2.2)

*Toodyay Redhill Convict Road Station Ruins* is significant for its association with the Royal Engineers, who designed and supervised much of the early public road system in the colony, and with the convicts who laboured to construct and maintain it. (Criterion 2.3)

### 11.3. SCIENTIFIC VALUE

The structure on the site will also provide valuable information on the method used to construct the adobe walls. (Criterion 3.1)

*Toodyay Redhill Convict Road Station Ruins* is significant as it contains the structural remains of a convict road station, with probable further substructural and artefact remains likely to reveal further information about social aspects of the convict system. (Criterion 3.2)

### 11.4. SOCIAL VALUE

*Toodyay Redhill Convict Road Station Ruins* is likely to be increasingly valued by those Western Australians with convict ancestry who are interested in sites connected with their forebears. (Criterion 4.1)

## **12. DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE**

### **12. 1. RARITY**

The place is rare as one of only a very limited number of clearly identified convict sites of this type, and at this time is the only one to have been adequately surveyed. This place represents one of the few road stations intended to be permanent, and one of the few to have survived to this day. (Criterion 5.1)

### **12. 2 REPRESENTATIVENESS**

This place is contemporaneous with the nearby Greenmount road station, which suggests that these places are likely to contain some similar elements, though further research is needed to determine more precisely the representativeness of these places. (Criterion 6.2)

### **12. 3 CONDITION**

*Toodyay Redhill Convict Road Station Ruins* is in a ruinous condition. At least five adobe buildings once occupied this site, but only fragments of the walls of one building remain.

### **12. 4 INTEGRITY**

The integrity of this place is low, owing to its condition and the deleterious effects of recent nearby road alignment work.

### **12. 5 AUTHENTICITY**

The remains of the place are of high authenticity.

### **13. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE**

Attached are key sections of the supporting evidence prepared by Fiona Bush, Martin Gibbs and John Stephens: 'The Toodyay Redhill Convict Road Station: An Archaeological and Architectural Assessment' (prepared for the Department of Main Roads and the Shire of Swan, January 1996).

#### **13.1 DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE**

For a discussion of the documentary evidence refer to Fiona Bush, Martin Gibbs and John Stephens: 'The Toodyay Redhill Convict Road Station: An Archaeological and Architectural Assessment' (prepared for the Department of Main Roads and the Shire of Swan, January 1996).

#### **13.2 PHYSICAL EVIDENCE**

For a discussion of the physical evidence refer to Fiona Bush, Martin Gibbs and John Stephens: 'The Toodyay Redhill Convict Road Station: An Archaeological and Architectural Assessment' (prepared for the Department of Main Roads and the Shire of Swan, January 1996).

#### **13.3 REFERENCES**

Fiona Bush, Martin Gibbs and John Stephens: 'The Toodyay Redhill Convict Road Station: An Archaeological and Architectural Assessment' (prepared for the Department of Main Roads and the Shire of Swan, January 1996).

Shire of Swan & Department of Main Roads, 'Greenmount Convict Road Station at Redhill: an archaeological assessment', Perth, April 1996.

#### **13.4 FURTHER RESEARCH**

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